

Comparison of Connecticut Alternate Assessments

	Connecticut Alternate Assessment (CTAA) for Math and ELA	Connecticut Alternate Science (CTAS)	Collaborative for the Alternate Assessment of English Language Proficiency (CAAELP)
Test Window	March 27-June 2, 2023	Administered throughout the year March 27-June 2, 2023 (upload score worksheets via the Data Entry Interface)	February 1-March 31, 2023
TIDE User Role Required	Teacher Administering the Alternate (TEA)	Teacher Administering the Alternate (TEA)	Teacher Administering the Alternate (TEA)
Student Eligibility	Students identified as special education with significant cognitive disabilities per PPT decision using Alternate Assessment System Eligibility Form	Students identified as special education with significant cognitive disabilities per PPT decision using Alternate Assessment System Eligibility Form	Students identified as EL/ML and special education with significant cognitive disabilities per PPT decision using Alternate Assessment System Eligibility Form
Grades	3-8 and 11	5, 8, 11	K-12
Test Subject Areas	English Language Arts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading • Writing Mathematics	Science <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth • Life • Physical 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading • Listening • Speaking • Writing
Test Delivery Method	Trained TEA administers the grade-specific math and ELA items via the online testing system individually to eligible students.	Trained TEA assesses eligible student with performance tasks based on Connecticut Alternate Science Assessment Essence statements.	Trained educator (with TEA User Role) administers CAAELP assessment items individually to eligible ELs/MLs using the Cambium Test Delivery System.
Required Administration Materials	Administered with required secure Directions for Test Administration (DTAs).	Designed to be administered throughout the school year using CTAS Required Materials . Student ratings recorded on the CTAS Student Score Worksheet and entered in the DEI.	Administered using grade- and domain-specific Test Administrator Directions and Scoring Rubrics Booklets.
Security	Secure	Non-Secure	Secure
Training	Connecticut Alternate Assessment System Training Course (cambiumast.com)	Connecticut Alternate Assessment System Training Course (cambiumast.com)	CAAELP Test Administration Training
Certificate	"Trained status" indicated in TIDE profile	"Trained status" indicated in TIDE profile	Trained status certificate is not linked to TIDE and should be maintained locally.
Submissions into DEI	Submit the Alternate Assessment System Eligibility Form	Submit the Alternate Assessment System Eligibility Form and CTAS Score Worksheet for scoring.	Submit the Alternate Assessment System Eligibility Form .