

Science Test Administration for High School Students



The information below will help local educational agencies (LEAs) determine when to administer the California Science Test (CAST) or the California Alternate Assessment (CAA) for Science to high school students. High school students will take a science test aligned with the California Next Generation Science Standards. All students must take a science test by the end of grade twelve. Students will have only one opportunity to take a science test in high school (i.e., in grade ten, eleven, or twelve).

It is recommended that students take the test when they are enrolled in their last science course. They will take either the CAST or the CAA for Science, which is designed for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities.

Grade Twelve

Students in grade twelve who have not yet taken a science test will automatically be registered to test. Students who are repeating grade twelve are **not** eligible to test.

Grade Ten or Eleven

LEAs can elect to administer a science test to students in grade ten or eleven who have not previously taken a science test in high school.

If a registered grade ten or eleven student has been designated with a medical exemption (NTE) or a parent/guardian exemption (PGE), the student will **no longer be eligible** to test in future administrations.

If a registered grade ten or eleven student did not take the science test, the student is **still eligible** to test in a future administration.

Grade Nine

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/>.

