

CAASPP Test Administration

General Definitions for Online Testing

- **Computer Adaptive Test (CAT)** = Based on student responses, the computer program selects the difficulty of items throughout the assessment.
- **Item** = A test question of stimulus presented to a student to elicit a response.
- **Page** = The page of the online test is the screen in the testing interface containing the test stimuli and test questions
- **Pause** = Action taken by a student, test administrator, or test examiner to halt the test during any part of the test. In the event of a technical issue (e.g., network failure), students will be logged off and the test will automatically be *paused*.
- **Performance Task (PT)** = A PT is an item type designed to provide students with an opportunity to apply their knowledge and higher-order thinking skills to analyze a real world scenario.
- **Segment** = A part of the test within the test delivery system separating items from other items if the allowable tools are different (e.g. calculator). Once a segment is submitted, it is no longer possible to return to that segment.
- **Session** = A timeframe in which students actively test in a single sitting. A test session does not need to end when a segment ends.
- **Stimulus/Stimuli** = Material or materials used in the test context that form the basis for student to answer connected test items (e.g. reading passage, charts, graphs, audio presentations).