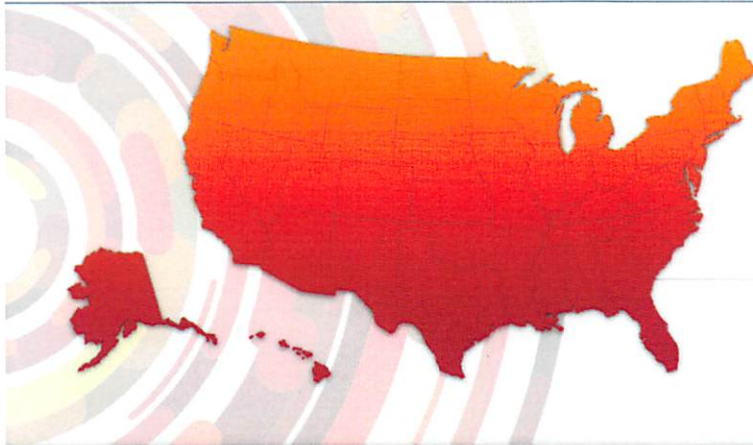




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Implementing the Common Core State Standards

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Mission Statement

The Common Core State Standards provide a consistent, clear understanding of what students are expected to learn, so teachers and parents know what they need to do to help them. The standards are designed to be robust and relevant to the real world, reflecting the knowledge and skills that our young people need for success in college and careers. With American students fully prepared for the future, our communities will be best positioned to compete successfully in the global economy.

<http://www.corestandards.org/>
<http://www.corestandards.org/Math>
<http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy>

Common Standards

Building on the excellent foundation of standards states have laid, the Common Core State Standards are the first step in providing our young people with a high-quality education. It should be clear to every student, parent, and teacher what the standards of success are in every school.

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PARENT GUIDES TO THE COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS

New standards, called Common Core State Standards, are on the way for all students in California, beginning in the 2014-2015 school year. These standards set high expectations for all students. They are rigorous and internationally benchmarked; research- and evidence-based; aligned with college and career expectations; and they build on the foundation laid by individual states. The aim of this state-led initiative is to develop standards that ensure all students are held to consistent expectations that will prepare them for college and career.

<http://www.capta.org/sections/programs/e-standards.cfm>

Smarter Balanced Assessment System

Latest information about new generation of English-language arts and mathematics assessments.

The Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium is a multistate consortium working collaboratively to develop a student assessment system aligned with a common core of academic content standards for English language arts/literacy and mathematics. As a Smarter Balanced governing state, California is a decision-making member. Smarter Balanced assessments are designed to measure student progress toward college and career readiness.

Assembly Bill 484 Questions and Answers (Updated 24-Oct-2013)

Questions and answers regarding Assembly Bill (AB) 484, which establishes California's new statewide student assessment system. AB 484 was signed into law on October 2, 2013.

Program Updates

Bimonthly program updates issued by the California Department of Education (CDE).

Smarter Balanced Updates

Current update and archived updates sent to the CDE Smarter Balanced e-mail list. To receive bimonthly updates on Smarter Balanced activities, join the California Department of Education's Smarter Balanced e-mail list by sending a blank e-mail to subscribe-sbac@mlist.cde.ca.gov. If you are on the e-mail list and wish to unsubscribe, send a blank e-mail to unsubscribe-sbac@mlist.cde.ca.gov.

Spring 2014 Field Test

Spring 2014 Field Test (New 02-Oct-2013)

The Smarter Balanced Field Test will take place between March 18 and June 6, 2014. Students in grades three through eight and grade eleven will be assessed via computer in English-language arts and mathematics. A small sample of ninth and tenth grade students will also participate in the Field Test.

Practice Tests and Sample Items

Practice Tests

The Smarter Balanced Practice Tests are now available for grades three through eight and grade eleven in English-language arts and mathematics. The Practice Tests provide a preview of the Smarter Balanced assessments, but do not reflect the full range of content that students may encounter on the actual assessments.

Sample Items and Performance Tasks

The samples on the Smarter Balanced Web site illustrate the rigor and complexity of the English-language arts/literacy and mathematics items and performance tasks students will encounter on the Smarter Balanced assessments.

Digital Library Development

Scheduled to be available in 2014, the Digital Library is a critical component of the Smarter Balanced system of assessments and will include a variety of resources to improve teaching and learning.

State Network of Educators



The State Network of Educators will review resources for the inclusion of the Smarter Balanced Digital Library.

Technology Components

Technology Readiness Tool

Information on the Web-based tool used by districts to report on the current technology at each school in the district. Includes links to video training modules, frequently asked questions, and file import layout specifications.

Minimum System Requirements

- [Press Release - Smarter Balanced Releases Technology Strategy Framework and System Requirements Specifications](#)  (04-Dec-2012)
The framework, developed by Navigation North on behalf of the Consortium, provides minimum hardware specifications and basic bandwidth calculations that will allow schools and districts to evaluate which of their existing devices will support the administration of next-generation assessments.
- The [Smarter Balanced Technology](#)  page has the latest updates to the Smarter Balanced technology requirements.

Resources

[Smarter Balanced Resources](#)