The Smarter Balanced Assessment System Propels Instruction Forward

**STATE STANDARDS**
State standards specify what students need to know and be able to do for success after high school.

**INFORMED INSTRUCTION**
The Smarter Balanced assessment system provides standards-aligned tools, information, and feedback to inform instruction and help teachers to support student learning and growth, including development of essential critical-thinking and problem-solving skills.

**COLLEGE & CAREER READY**
As a result, the Smarter Balanced system helps educators ensure students graduate high school ready to succeed in college and a career.

**Consistent Feedback, Continuous Improvement**

**SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENTS**
- Administered at end of the year to determine students’ college and career ready progress
- Computer-adaptive testing, performance tasks, and a broad array of accessibility features allow students to better demonstrate what they know and can do
- Multiple reporting options enable educators to get the information they need, when they need it, and in their preferred format

**INTERIM ASSESSMENTS**
- Flexible tests administered throughout the year to help teachers monitor student progress
- Provides educators with data to help them target instruction to meet students’ individual learning needs
- Full-length assessments and shorter assessment “blocks,” designed for grades 3-8 and high school, enable educators to choose the right assessment tool at the right time

**TOOLS FOR TEACHERS**
- Lessons and activities created by educators to enhance instruction and save time
- Embedded formative assessment strategies and connections to interim assessment items
- Links to additional resources for educators to facilitate seamless access to relevant content

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