



CONNECTICUT STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Office Hours

Smarter Balanced (Math and ELA)

Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS)

Connecticut Alternate Assessments (CTAA Math and ELA)

Connecticut Alternate Science (CTAS)

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Cambium

Connecticut Help Desk

844-202-7583

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The Help Desk is open Monday–Friday 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
during the testing window
(February 7 - June 3, 2022)

CAI Project Team

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Office Hours

Every Thursday through June at 3 p.m.

TEAMS invite sent on March 28 to all District Administrators

Feel free to forward the invite

The Office Hours are optional.



Testing Numbers As of Today

Summative Counts 04/07/22		
Program	Tests Started	Tests Completed
Smarter Balanced	18,027	14,472
NGSS	14,095	11,620
CTAS	73	46
CTAA	504	378
Total	32,699	26,516





Important Reminders



Status on Testing

- Health and safety is the **number one priority.**
- CSDE remains committed to administering the state academic assessments in 2021-22.
- No **remote testing.**



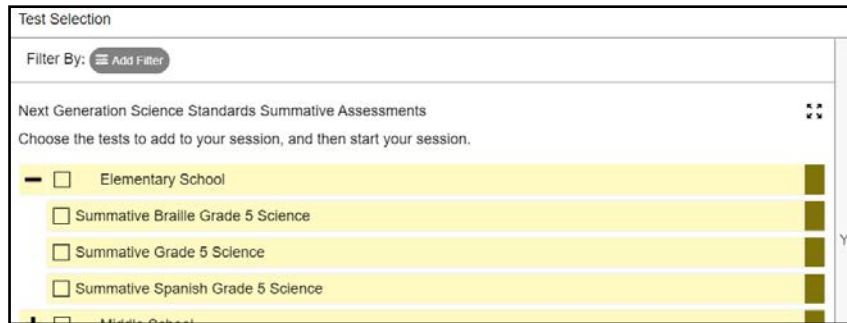
Materials/TIDE/Field Testing

- All materials posted to the Connecticut Comprehensive Assessment Program Portal:
➤ <https://ct.portal.cambiumast.com/>
- Paper TAMs/TCM were delivered in late January. If your district did not receive them or need more, please contact the Cambium Help Desk.
- Connecticut is participating in field testing for Smarter Balanced and NGSS.
- CSDE will very likely be providing results taken earlier in window on a “rolling release” during the window in CRS . This will be dependent on Quality Control process, so a hard date has not been set.



NGSS Summative Testing

- In the TA interface, the tests are now broken out by English, Braille and Spanish.



- For example, if a student has Spanish set in TIDE, the student should be administered the Spanish Science test.
- If a student logs in and sees the message “No Test Found”, please verify that the student has the proper test settings selected in TIDE.
- If there are students in a classroom who will be taking Braille, Spanish or English tests, the teacher can administer all three tests at the same time. Just select all the appropriate tests before starting a test session.





Designated Supports & Accommodations



2021-22 Calendar for Special Considerations

- ✓ Set designated supports and accommodations in TIDE prior to testing (the TIDE system will remain open through June 3)
- ✓ District Administrators should contact Deirdre Ducharme (860) 713-6859 for students requiring non-standard accommodations (e.g., human reader, signer, scribe, math manipulatives)
- ✓ Requests for Medical Exemptions have specific deadlines based on test windows:
 - ❑ Connecticut SAT School Day-June 10, 2022
 - ❑ Smarter Balanced, NGSS, Connecticut Alternate Assessments- June 10, 2022
 - ❑ Refer to Appendix B of the [Assessment Guidelines](#) for more information.



Preparation Reminders

- ❑ Prepare the test setting (e.g., small group, lighting, testing devices, assistive technology, etc.).
- ❑ Set up a practice test experience for all students and model how to use universal tools, designated supports, and accommodations with those students using them.
- ❑ Order paper materials (Large Print and Braille) in TIDE (DA-only function).



Non-Embedded Supports

- Prepare non-embedded designated supports needed for identified students.
- Refer to the portal for the following designated supports:
- Simplified Test Directions (Math/ELA):
<https://portal.smarterbalanced.org/library/en/guidelines-for-simplified-test-directions-in-the-test-administration-manual.pdf>
- [Bilingual Dictionary](#) (NGSS)
- Periodic Table (NGSS) [Spanish](#) and [English](#)
- [Translated Directions](#) for Math and ELA



Non-Embedded Accommodations

- Refer to the portal for the following accommodations:
 - [Multiplication Table](#) Grades 3-8
 - [100 Numbers Table](#) Grades 3-8
- Work with your Technology Coordinator to ensure the functionality of assistive technology. Refer to the [Assistive Technology Manual](#) for details. (Reminder: Set Permissive Mode in TIDE.)



Reader Supports and Accommodations

Reader supports are provided by Text-to-Speech (TSS) (embedded) or by a human Reader (non-embedded).

- TSS is available as a designated support for test items (ELA) and stimuli and items (Math and NGSS)
- TSS is available as an accommodation for the ELA Reading Passages for eligible students. Refer to the:
 - [Connecticut Smarter Balanced and NGSS Reader Options Table](#)
 - [Decision Guidelines for Text-to-Speech of the Smarter Balanced ELA Reading Passages](#)
- The accommodation for a Human Reader or Human Signer is available through the submission of a petition for special documented accommodations.

