

California Science Test

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California Science Test (CAST) Implementation Timeline



Spring 2017

Pilot test
(census)



Spring 2018

Field test
(census)



Spring 2019

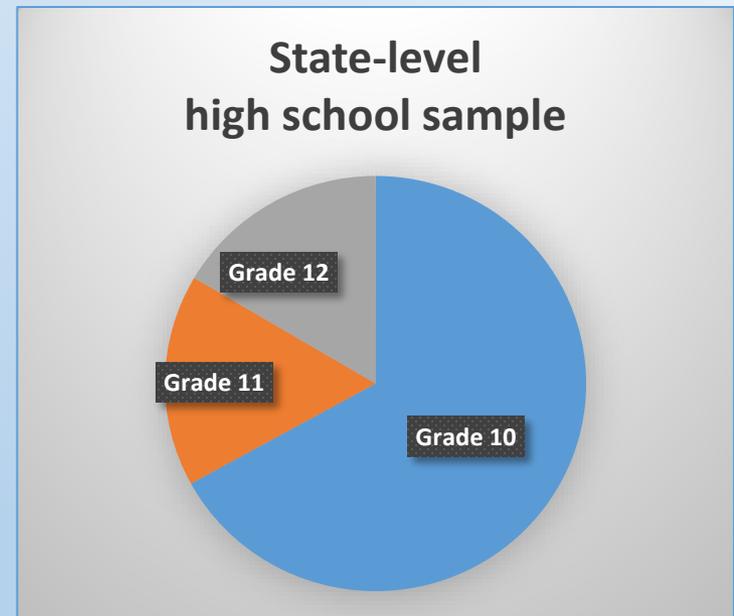
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CAST Pilot Test Development Timeline

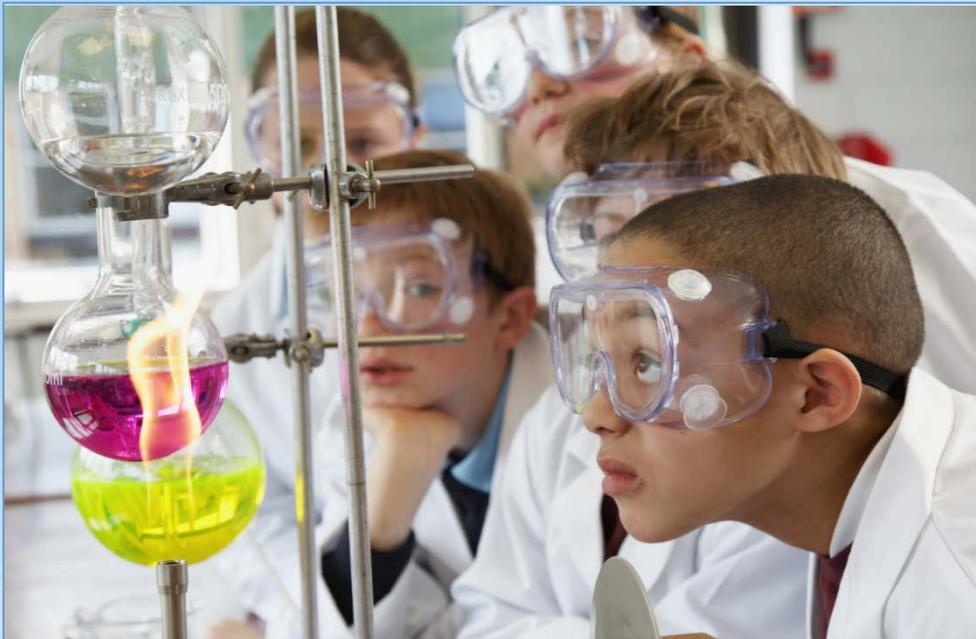
- **Assessment design:** spring 2016
- **Item development:** spring 2016–fall 2016
- **Test form development:** winter 2016–spring 2017
- **Test administration (census):** March 20, 2017–
July 28, 2017

2017 Full Census Pilot Test

- All students enrolled in grades five and eight
- High school sample:
 - All high schools
 - Each high school assigned a single grade
 - All students enrolled in that grade at that school



2017 CAST Pilot Test Components



- Items
- Student survey
- Accessibility supports
- Teacher survey

CAST Pilot Test

- Purpose
- Each form will have 10-25 discrete items and a performance task.
- Student survey:
 - One survey per student
 - Approximately three to five questions
 - No more than seven minutes to complete
- The pilot will take approximately one hour to complete.

