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Dear LEA CAASPP Coordinator:

For the 2016–17 California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) administration, local educational agencies (LEAs) will administer the pilot versions of the California Science Test (CAST) and California Alternate Assessment (CAA) for Science to students in grades five and eight and an assigned high school grade (i.e., grade ten, eleven, or twelve). High school grade assignments are available on the [High School Grade Assignments for 2016–17 Science Pilot Testing](#) Web page on the CAASPP Portal. LEA coordinators with high schools, please review these grade assignments at your earliest convenience.

The Test Operations Management System (TOMS) will include science test assignments for all students in grades five and eight and the assigned high school grade soon. The CAST is the default test assignment for students in grades five and eight and for high school students who are in the assigned grade at their school.

The students in grades five and eight and the assigned high school grade who will take the CAAs for English language arts/literacy and mathematics also should be assigned to the CAA for Science. When assignments are available, please use TOMS to assign these students to take the CAAs instead of the Smarter Balanced and/or CAST assessments. Ungraded students in high school programs will take the CAA for Science if they are in the assigned testing grade; calculate a student's grade by subtracting five from his or her chronological age on September 1, 2016. Instructions for assigning tests can be found in the *TOMS Pre-Administration Guide for CAASPP Testing* linked on the [Manuals and Instructions](#) Web page on the CAASPP Portal.

**All schools with students in grades five and eight are required to administer the science pilot assessments. All high schools are required to administer the science pilot assessments to the school's assigned grade (either grade ten, eleven, or twelve).** If your LEA has a school with grade ten, eleven, or twelve that does not have a grade assignment, please contact the California Technical Assistance Center (CalTAC) as soon as possible to receive your grade assignment.

Questions about science high school grade assignments and all other topics regarding the 2016–17 CAASPP administration should be directed to CalTAC by phone at 800-955-2954 or by e-mail at [caltac@ets.org](mailto:caltac@ets.org).

Sincerely,

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