The California Science Test (CAST) is an untimed, computer-based assessment that consists of six test segments. The first five segments may take students an average of 20 minutes each to complete. In cases in which the test is administered over multiple sessions, the above suggested pause points represent the segment transitions that would be the most logical points at which to pause testing and resume testing at a later time. Remember that the test may be paused at any time during the testing session. However, students will not be able to return to previously answered questions if the test is paused for more than 20 minutes. For more information about the pause rules, refer to the “Pause Rules” section in the CAASPP Online Test Administration Manual, located on the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) Manuals and Instructions web page at http://www.caaspp.org/administration/instructions/index.html.

For more information, visit the California Department of Education CAST web page at https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/caasppscience.asp.