



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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Connecticut Help Desk

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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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Testing Counts

Summative Counts as of 5:00 AM; 05/26/22

Program	Tests Started	Tests Completed
Smarter Balanced	646,170	631,811
NGSS	102,222	96,686
CTAS	764	658
CTAA	5,435	4,821
Total	754,591	733,976





Important Reminders



Preliminary Release of Scores

- Beginning on May 28th, the CSDE will start releasing preliminary results on a rolling basis for any Smarter Balanced, NGSS, and CTAA that have been *taken and scored*
- Authorized district users of CAI's Centralized Reporting System (CRS) will have access
- NGSS and CTAA results will be available approximately one day after a student has completed the entire test
- Due to some items that require human scoring, it may take up to 10 business days for Smarter Balanced results to become available



Preliminary Release of Scores

- Districts may use these preliminary results to gain early insights into their student performance in 2021-22
- As in previous years, preliminary results for all students in your district are expected to be available securely to authorized CRS users around mid-June



Participation

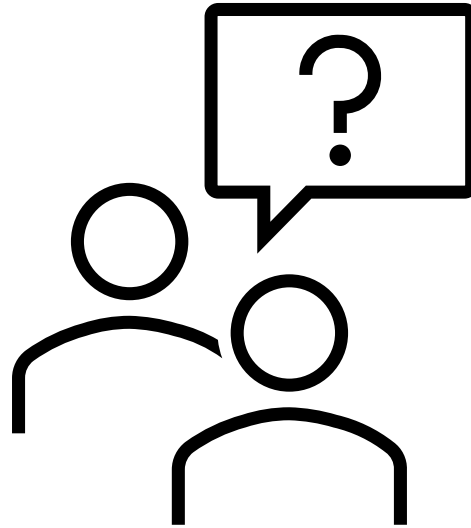
- Restart of Connecticut's Next Generation Accountability System for the 2021-22 year
- CSDE is tracking participation
- Note that Indicator 3 of the accountability system expects that every school and district meet/exceed the 95 percent participation rate standard for the All-Students group and Students with High Needs in all the tested subjects



TIDE Participation Reports

- Plan and Manage Testing
- Test Status Code Report
- Test Completion Rates
- Test Session Status Report





Special Considerations



Early Stopping Rule (ESR)

- Students who are typically eligible for the ESR have characteristics representing the most complex support needs compared to their peers with significant cognitive disabilities.
- Students who are typically eligible for the ESR have
 - an uncertain response to stimuli
 - the most significant adaptive behavioral needs
 - not yet established a mode of communication
- Students demonstrating disruptive behavior or who are refusing to respond do not qualify for the ESR. For these students, testing should be attempted at another time during the testing window when the student may be more cooperative in demonstrating their knowledge.
- Teachers should follow the steps outlined in the [Early Stopping Rule Flowchart](#) if they think their student qualifies.



Early Stopping Rule (ESR)

- TEAs must contact Deirdre Ducharme or Janet Stuck at 860-713-6860 as soon as **possible-preferably no later than June 1**.
- Teachers should be prepared to provide the student SASID, a description of the student's test experience, accommodations, use of assistive technology, etc., when requesting an ESR.

All requests must be made prior to June 3, 2022.



CTAS Student Score Worksheet

- TEAs must submit the CTAS Student Score Worksheets into the Data Entry Interface (for students in Grades 5, 8, and 11) no later than June 3, 2022.
- After this date, the Data Entry Interface is closed.

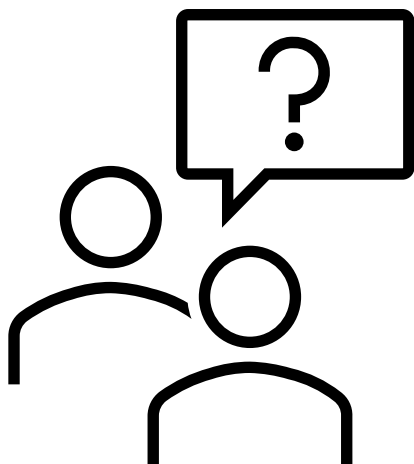


Medical Exemptions

- Requests for Medical Exemptions have specific deadlines based on test windows:
 - Connecticut SAT School Day- Closed
 - Smarter Balanced, NGSS, Connecticut Alternate Assessments - June 10, 2022

Refer to the [Assessment Guidelines](#) Appendix B for more information on eligibility and procedures.





Questions