


Statewide Assessment System Update

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California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP)

- Assessment system that includes multiple components:
  1. English-Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics Assessments
    - > Delivered by Smarter Balanced
  2. Science Assessments
  3. Alternate Assessments
  4. Standards-based Test in Spanish (STS)
    - > Optional
  5. Assessments in Other Subject Areas

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Smarter Balanced News

- Digital Library
  - > Launched on October 1
  - > Searchable online repository of formative tools, professional learning modules, and instructional materials
  - > Submitted by teachers and reviewed against stringent criteria
  - > Teachers should contact their district's CAASPP Coordinator for log-in information
  - > <http://www.smarterbalanced.org/k-12-education/teachers/>

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### Smarter Balanced News, continued

- Interim Assessments
  - › Interim Comprehensive Assessments (ICAs)
  - › Interim Assessment Blocks (IABs)
  - › Initially available in fixed format; expected to become computer-adaptive over time
  - › Only delivered online; no paper/pencil
  - › Can be administered to students in grades 3-12
  - › Scoring of constructed response and performance items must be done locally
  - › Score reports only generated once local scores for constructed response and performance tasks are married with computer scored items
  - › Expected release is mid-January 2015

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### Smarter Balanced News, continued

- Summative Assessment
  - › Achievement level setting
    - Online panel (October 6-17)
    - In-Person panel (October 13-19)
    - Cross-Grade Review (October 20)
    - Final recommendations are planned for a consortium-wide vote of governing states in early November.
    - Individual states will then adopt the levels.

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### Smarter Balanced News, continued

- Summative Assessment
  - › Testing windows have been set
    - Grades 3 – 8
      - 12-week window beginning at 66% of instructional days
    - Grade 11
      - 7-week window beginning at 80% of instructional days
  - › Student reports will be redesigned to accommodate information from the Smarter Balanced assessments

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### Science Assessments

- Aligned with the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS)
- Existing science assessments in grades 5, 8, and 10 shall be administered until the new assessments are available
  - › California Standards Test (CST)
  - › California Modified Assessment (CMA)
  - › California Alternate Performance Assessment (CAPA)
- Framework expected in spring 2016

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### Alternate Assessments

- Look for field test in spring 2015 of CCSS-aligned assessment in ELA and mathematics to replace CAPA in grades three through eight, and eleven
- CAPA science will remain until new science assessments are ready (see previous slide)

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### Assessments in Other Subject Areas

- State Superintendent of Public Instruction must submit a report to the State Board of Education by March 1, 2016 that includes recommendations for expanding CAASPP to include assessments in:
  - › History-social science
  - › Technology
  - › Visual and performing arts
  - › Other subjects

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### Grade 2 Diagnostic Assessments

- Per Senate Bill 247, by November 1, 2014 the CDE shall make information available regarding assessments in ELA and mathematics for diagnostic use by classroom teachers
  - > Must be aligned to CCSS
  - > Valid for purposes of identifying knowledge or skills a student has or has not acquired in order to inform instruction and make educational decisions.

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### Opportunity for Educators

- Educational Testing Service (ETS) is looking for California educators to participate in handscoring of the Smarter Balanced operational tests in spring 2015
  - > Short written responses, essays, and performance tasks
  - > For more information – <http://caaspp.org> and click on "Latest News" in the sidebar
  - > To access the online form – <http://caaspp.org/handscoring.html>

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