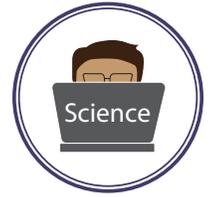


Pilot of the California Alternate Assessment for Science



WHAT

The pilot test of the California Alternate Assessment (CAA) for Science is designed to ensure that students with the most significant cognitive disabilities achieve higher academic outcomes.

The CAA for science measures what students can do through the adapted grade-level core content connectors aligned with the California Next Generation Science Standards (CA NGSS) and assesses the student on the basis of his or her current level of development.

WHY

The goal of the CAA for Science is to ensure students with the most significant cognitive disabilities:

- Are offered a developmentally appropriate opportunity for assessment.
- Achieve higher academic outcomes.

The purpose of the pilot test is to try out the newly developed performance task items. The completed CAA for Science pilot tests will be used for participation purposes for accountability.

The pilot will also provide information for item development for the spring 2018 pilot test.

WHO

Students are eligible to take the CAA only if it is indicated in their active individualized education program (IEP) by the IEP team.

The CAA for Science will be administered to eligible students in grades five and eight and in a pre-selected grade at each high school.

All high schools in California will participate. Each high school has been assigned a single grade—ten, eleven, or twelve.

High school grade assignments can be found on the CAASPP Portal Web site at <http://www.caaspp.org/administration/about/science/science-assignments.html>.

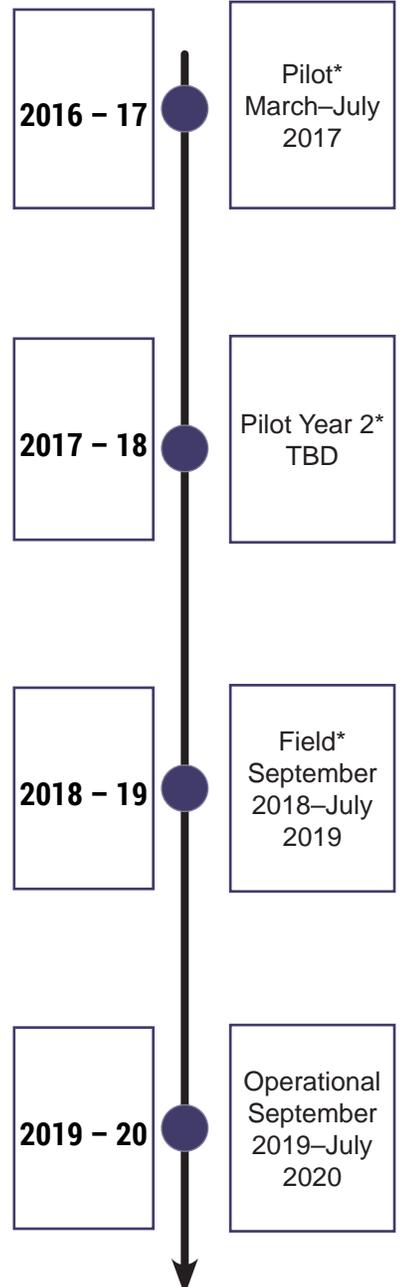
HOW

The CAA for Science pilot test is designed as an embedded performance task that is a collection of activities and questions that can be administered after related concepts are introduced and taught to the students.

The administration of the embedded performance task following instruction allows students to demonstrate what they know and can do in a less burdensome environment and minimizes the gap between instruction and assessment.

Test examiners (TEs) must log on to the test administration system to start the test session and enter student's responses to the survey for participation purposes.

WHEN



*Until development of the test has been completed and reviewed, no student scores will be released.

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For additional information, call your CAASPP Coordinator or visit the CDE California Alternate Assessments Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/altassessment.asp>.

