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**To:**  
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Dear LEA CAASPP Coordinator:

The California Science Test (CAST) **grade-specific** training tests are now available and can be accessed on the CAASPP [Online Practice and Training Tests Portal](#). Changes to the CAST training tests include the following:

- Separate training tests for grades five, eight, and high school
- Updated content—includes new and revised stand-alone items and performance tasks
- Updated [CAST Training Items Scoring Guides](#) (available on March 9, 2018)

In addition, the training tests now have all of the same accessibility resources that will be available on the CAST field test.

New accessibility resources for the CAST include the following:

- Print on demand
- English glossary and translation glossaries in nine languages
- Stacked Spanish translation

A complete list of accessibility resources can be found in the California Department of Education's [Matrix One](#). Brief training videos that demonstrate how to access the embedded universal tools, designated supports, and accommodations are located on the [Embedded Universal Tools, Designated Supports, and Accommodations Video Tutorials](#) Web page on the [CAASPP Portal](#).

The following non-embedded resources have also been updated and are located on the [CAST](#) Web page on the [CAASPP Portal](#):

- [Grade Eight Reference Sheet](#)
- [High School Reference Sheet](#)

Questions regarding the CAST training tests and all other topics regarding CAST administration should be directed to the California Technical Assistance Center by phone at 800-955-2954 or by e-mail at [caltac@ets.org](mailto:caltac@ets.org).

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