

# Smarter Balanced Training Tests, Practice Tests, and Interim Assessments

## *At-a-Glance*

There are many tools available to teachers to gauge their students' learning, prepare them for the summative and alternate assessments for English Language Arts/literacy (ELA) and mathematics, and engage families in student learning. This document provides a side-by-side comparison of training tests, practice tests, and interim assessments to help teachers decide which tool best fits their needs.

Information	Training Tests	Practice Tests	Interim Assessments
<b>Purpose</b>	Allow students to become familiar with the testing interface and available accessibility resources.	Provide students with opportunities to become familiar with the format and structure of a summative assessment.	Provide teachers with information on student performance to help gauge the knowledge and skills of students.
<b>Grade Levels</b>	One test available for grade spans: 3–5, 6–8, and 11.	One test available for each tested grade level: 3–8 and 11.	One mathematics and one ELA Interim Comprehensive Assessment (ICA) and multiple Interim Assessment Blocks (IABs) for each tested grade level, 3–8 and 11.
<b>Items</b>	Approximately 6 items for both ELA and mathematics per grade span.	Approximately 30 ELA items, 30 mathematics items, 1 ELA performance task, and 1 mathematics performance task per grade level.	6 to 20 items for IABs. 35 to 50 items for ICAs. Some IABs and all ICAs require hand scoring.
<b>Scoring</b>	No scoring guides available.	Scoring guides are available to assist in scoring.	Answer keys and hand scoring guides are available. Results are reported once all scoring (including hand scoring) have been completed and submitted.
<b>Log In</b>	Available to anyone through a guest login at <a href="http://www.caaspp.org/practice-and-training/index.html">http://www.caaspp.org/practice-and-training/index.html</a> .	Available to anyone through a guest login at <a href="http://www.caaspp.org/practice-and-training/index.html">http://www.caaspp.org/practice-and-training/index.html</a> .	Available to local education agency (LEA) staff through the educator viewing system. Requires login and secure browser with SSID for test administration.
<b>Opportunities</b>	Unlimited number of testing opportunities.	Unlimited number of testing opportunities.	Unlimited number of testing opportunities for IABs. Up to 3 opportunities for each student per ICA.

Find additional information about the practice and training tests at <http://www.caaspp.org/practice-and-training/index.html>.  
 For more information about the California assessments, visit the California Department of Education Smarter Balanced Interim Assessments web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sa/sbacinterimassess.asp>.

