

Science Test Administration

FOR

High School Students



High school students will take a science test aligned with the California Next Generation Science Standards. This test will be administered only once in high school (i.e., in grade ten, eleven, or twelve). All students must take a science test by grade twelve. High school students who participated in the 2017–18 California Science Test (CAST) field test or California Alternate Assessment (CAA) for Science pilot test, year 2 have met the science requirement.

Students will take either the CAST or the CAA for Science, which is designed for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities. The information below will help local educational agencies (LEAs) determine when to administer the CAST or the CAA for Science to high school students.

Grade **12**

Students in grade twelve who have not yet taken the science test will automatically be registered to take the test.

Grade **10 or 11**

LEAs can elect to administer the science test to students in grade ten or grade eleven who have not taken the 2017–18 science test.

It is recommended that students in these grades take the test when they are enrolled in their last science course. LEAs will have flexibility in deciding when to test their grade ten or eleven students.

Grade **9**

Grade nine students are not eligible to take the science test.

More information about the CAST and CAA for Science can be found on the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress System web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/>.

