

Available Resources

FOR THE

California Alternate Assessment for Science

The following resources are designed for classroom educators to support their understanding of the California Alternate Assessment (CAA) for Science. Additional resources are provided for site administrators to use when communicating to parents/guardians about the assessments.

Fact Sheet

Answers general questions about various aspects and objectives of the CAA for Science

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/documents/caascifactsheet.pdf>

Training Performance Task

Opportunities to become familiar with the types of test questions that may appear on the CAA for Science:

- Online Practice and Training Portal
Provides direct access to the online training performance task, which is available for students in grades five and eight and high school; this sample embedded performance task assesses a Life Sciences Connector from grade five and a Physical Sciences Connector from grade eight
<http://www.caaspp.org/practice-and-training/index.html>
 - *Directions for Administration: Training Performance Task*, “Fossils and Chemical Change” (PDF)
Contains information needed by test examiners to prepare for and administer the online CAA for Science training performance task
<http://www.caaspp.org/rsc/resources/CAA.science-training-test-dfa.2018-19.pdf>
- How to Start a Training Test
Step-by-step instructions for how to access and start a training test
<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/documents/caaqrtraining.pdf>

Parent Guide to Understanding

Designed for parents/guardians to address basic questions, such as who takes the assessments, why, when, and how; can be shared during back to school night, at teacher conferences, with the letter that notifies parents/guardians that their child will be taking yearly assessments, or with the annual Student Score Reports

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/documents/caapgtu.pdf>

How to Start a Test Session

Step-by-step instructions for how to access and start a test session

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/documents/caatestsessionqrg.pdf>

High School Test Administration

Provides guidance for determining when high school students must take the CAA for Science

<http://www.caaspp.org/rsc/pdfs/CAASPP.CAST.Administration-for-high-school.2018-19.pdf>

Available Resources for the Individualized Education Program Teams

Assists IEP teams in making informed decisions about student participation in the CAASPP System

<http://www.caaspp.org/rsc/pdfs/IEP.Available-Resources.2018-19.pdf>

For Site Administrators

Talking About the CAA

PowerPoint template for site administrators to use when talking with parents/guardians about the CAA

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/documents/talkeducatorscaa.pptx>

Parent Notification Letters

Sample letter templates for use in releasing and reporting the alternate science assessment results

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/prelimindicator toolkit.asp>

CAA for Science Administration Planning Guides

Provide the basic steps to administering the assessment and inform teachers and test examiners about the two science connectors aligned with each performance task; also provide a schedule planner template to assist in planning test administration

<http://www.caaspp.org/administration/about/caa/index.html>

CAA Test Examiner Tutorial (video)

From the three options, select the CAA for Science; introduces the test, the purpose of the orienting activities, and how and when to individualize activities and items

http://www.brainshark.com/ets/CAA-tutorial_2018?nodesktopflash=1

CAA for Science Webcast (video)

One-hour webcast for local educational agency CAASPP coordinators, test site coordinators, and test examiners that focuses on scheduling, changes from the previous year, and other helpful information for successful testing

http://www.caaspp.org/rsc/videos/archived-webcast_122018.html

