

Available Resources

FOR THE

Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments

The following resources are designed for classroom educators to support their understanding of the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments for English language arts/literacy (ELA) and mathematics. Additional resources are provided for site administration to use when communicating to parents/guardians about the assessments.

Fact Sheet

Answers general questions about various aspects and objectives of the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/documents/sbsummativefactsheet.pdf>

Overview Video

A three-minute video about how these assessments are aligned with the Common Core State Standards for ELA and mathematics

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sa/sbvideo.asp>

Practice and Training Tests

Opportunities to become familiar with the types of test questions that may appear on the ELA and mathematics summative assessments

- Online Practice and Training Test Portal
Direct access to the practice and training tests, available for all subjects and grade levels
<http://www.caaspp.org/practice-and-training/index.html>
- How to Start a Training Test
Step-by-step instructions for how to access and start a training test
<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/documents/summativeqrgtraining.pdf>
- How to Start a Practice Test
Step-by-step instructions for how to access and start a practice test
<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/documents/summativeqrgpractice.pdf>
- Take a Practice Test with Your Child
A flyer that can be shared with parents/guardians who want to learn more about the type of test questions on the summative assessments
<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ai/documents/caaspppractice.pdf>

Sample Items

Smarter Balanced website that provides sample test questions for the ELA and mathematics tests at each grade

<https://sampleitems.smarterbalanced.org/>

Parent Guide to Understanding

Designed for parents/guardians to address basic questions, such as who takes the assessments, why, when, and how; can be shared during back to school night, at teacher conferences, with the letter that notifies parents/guardians that their child will be taking yearly assessments, or with the annual Student Score Reports

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/documents/sbsummativepgtu.pdf>

Resources for Parents Flyer

Designed for parents/guardians to provide general information about the CAASPP system; directs them to available resources for additional information that will give them a better understanding of their child's performance and progress

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/documents/caasppparentres.pdf>

How to Start a Test Session

Step-by-step instructions for how to access and start a test session

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/documents/summativetestsessionqrg.pdf>

For Site Administrators

Talking About the CAASPP

PowerPoint templates for site administrators to use when talking about the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments and the California Science Test

- Talking to Parents
- Talking to Educators

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/>

Parent Notification Letters

Sample letter templates to serve as notice to parents/guardians of the yearly statewide assessment and when sharing information about student scores

- Notice of Administration
<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/caasppadminnftyltr.asp>
- Student Score Report Letter Template
<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/documents/caaspp18screcovltr.docx>

