CAST Interim Assessments, Practice Tests, and Training Tests

The California Science Test (CAST) is the state's assessment for measuring what students know and can do in science and is aligned with the California Next Generation Science Standards.

Earth and Space Sciences | **Life Sciences** | **Physical Sciences**

There are several resources available to provide students experience with the testing interface, question types, and test content. Resources like the CAST Interim Assessments, practice tests, and training tests are available for each assessed grade level (that is grade five, grade eight, and high school) and include accessibility resources to match those available on the CAST.

Interim Assessments

- **Why:** Provides teachers with information on student performance to help gauge students' knowledge and skills to inform instruction
- **When:** Throughout the year as content is being taught
- **Length:** 14–16 questions including discrete questions and a performance task

Practice Tests

- **Why:** Familiarizes students with the format and structure of a full-length summative assessment
- **When:** Anytime
- **Length:** 40–50 questions including one performance task for each science domain

Training Tests

- **Why:** Familiarizes students with test system features, types of questions, and available accessibility resources
- **When:** Before the summative assessment
- **Length:** 9–11 questions from a variety of question types

For more information about the CAST Interim Assessments, practice tests, and training tests, access the CAASPP and ELPAC Practice and Training Tests web page (https://www.caaspp-elpac.org/resources/preparation/practice-and-training-tests) and the CAASPP and ELPAC Interim Assessments web page (https://www.caaspp-elpac.org/assessments/interim/caaspp-and-elpac).

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