

Ventura County SELPA California Modified Assessment Fall 2009

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- 1) CMA is for all students with IEPs. Student must have taken the CST in the previous year and scored Below Basic (BB) or Far Below Basic (FBB) in that area. (Or scored Proficient or above on the Grade Level CAPA). For science and writing, they must have scored BB or FBB in either ELA or math in a previous year. *See the Ventura County SELPA Survival Guide, IEP Instructions Appendix II-E for a flowchart for decision-making about state testing. Also located on the Ventura County SELPA website under "SESP and Survival Guide- Basic IEP- Appendix II-E."* www.venturacountyselpa.com.
- 2) There will be NO writing test at 4th grades for either CMA or CST this year. There will still be a 7th grade writing test, for both CMA and CST.
- 3) Science can now be taken as a "stand alone" in CMA, without having to take it in another area as well
- 4) CMA Areas for 2010:
 - ELA- 3-9 (*9 is new*) (including ELA for writing Grade 7)
 - Math 3-7 (*not new*)
 - Algebra 1- (For grades 7-11 who will complete Algebra 1 during the school year) (*new*)
 - Science 5 and 8 (*not new*)
 - Life Science- (*new*)- All tenth graders must take.
- 5) CMA for 2011:
 - ELA 3-11 (*10 and 11 new*)
 - Math 3-7
 - Algebra 1 (Grades 7-11) (must complete Algebra 1 during the school year)
 - Geometry- grades (8-11) (must complete geometry during school year) (*new*)
 - Science- Grades 5 and 8
 - Life Science- Grade 10
- 6) Grade level, standards- based goals
 - Student still needs a grade level goal in the area in which s/he will be taking CMA. The standard can be unpacked (portion of the standard used as the stem of the goal) or given additional supports. For science, may use a goal for comprehension of grade level science text).

- OK to also have a “backward mapped” goal- which teaches a prerequisite skill toward the grade-level goal. *See the Ventura County SELPA brochure “Linking Goals to Standards” for a description of how to unpack and backward map goals. Located on the Ventura County SELPA website under Publications.*
- 7) If you need to make a change to the IEP as a result of decisions about CMA (indicating the tests that the student will be taking or adding a grade level goal for a subject) it may be done by an Administrative Amendment.
 - 8) If more than 2% of your total population participating in the assessment take CMA and score Proficient or above, the scores of the students above 2% will not be counted as proficient, they will be counted as FBB. The 2% is calculated by school, then a district total.