

SGCA CAASPP Testing Preparation Resources

Testing can be intimidating for first time students, especially if they are not comfortable working with computers, reading, or answering questions on a screen. There are multiple ways to help reduce your child's anxiety without teaching to the test or spending extensive amounts of time practicing. Working with the test interface and becoming familiar with the available tools on the practice test site along with regular typing practice can make a huge difference.

Topic (SBAC)	Resources	Description
General Test Prep Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lumos Learning • Workbooks • Online Typing Resources • Offline Typing Resources • Question Types Video Tutorial • Universal Tools Tutorial 	<p>Website with a bank of SBAC-like practice questions for all different grade levels in both Language Arts and Math. You can choose questions based on the types of skills you want to target.</p> <p>There are also consumable books found with a variety of vendors.</p> <p>Online typing resources to help students master the art of typing.</p> <p>Offline typing resources for those families who do not wish to access the internet.</p> <p>A video tutorial that shows how students will interact with different question types.</p> <p>This video walks students through the tools available within the test interface.</p>
Lexile/Quantile Hub	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://hub.lexile.com/ 	<p>Using your CAASPP SSR and STAR 360 Report, you can put in your child's Lexile or Quantile score for suggested books, lessons, or ideas to support your child's progress.</p>
SmART Annotated Response Tool	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://smart.smarterbalanced.org/ 	<p>Sample Performance Task responses with annotations and rationale for the score. Go to Sample Item to see what the prompt was for the response.</p> <p>Step by Step use instructions</p>
Practice Test Portal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to Take a Practice Test 	<p>Document that walks you through how to take a practice test and check out designated supports.</p>

Practice Test Scoring Guides and Rubrics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scoring Guides and Rubrics 	Answers and rubrics for the practice tests in Math, ELA, and CAST.
How to Take A Remote Test	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to Take a Remote Test - For Students 	A walkthrough of what it is like to take a remote test for Spring 2022
Be A Learning Hero	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Readiness Check 	<p>Gives students about five questions at their grade level in reading or math and will give the parents feedback at the end, including how to help at home in areas where the student answered incorrectly.</p> <p>*(If the link does not take you directly to the Readiness Check, click on the For Parents and Families menu.)</p>
Technology Readiness Checker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technology Readiness Checker 	<p>Students follow instructions to see what their comfort level is with the computer.</p> <p>Parents/Teachers can receive a report to see if they may need more support, or what skills students may need to practice.</p>
Topic (CAST)	Resources	Description
CAST/NGSS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAST Informational Video 	Five minute video produced by the CDE to give an overview of CAST and NGSS.
NGSS (Next Generation Science Standards)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the NGSS? (Next Generation Science Standards) • Where to find the NGSS • The NGSS explained 	<p>Information about what the NGSS are and how they relate to the CAST.</p> <p>How to locate the NGSS.</p> <p>Video explaining what the NGSS are and how they can be used.</p>

<p>CAST Preparation Resources for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5th, • 8th, • 11th (if in their last year of science) • 12th graders take CAST 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5th Grade Science Videos • Middle School Science Videos • High School Science Videos • CAST Periodic Table of Elements • CAST Student Reference Sheet Middle School • CAST Student Reference Sheet High School • Bozeman Science NGSS Videos 	<p>Videos and resources to help families incorporate the NGSS into their daily science activities.</p> <p>This printable version closely resembles the online periodic table available in the CAST and can be downloaded and printed to give students practice using the periodic table in a format similar to the online version</p> <p>The grade eight and high school reference sheets provide all of the formulas and constants needed to respond to the CAST questions.</p> <p>Click on NGSS on the menu at the top of the page; click on Bozeman Science NGSS videos. Explore different standards and topics as they apply to your student.</p>
--	--	---