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Dear LEA CAASPP Coordinator, CAASPP Test Site Coordinator, or Test Examiner:

The 2018–19 California Alternate Assessment (CAA) for Science field test consists of the three embedded performance tasks (PTs) designed to be administered online. We encourage test examiners to administer a single PT over multiple test sessions, if a student needs frequent breaks. Test examiners should administer each PT shortly after the student has received instruction on content. Students must attempt all three embedded PTs to be considered as having participated in this assessment.

The embedded PTs are now available in the test delivery system. Local educational agencies (LEAs) determine the administration order of the embedded PTs that best matches the order in which the content has been taught to the student. They can be administered at any time through the end of a school’s instructional calendar or July 15, 2019, whichever comes first.

The *2018–19 CAA for Science Administration Planning Guides* for grades five and eight and high school are now available on the [California Alternate Assessments](#) web page on the [CAASPP Portal](#). Each guide provides information about what to consider when deciding the best time to administer a CAA for Science embedded PT to a student, the basic steps to administering a performance task, what to consider about individualization based upon a student’s needs, and informs teachers and test examiners about the two Science Connectors that are aligned with each embedded PT. In addition, these guides contain a schedule planner template to assist in the planning of when to administer each embedded PT.

Questions from test examiners should be directed to the CAASPP test site coordinator, who should contact the LEA CAASPP coordinator with any questions. LEA CAASPP coordinators should contact the California Technical Assistance Center by phone at 800-955-2954 or by email at [caltac@ets.org](mailto:caltac@ets.org).

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