



Available Resources

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California Alternate Assessment for Science Pilot Year 2

The California Alternate Assessment (CAA) for Science pilot year 2 is administered to all eligible students in grades five and eight. Beginning in the 2017–18 school year, high school students have only one opportunity to take the CAA for Science in grade ten, eleven, or twelve. Participation rates will be based on students who have completed the science test requirement by grade twelve. The CAA for Science pilot year 2 will consist of three performance tasks. Each performance task 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 and minimizes the gap between instruction and the assessment.

The following resources for the CAA for Science pilot year 2 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 general questions you might have about various aspects and objectives of the CAA for Science pilot year 2.
<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/documents/caasciyr2factsheet.pdf>
- **Sample Performance Task**
Provides educators an opportunity to view a sample performance task item.
<http://www.caaspp.org/rsc/pdfs/CAA.sample-embedded-PT.2016-17.pdf>
- **Parent Guide to Understanding the California Alternate Assessments**
Provides answers to key questions, such as who takes the CAAs and why, when, and how they are administered, and other questions parents and guardians might have.
<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/documents/caa-pgtu.pdf>
- **Informational Video**
A seven-minute video that includes information about the new embedded performance task.
<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/caapilotvideo.asp>

