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Dear LEA CAASPP Coordinator:

For the 2017–18 CAASPP administration, the Test Operations Management System (TOMS) now calculates a testing grade for students with an ungraded elementary (UE) or ungraded secondary (US) status in the California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System (CALPADS). TOMS automatically calculates the Grade Assessed shown in TOMS using the “rule of five”—the testing grade is the student’s chronological age on September 1, 2017, minus five. The age was provided by CALPADS. The *CALPADS Enrolled Grade* and *Grade Assessed* fields are present in the **[Demographics]** tab of the Student Profile.

Students are automatically assigned any CAASPP general tests (i.e., Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments and the California Science Test [CAST]) that apply to the calculated assessed grade. The assigned tests can be viewed in the **[Test Mode]** tab of the Student Profile. Local educational agencies (LEAs) must then assign any alternate assessment–eligible students to the California Alternate Assessments (CAAs). TOMS does not assign a testing grade if the calculated grade is greater than 12 or less than 1.

The *Grade Assessed* field in TOMS will not match the *CALPADS Grade* field for students who have had the rule of five calculation applied to them, as the *CALPADS* grade will remain coded UE (ungraded elementary) or US (ungraded secondary).

Rule of Five Calculation Example—Standard

A student in an ungraded secondary (US) program born on June 1, 2000, was 17 years old on September 1, 2017. Subtracting five from 17 years results in a testing grade of 12 ($17 - 5 = 12$). The *Grade Assessed* field in TOMS will display 12 and the student will automatically be assigned to take the CAST. If the student is eligible for alternate assessments, the test mode should be manually changed to the CAA for Science.

Rule of Five Calculation Example—Exempted Student

A student in an ungraded secondary (US) program born on July 22, 1997, was 20 years old on September 1, 2017. Subtracting five from 20 years results in a non-testing grade of 15 ($20 - 5 = 15$), which makes the student ineligible to test. The *Grade Assessed* field in TOMS will remain US, and the student will not be assigned any tests.

Questions about the 2017–18 CAASPP administration should be directed to the California Technical Assistance Center (CalTAC) by phone at 800-955-2954 or by e-mail at caltac@ets.org.

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