Accessibility Supports

- The purpose is to evaluate the functionality of the specific accessibility features.
- Student eligibility will be determined by the accommodations identified as required in the student's individualized education program and/or Section 504 Plan.

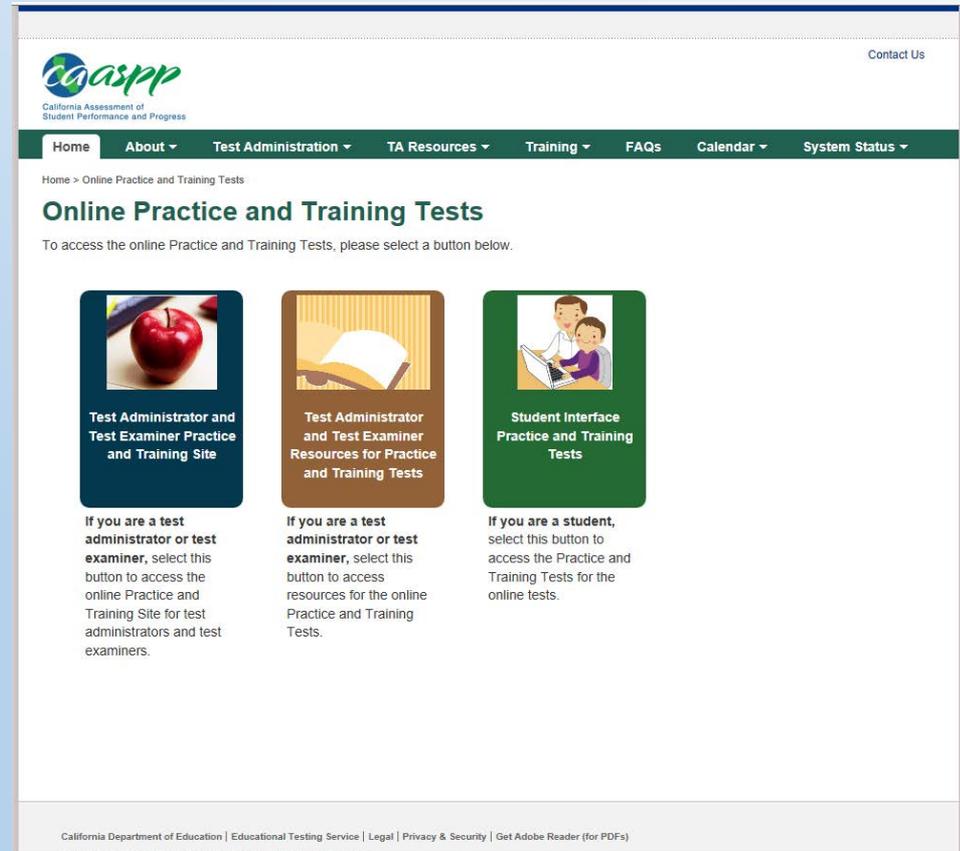


Teacher Survey

- Collect feedback on the pilot test administration
- One survey per science teacher
- Approximately 10–12 questions
- No more than 15 minutes to complete

Training Tests

- Available beginning January 2017
- For grades five, eight, and high school



The screenshot shows the CAASPP website interface. At the top right is a 'Contact Us' link. Below the CAASPP logo is a navigation menu with items: Home, About, Test Administration, TA Resources, Training, FAQs, Calendar, and System Status. The main heading is 'Online Practice and Training Tests' with a sub-heading 'To access the online Practice and Training Tests, please select a button below.' There are three buttons: 1. 'Test Administrator and Test Examiner Practice and Training Site' (blue button with an apple image), 2. 'Test Administrator and Test Examiner Resources for Practice and Training Tests' (brown button with a book image), and 3. 'Student Interface Practice and Training Tests' (green button with a student and teacher image). Each button has a corresponding instruction block below it. The footer contains links for California Department of Education, Educational Testing Service, Legal, Privacy & Security, and Get Adobe Reader (for PDFs).

How to Get Involved in the Development of the CAST and CAA for Science

California's move toward the implementation of the CAST and the CAA for Science offers California educators many opportunities for professional development, including:

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

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



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