Dear LEA CAASPP Coordinator:

The 2019–20 California Alternate Assessment (CAA) for Science Administration Planning Guides for grades five and eight and once in high school are now available on the California Alternate Assessments web page on the CAASPP Portal. Version assignments are also available on the CAA for Science Version Assignments for 2019–20 Test Administration web page and are organized by county, local educational agency (LEA), and then by school. All grade levels within a school will have the same version assignment.

Each planning guide provides LEAs with:

- Basic information on the CAA for Science administration and test security
- Assessed standards (i.e., Science Connectors)
- A schedule planner template to assist in planning for administration of each performance task (PT)
- Points to consider when deciding the best time to administer a CAA for Science PT to a student

The online 2019–20 CAA for Science operational assessment consists of four embedded PTs. Test examiners should administer each PT shortly after the student has received instruction on the related content. All four embedded PTs must be attempted for the student to count for participation.

The embedded PTs will be available in the test delivery system on September 3, 2019. Using the planning guide, test examiners should determine the administration order of the embedded PTs that best matches the order in which the content will be taught to the student. Test examiners can administer the embedded PTs at any time through the end of a school’s instructional calendar or July 15, 2020, whichever comes first.

Questions regarding 2019–20 CAA for Science administration should be directed to the California Technical Assistance Center by phone at 800-955-2954 or by email at caltac@ets.org.
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