



UPDATES

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SCIENCE PILOT TEST

In spring 2017, schools will administer the pilot versions of the *California Science Test (CAST)* and *California Alternate Assessment (CAA) for Science*. The testing window for the pilot test opens on March 20, 2017 and closes on June 9, 2017.

All students in grades five and eight will participate in the pilot test. In high schools, one grade level is selected to participate in the pilot test—grade 10, grade 11 or grade 12. Regardless of science class enrollment, all students in the designated grade will participate in the pilot test. The high school grade assignment for spring 2017 is available at the link below. If your school name is not included in the file, your school will be assigned the default grade, which is grade 11. High school grade assignment file for the pilot test: <http://www.caaspp.org/administration/about/science/science-assignments.html>.

TOMS now includes science test assignments for all students in grades five and eight and the assigned high school grade. Schools can generate a TOMS report that displays students and their test assignments. Follow the steps below to download the report.

- Log into TOMS
- Select the [Reports] tab
- Go to the "School-Level Student Test Assignment Report" and enter your school name
- Click on the [Download Report] button

At this point, the *California Science Test* is the default test assigned for students in grades five and eight and for high school students who are in the assigned grade at their school. As indicated at the CAASPP Informational Meetings, the Student Testing Branch will assign the *CAA for Science* and the *Standards-Based Test in Spanish (STS)* to eligible students based on the student information available in Welligent and MiSiS. A Testing Update that describes the process and instructions for CAASPP coordinators will be sent to schools in January 2017.

SUPPORTS AND ACCOMMODATIONS GUIDELINES

[REF-6420.2, LAUSD Accessibility and Accommodations Guidelines for Smarter Balanced Assessments](#), dated December 5, 2016 is now available in E-Library. This updated reference guide provides guidance to schools regarding the designation of Universal Accessibility Tools, Designated Supports, and Accommodations for CAA and Smarter Balanced Assessments.

CAASPP PLANNED SYSTEM DOWNTIME

CAASPP Systems will experience scheduled downtime from Friday, January 5, 2017 through Sunday, January 8, 2017. Note that Systems may go offline the evening before a scheduled downtime day, no earlier than 5 p.m. Systems will resume by 8 a.m. the day following a scheduled downtime day.

CAASPP REPORTS—CAA AND CAPA

The District has received the last shipment of CAASPP reports for the spring 2016 administration. Reports will be delivered to schools after winter break. The Student Testing Branch will send copies of the reports to parents/guardians by U.S. Mail. Schools should make copies of the reports for parents/guardians who do not receive their student's report(s) by U.S. mail.

Like the reports in previous shipments, these reports are secure and they must be filed in each student's cumulative folder or be kept in a secure location for at least five years. This final shipment includes the CAASPP reports for students who took the CAPA Science in grade 10 or CAA in grades 5 and 8. Note that the grade 5 and grade 8 reports include CAPA Science scores for students who took the test.

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