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Dear LEA CAASPP Coordinator:

Welcome to the new year! CAASPP systems have now resumed operation after updates were applied to support 2018–19 testing.

Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments Now Available

- The Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments for English language arts/literacy (ELA) and mathematics are now available for administration within your local educational agency's (LEA's) selected test administration window. The interim assessments can also be administered at this time.

California Science Test (CAST) Now Available

- The California Science Test is now available for administration.
 - The braille version of the CAST will be available on April 1, 2019.
- The new braille versions of the CAST practice tests for grades five and eight and high school will be available in late January.
- LEAs determine when high school students take the CAST or California Alternate Assessment (CAA) for Science. Students must take the test once in high school (i.e., grade ten, eleven, or twelve). If a high school student took the 2017–18 CAST field test or CAA for Science pilot test, he or she has fulfilled the testing requirement. LEA coordinators may use the reports features in the Test Operations Management System (TOMS) to provide high school science LEA and school participation reports. These reports list all students who are currently enrolled in the LEA or school and identify which students have previously participated in a science assessment, students who must take a science assessment, and students who have not yet taken a science assessment.
- TOMS automatically registered students in grade twelve who have not taken a science assessment to take the CAST.

CAAs Now Available

- The California Alternate Assessments for ELA, mathematics, and science field test are now available for administration.
- CAAs for ELA and mathematics and CAA for Science *Directions for Administration (DFA)* PDF documents are available for download from TOMS by selecting the **[Secure Materials]** button in the left navigation bar. Only download *DFAs* shortly before administration to students.
 - *DFA* version assignments for the [CAAs for ELA and mathematics](#) as well as the [CAA for Science](#) are posted.
- The CAAs for ELA and mathematics practice tests have been updated on the [Practice and Training Tests](#) website.
- Similar to the CAAs for ELA and mathematics, the CAA for Science is now administered online. The CAA for Science consists of three embedded performance tasks (PTs) for eligible students in grades five and eight and once in high school. LEAs must attempt to administer the three embedded PTs to a student any time during the normal course of instruction between January 8, 2019, and the end of the instructional calendar or July 15, whichever comes first. Each of the three embedded PTs is available as a separate test in the test delivery system, enabling the test examiner to administer it in any order and at any time.
- Refer to the previous CAST section for science high school eligibility rules.
- A new CAA for Science training performance task has been added on the [Practice and Training Tests](#) website. The [DFA](#) is also available.

California Spanish Assessment (CSA) Practice Test Now Available

- The CSA practice tests for grades three through eight and high school are available.

TOMS

The following features and enhancements are now available in TOMS:

- The searchable online help and contextual help links continue to be updated, allowing users to view relevant resources.

Remember to update your California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System (CALPADS) student demographic data early and often for the upcoming 2018–19 CAASPP administration. Student demographic data in TOMS is read-only; you must update CALPADS to manage and edit student demographic data.

Questions about the 2018–19 CAASPP 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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