Resources are available on this portal [web page](#).



Data Entry Interface (DEI)

There are certain instructions for the submission of tests using the Data Entry Interface. Refer to the [How to Access the Data Entry Interface](#) brochure for details.

This system is used for the following assessments:

- Submitting the Connecticut Alternate Assessment Eligibility Form
- Submitting the CTAS Student Score Worksheet
- Smarter Balanced paper tests (Large Print and Braille)
- NGSS paper tests (Large Print and Braille)





Connecticut Alternate Assessment System

CTAA

Connecticut Alternate Assessment



**Connecticut
Alternate
Science
Assessment**



For Late Eligibility Form Submissions

To qualify for the Connecticut Alternate Assessment System:

- PPT decision guided by the Connecticut Alternate Assessment Eligibility Form
- Eligibility Form must be submitted through the Data Entry Interface by the trained TEA
- Contact the Connecticut Help Desk to activate the Alt Flag Indicator: 844-202-7583;
cthelpdesk@cambiumassessment.com

Primary Disability Type: - Select -

Alternate Assessment Indicator: Yes No



Secure Alternate Assessment Materials



Preparing for Testing

- Users
- Students
- Test Settings and Tools
- Rosters
- Order Reports
- Secure Testing Materials**

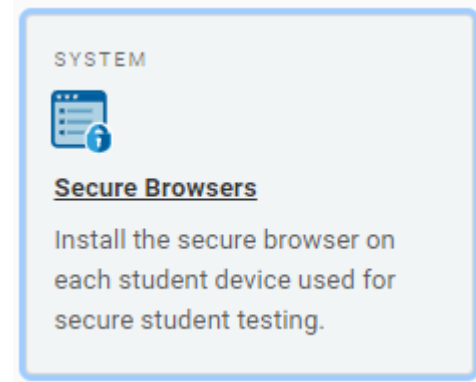
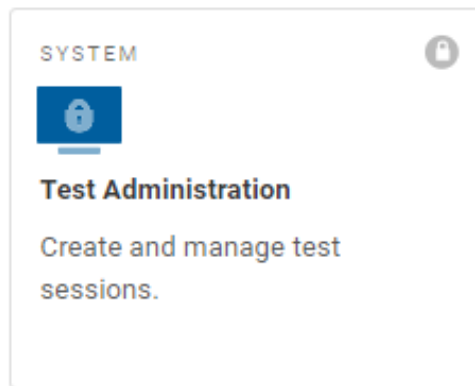
- Secure Test Materials can only be accessed by a trained TEA.
- Materials are posted to TIDE prior to March 28.
- Resources include:
 - Secure Directions for Test Administration (DTAs) (grade and subject specific) **Required**
 - Secure PDFs of the CTAA Math and ELA (grade specific)
 - All materials must be securely stored when not in use
 - Requires secure shredding upon completion

File Name	Created On	Expiration Date	Expires in	Actions
Grade 11 CTAA Directions for Test Administration.zip	3/1/2017 4:39:09 PM		19d	Download
Grade 8 CTAA Directions for Test Administration.zip	3/1/2017 3:46:09 PM		19d	Download
Grade 7 CTAA Directions for Test Administration.zip	3/1/2017 3:46:04 PM		19d	Download
Grade 6 CTAA Directions for Test Administration.zip	3/1/2017 3:43:40 PM		19d	Download
Grade 5 CTAA Directions for Test Administration.zip	3/1/2017 3:43:10 PM		19d	Download
Grade 4 CTAA Directions for Test Administration.zip	3/1/2017 3:42:34 PM		19d	Download
Grade 3 CTAA Directions for Test Administration.zip	3/1/2017 2:42:29 PM		19d	Download



Reminder about CTAA Test Administration

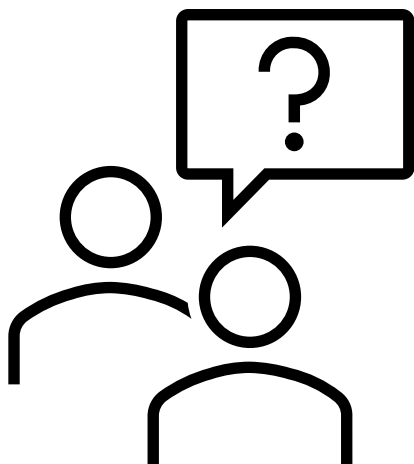
- [CTAA User Guide](#) provides step-by-step instructions for test administration
- Two testing devices are needed:
 - TEA will use one computer device to access the Test Administration Interface
 - TEA will use second device for the teacher/student to access the [Secure Browser](#) (must be downloaded to student device)



Connecticut Alternate Science (CTAS) Grades 5, 8, and 11

- The CTAS is non-secure and can be administered flexibly throughout the school year by the trained TEA.
- [CTAS Required Test Materials](#) were mailed to DAs in 2018 but are posted to the portal. Resources include:
 - ❑ Grade-Specific Performance Tasks
 - ❑ Resource Packets (require organization and assembly)
 - ❑ Student Score Worksheets
- Student Score Worksheets must be submitted by the trained TEA in the Data Entry Interface by June 3, 2022.
- [CTAS Test Administration Manual](#)





Questions