

New
Resources

California Science Test Pilot

The California Science Test (CAST) pilot is administered to all students in grades five and eight and once in high school. High school grade assignments for the CAST pilot can be found on the High School Grade Assignments for 2016–17 Science Pilot Testing Web page of the CAASPP Portal Web site at <http://www.caaspp.org/administration/about/science/science-assignments.html>.

The following **NEW** resources for the CAST pilot are available at the California Department of Education CAST Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/caasppscience.asp>:

- **Assessment Fact Sheet**
Provides answers to those who, what, where, when, why, and how questions you might have about the CAST pilot test.
<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/documents/castfactsheet.pdf>
- **CAST Training Test and Scoring Guide**
Provides sample CAST items for grades 5, 8, and high school. Scoring guide provides answers and scoring rubrics to items.
<http://www.caaspp.org/practice-and-training/index.html>
- **Quick Reference Guide: How To Start a Training Test**
Gives step-by-step instructions for educators, parents, and students to access the training test for the CAST.
<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/documents/casttrngtestguide.pdf>
- **Quick Reference Guide: How to Start a Test Session**
Gives step-by-step instructions for how to start a test session for the CAST administration.
<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/documents/castqrguide.pdf>
- **Video**
An eight-minute video that provides information about the California Next Generation Science Standards and the CAST pilot test.
<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/castpilotvideo.asp>
- **Science Reference Tools for Students in Grade 8 and High School**
The CAST includes reference tools that students access during online testing. The tools are inclusive of a periodic table and a reference list of formulae. The purpose of the reference tools is to signal that students don't need to memorize what is on the sheets and to ensure that students have equal access to the tools during testing. The reference tools are not required to be used during classroom instruction and are not meant to guide instruction.
<http://www.caaspp.org/administration/about/science/index.html>

