

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

