

UNDERSTANDING YOUR STUDENT SCORE REPORT GRADES 10 and 12

California Alternate Assessment for Science

This guide will explain your child's score report. Please speak to your child's teacher(s) if you have more questions.

A message from the State Superintendent, Tom Torlakson

This report is provided because students in high schools across the state participated in the 2017 pilot of the California Alternate Assessment (CAA) for Science, a part of the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) System.

This pilot test is based on the California Next Generation Science Standards (CA NGSS) alternate summative assessment Content Core Connectors (Connectors). The Connectors provide learning goals aligned appropriately with the needs of students with the most significant cognitive disabilities.

I invite you to learn more about the CA NGSS from your child's school.

Your child's information

Here you find your child's student number, date of birth, grade, test date, and school information. If available, your mailing address also appears in this section.

California Alternate Assessment for High School Science

This year, students in high school participated in the 2017 pilot of the California Alternate

Assessment (CAA) for Science. Like the CAAs for mathematics and English language arts/literacy, CAA for Science will give students the opportunity to demonstrate their learning by taking a test aligned to their grade level content.

The pilot test is meant to evaluate test questions, as well as help students and schools become familiar with new standards and content. Individual student scores will not be available until the new test is ready for operational use statewide.

Next Year: A New Kind of Science Test for California

As part of the CAASPP System, the CAA for Science assesses the new CA NGSS and is more challenging than California's previously administered exams. The CAA for Science test is based on alternate achievement standards, which are appropriate for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities. The CAAs use alternate achievement standards, called Core Content Connectors ("Connectors"), to make the test more accessible for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities. The CAAs are administered to each student individually.

Assessments represent just one part of California's comprehensive plan for high-quality teaching and learning. California is phasing in more training for teachers, more resources for students, and more access to technology. These changes take time and effort. Find out more at your child's school or on the California Department of Education (CDE) CAASPP System Web page at http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/.

Where to Get Help and More Information?

Visit the CDE CAASPP—California Alternate Assessment Web page at http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/altassessment.asp for more information and resources intended for parents about the CAAs including the Core Content Connectors.

