California Alternate Assessments

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Topics

- Success of 2016
- Students with the Most Significant Cognitive Disabilities
- CAA Test Designs
- Available Windows
- What's Next

2016 Success

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- State Board of Education (SBE) approved general (policy) performance descriptors
- Over 500 new items were developed and reviewed by California educators
- SBE approved content and grade-level performance level descriptors
- In 2016, nearly 37,000 students were administered a CAA
- Standard setting panels met in August

- SBE adopted achievement level threshold scores

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New Alternate Assessment Notification Requirement

Process for notifying the CDE that your LEA may administer the CAAs to more than 1%:

- LEA must notify on/before the date specified by the State Superintendent
- LEAs must provide justification

2017 English language arts and Mathematics Operational Test Design

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2017 CAA for Science Pilot Test Design

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- Assessment based on student performance on a collection of instructionally-embedded performance tasks/assignments
- CAA pilot tests will be state-developed classroom tasks/assignments
- Tasks will be administered by the student's primary teacher
- Student responses scored according to state-defined criteria and protocols

Purpose of the CAA for Science Pilot

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1. Introduce teachers and students to embedded performance tasks.
2. Support teachers in becoming familiar with the Connectors, which are aligned to CA NGSS PEs.
3. Introduce teachers to the process of routinely embedding performance tasks into instructional activities.
4. Provide students exposure to Connector-aligned embedded performance tasks.
5. Introduce teachers to scoring student responses based on externally developed scoring criteria.

CAA for Science Pilot Test Development Timeline:

- **Conceptual model:** spring 2016
- **Embedded performance task development :** summer 2016
- **Pilot test 1:** March 20 through July 17, 2017
- **Pilot test 2:** spring 2018–summer 2018

CAA for Science Implementation Timeline

Spring 2017	Spring 2018	Spring 2019	Spring 2020
Pilot Test (census)	Pilot Test (census)	Field Test (census)	Operational Administration

Delivery Mode for the CAA for Science Pilot

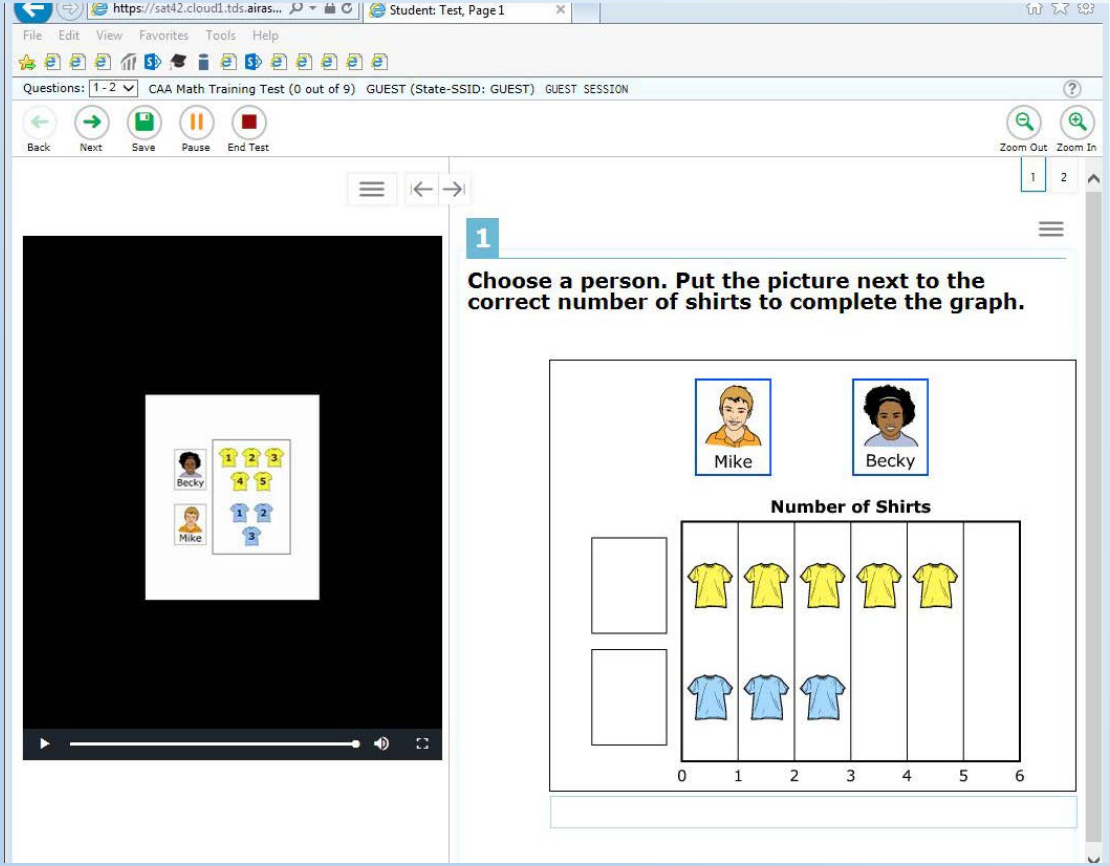
- PDFs will be available for download
- Administered to students either by displaying via a computer or by displaying a printed copy
- Student survey will be administered through the California Test Delivery System
- Link to the teacher survey will be provided by the Site Coordinator

Test Examiner Training

Practice and Training Tests

Available Winter 2017:

- Updated CAA Training Tests for English language arts (ELA) and mathematics
- New CAA for Science Training Test
- New CAA Practice Tests for ELA and mathematics



How to Get Involved in the Development of the California Alternate Assessments

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California's move toward the implementation of the CAAs offers California educators many opportunities for involvement, including:

- Item writing
- Item review
- Data review
- Form review

To get involved, complete the application at
http://caaspp.org/reviewers.html

For Further Information

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