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

Starting with the 2018–19 administration, the California Alternate Assessment (CAA) for Science field test will be administered online using the same test delivery system as the other CAAs and California Assessment for Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) assessments. This administration of the CAA for Science embedded performance tasks (PTs) also will include a mix of videos and hands-on demonstrations of scientific phenomena to engage students and orient them to each of the PTs.

To help you prepare for administering these PTs, a new CAA for Science training PT is now available. For more information about it, take the following steps:

- Download the nonsecure [CAA for Science Training Performance Task Directions for Administration](#) document, found on the [CAASPP Portal](#).
- Access the online test questions for the training performance task from the [CAASPP Practice and Training Tests Portal](#) by selecting the training PT in grade five, grade eight, or high school.
- Review the PDF on [How to Start a Training Test](#) quick reference guide for the steps to take to access the CAA for Science training PT.

Use the training PT to familiarize students and test examiners with the testing process in preparation for the field test administration of the embedded PTs. In addition, the training PT can be shared with parents or guardians and other stakeholders.

For 2018–19, three PTs will be available for online administration in the test delivery system beginning January 8, 2019. Local educational agencies (LEAs) determine the administration order of the 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. For the 2018–19 field test administration, students must attempt all three PTs to be considered as having participated in this assessment.

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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