



Available Resources

FOR THE

California Science Test Field Test

The California Science Test (CAST) field test is administered to all students in grades five and eight. Beginning in the 2017–18 school year, high school students have only one opportunity to take the CAST, in grade ten, eleven, or twelve. Participation rates will be based on students who have completed the science test requirement by grade twelve.

The following resources for the CAST field test are available on the California Department of Education CAST Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/caasppscience.asp>

- **Assessment Fact Sheet**
Provides answers to general questions you might have about various aspects and objectives of the CAST field test.
<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/documents/castfactsheet.pdf>
- **CAST Training Test and Scoring Guide**
Provides sample CAST items for grades five and eight and high school. The scoring guide provides answers and scoring rubrics for items.
<http://www.caaspp.org/practice-and-training/index.html>
- **Parent Guide to Understanding the California Science Test**
Provides answers to key questions, such as who takes the assessments 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/cast-pgtu.pdf>
- **Quick Reference Guide: How to Start a Training Test**
Gives step-by-step instructions for educators, parents, and students to access the training test for the CAST.
<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/documents/casttrngtestguide.pdf>
- **Quick Reference Guide: How to Start a Test Session**
Gives step-by-step instructions for how to start a test session for the CAST administration.
<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/documents/casttestsessionqrg.pdf>
- **Informational Video**
An eight-minute video that provides information about the California Next Generation Science Standards and the CAST field test.
<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/castpilotvideo.asp>
- **Science Reference Tools for Students in Grade Eight and High School**
Students can access CAST reference tools during online testing. The tools, which include a periodic table and a reference sheet of formulae and scientific constants, are made available to signal that students are not expected to memorize this information. They are not required to be used during classroom instruction and are not meant to guide instruction.
<http://www.caaspp.org/administration/about/science/index.html>

