



## Student Assessment

An overview of

# Smarter Balanced

Educators worked together to develop new, high-quality assessments in **English and math** for **grades 3–8 and high school**. Smarter Balanced assessments provide more accurate and meaningful information about what students are learning, giving teachers and parents better information to help students succeed. Interim assessments are also available for classroom use (at the discretion of the teacher), as well as a digital library of lessons to support instruction.

### Format



Smarter Balanced assessments are completed online. They are customized for each student to provide a more accurate measurement. The test automatically adjusts the difficulty of questions throughout the assessment based on the student's response.

Students also complete a performance task in each content area.

### Timeline



These assessments are taken by students in grades 3 – 8 and high school once during the last 12 weeks of the school year. The total amount of testing time is between four and eight hours, increasing by grade level.

Results are available in as little as three weeks. Scores are associated with a student throughout their academic career. This helps show their growth in learning over time.

### Outcomes



We use the results to fulfill federal and state requirements and set goals. Student participation determines funding for certain programs.

Schools use data from these assessments to develop improvement plans and teachers may adjust instruction.

Students use scores for class, program or college placement, as well as to meet graduation requirements.

### Learn More



<http://www.smarterbalanced.org/>

### Contact

Tara Richerson  
Supervisor of Assessment  
360.709.7033