




STATE OF CONNECTICUT

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION



TO: Superintendents of Schools

FROM: Dr. Dianna R. Wentzell, Commissioner of Education 

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SUBJECT: Science Waiver Approval and Revised Summative Calendar

The U.S. Department of Education has approved Connecticut’s waiver request related to statewide student assessment in science. As a result, in spring 2018, the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) will only administer a Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) Assessment Field Test for both the science standard and alternate assessments in Grades 5 and 8 in lieu of the CMT Science and the CMT Skills Checklist Science. The CSDE already planned, as permitted under current law, to not administer the CAPT and CAPT Skills Checklist Science to 10th graders in spring 2018 because those students will take the new NGSS assessment as 11th graders in spring 2019.

In light of this waiver, no science assessment results will be issued for 2017-18 for students, schools, or districts. However, the CSDE will hold districts and schools accountable for *participation* on the NGSS Assessment Field Test. The Summative Assessment Calendar below for 2017-18 has been revised to reflect these changes.

2017–18 Summative Assessment Calendar			
Content Area(s)	Assessment	Grade(s)	Testing Window
English Language Proficiency: Speaking, Listening, Reading, and Writing	LAS-Links	K–12	January 3–March 9, 2018
English Language Arts & Mathematics	Connecticut Smarter Balanced	3–8	March 26–May 25, 2018
	Connecticut SAT School Day	11	<i>Primary Test Date:</i> March 21, 2018 <i>Makeup Dates:</i> April 24 and 25, 2018
	Connecticut Alternate Assessment	3–8 and 11	March 26–May 25, 2018
Science	Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) Assessment Field Test	5, 8 and 11	March 26–May 25, 2018 (Grade 11) April 30–May 25, 2018 (Grades 5 and 8)
	NGSS Alternate Assessment Field Test	5, 8 and 11	April 30–May 25, 2018 (Grades 5, 8, and 11)

Please direct any questions regarding this waiver or the assessment calendar to the Performance Office at 860-713-6860 or CTStudentAssessment@ct.gov.