Update on Smarter Balanced Activities

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# Smarter Balanced System

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Digital Library

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- Calculating Volumes of Compound Objects
- Ferris Wheel
- The New England Fishing Industry: Sea Changes in a Community

This resource involves the students
This is a ready-to-use resource that teachers
This unit on primary sources chronicles the
Interim Assessments

- Available late January 2015
- Two types-
  - The interim comprehensive assessments (ICAs) are full assessments based on the same blueprints as the summative assessments.
  - The interim assessment blocks (IABs) are shorter-more focused assessments.

- Reporting results-
  - Interim comprehensive results will consist of an overall scale score, achievement level and claim score. Interim assessment block results will consist of one score-above standard, at or near standard, and below standard.
  - Interim assessment results are reported locally, not to the state.
Achievement Level Setting for Smarter Balanced Assessments

- **Online panel** (October 6-17) allowed K-12 educators, higher education faculty, parents, and other interested parties to participate virtually in recommending achievement levels.

- **In-person workshop** (October 13–19) with panels of educators and other stakeholders working in grade-level teams made recommendations for the thresholds of the four achievement levels.

- **Vertical articulation committee** (October 20-22) a subset of the in-person workshop, examined recommendations across all grades to consider the reasonableness of levels.

- **Approval of achievement levels** (November 2014) Member States approved the proposed achievement levels and Smarter Balanced released the document, *The Interpretation and Use of Scores and Achievement Levels*. 
Reporting Summative Results for 2014-15

- Individual student results available electronically within four weeks
- Delivery of results takes into account machine scoring and hand-scoring.
- Results include an overall scale score, performance level and claim level.