



# ETS in California

# About ETS in California

ETS has worked with California educators and policymakers for more than 50 years. With offices in Concord, Monterey, Sacramento, and San Bernardino, we have more than 250 employees in California. ETS's staff work closely with the California State Board of Education, California Department of Education, California Commission on Teacher Credentialing, California colleges and universities, state and local policymakers, and many local educational agencies and advocates to provide a full range of assessment services, teacher professional development, communications and public affairs activities, and educational research.

## California Office Locations

- Concord
- Monterey
- Sacramento
- San Bernardino

## Statewide Partnerships:

### California State Board of Education and California Department of Education

- ETS develops and administers California's Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) program, which annually tests 4.5 million students in grades 2-11. ETS developed and administered the program from 2002-2006, and will continue to administer the program from 2007-2009. The STAR program comprises five tests: California Standards Tests (CST), the California Alternate Performance Assessment (CAPA), the national Norm-Referenced Test (NRT), the Standards-based Test in Spanish (STS), and the California Modified Assessment (CMA).
- Since 2001, ETS has developed and administered the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE).
- Since 2002, the ETS Concord office scores and reports the English and Spanish tests for the California GED Test Centers.

### University Collaborations

Since 1975, ETS has worked with the California State University (CSU) Office of the Chancellor to develop, administer and score CSU's English Placement Test.

- ETS has also worked with CSU to develop, administer and score its Entry-Level Mathematics Test since 1982.
- ETS, under contract with CSU, developed an early assessment program to augment the California STAR program for use in determining high school juniors' college preparedness in mathematics and English.
- ETS has worked for 20 years with the University of California Office of the President to manage the application process for the University's system, processing over 1.8 million paper and electronic applications for all UC campuses.

### California Commission on Teacher Credentialing

- ETS has developed several tests for the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CCTC), including the Teaching Foundations Examination, the Teaching Performance Assessment, and the School Leaders Licensure Assessment.
- ETS collaborated with the Department of Education and CCTC on developing the first version of the California Formative Assessment and Support System for Teachers (CFASST). The CFASST is an inductive program for new teachers and is used in about 80 percent of California school districts.

## Our Products and Services

The ETS office in San Bernardino is part of ETS's Elementary & Secondary Education Division and provides classroom solutions for schools and districts around the country. These include Web-based instructional data management systems, professional development, and consulting services for the K-12 level.

- Almost 22,000 students in 91 schools (34 districts) actively use ETS's *Criterion*<sup>SM</sup> Online Writing Evaluation service. The *Criterion* Web-based service evaluates a student's writing skill and provides instant score reporting and diagnostic feedback to both instructor and student.
- Teachers from about 250 districts across the state have used *Pathwise*<sup>®</sup> Series products since 2001. The *Pathwise* Series offers professional development programs for school leaders and teachers at all levels: student, beginning, and experienced. The series provides guidance on enhancing curriculum, assessing student achievement, and improving school performance.
- More than 550 schools in 60 school districts use ETS's *Focus on Standards*<sup>TM</sup> model and *Instructional Data Management System*<sup>TM</sup> (IDMS) application. The *Focus on Standards* instructional improvement model is customized for your school and aligned to your state's standards. It combines the powerful analysis capabilities of ETS's *Instructional Data Management System* with the services of ETS facilitators for professional development and support.
- ETS has collaborated with colleges and universities in California to create the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Literacy Assessment, a comprehensive test of ICT proficiency specifically designed for the higher education environment.

ETS's long history of service and its offices throughout California illustrate ETS's deep commitment to help California improve learning in K-12 and higher education. This will ensure that students are prepared for the challenges of the 21st century.

## Additional Projects in California

- ETS's Performance Assessment Scoring Services (PASS) group, based in Concord, provides scoring services for several ETS Online Scoring Network and paper-based programs.
- The Monterey office is home to the Center for Statistical Analysis which provides comprehensive technical support to a wide variety of ETS assessment programs in California and beyond.
- ETS reaches out to numerous communities in northern and southern California with *Let's Talk*, a program to help parents better understand California's assessment system and provide them with tools to better use their children's test results. ETS has invested more than \$2 million of its own resources to help the public — particularly parents — better understand the testing process in California.
- ETS is focusing its attention on understanding and meeting the needs of community colleges in California. In this capacity, ETS has created a National Community College Advisory Council composed of sixteen outstanding community college leaders (including the Presidents of the American Association of Community Colleges and the League for Innovation). Three of the members are from California community colleges: the President of Long Beach City College, the Chancellor of Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District, and the Executive Vice President of Santa Monica College.

If you would like more information on any of our California efforts, please contact Mike Crepeau, Director of Communications & Public Affairs, at (925) 808-2045 or [mcrepeau@ets.org](mailto:mcrepeau@ets.org).

## About ETS

ETS is a nonprofit institution with a long-held commitment to advance learning. The mission of ETS is to advance quality and equity in education by providing fair and valid assessments, research, and related services for all people worldwide. In serving individuals, educational institutions and government agencies around the world, ETS customizes solutions to meet the need for teacher professional development products and services, classroom and end-of-course assessments, and research-based teaching and learning tools. Founded in 1947 and based in Princeton, N.J., ETS develops, administers and scores more than 24 million tests annually in more than 180 countries, at over 9,000 locations worldwide.

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