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Dear LEA CAASPP Coordinator:

The training test for the California Science Test (CAST) is now available on the Online Practice and Training Tests Portal Web page at <http://www.caaspp.org/practice-and-training/>. This training test has the same type of items that will be administered during pilot testing this year. A scoring guide is available and linked on the Resources for the Online Practice and Training Tests Web page at <http://www.caaspp.org/ta-resources/practice-training.html>.

The training test differs from the pilot test in a few ways:

- The training test has content for every grade level eligible for science, with items aligned to the grade five, grade eight, and high school California Next Generation Science Standards. (The pilot test will only have one grade level.)
- Instructional items precede each section of the training test so that the user knows which grade level is the source of the content being assessed.
- The test taker can skip forward in the test without answering every question presented so that he or she does not need to answer questions outside of the grade level. (On the pilot test, the test taker will need to provide an answer for every question in order to proceed.)

Test administrators can administer the CAST training test to students in grade five, grade eight, or high school. Administering the training test will help to familiarize both test administrators and students with the testing format. Like the CAST pilot assessment, the CAST training test can be administered through the online test delivery system.

The training test is nonsecure and should be used in preparation for administration of the CAST pilot test.

Questions about the CAST and all other topics regarding the 2016–17 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](mailto:caltac@ets.org).

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