

New
Resources

California Alternate Assessment for Science Pilot Test

The California Alternate Assessment (CAA) for Science pilot test is administered to all eligible students in grades five and eight and once in high school to students whose individualized education program indicates the use of an alternate assessments. The new CAA for Science pilot test is a performance task that consists of 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 the assessment.

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

- **Assessment Fact Sheet**

Provides answers to those who, what, where, when, why, and how questions you might have about the CAA for Science pilot test.

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/documents/caafactsheet.pdf>

- **Quick Reference Guide: How to Start a Test Session**

Gives step-by-step instructions for how to start a test session to complete the CAA for Science Student Survey.

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/documents/caaqrguide.pdf>

- **Video**

A seven-minute video that provides information about the new embedded performance task.

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/caapilotvideo.asp>

