



Assessment and Accountability

Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program and Future Reauthorization



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Overview

- Work with the SMARTER Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC)
- Considerations for STAR Reauthorization and transitioning to the SBAC assessments
- 2012 STAR Program Update



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California Work with SBAC

- Participate in regularly scheduled SBAC meetings, Webinars, and presentations
- Launched the SBAC Web site
 - <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sa/smarterbalanced.asp>
- Provide feedback opportunities for California educators and educational stakeholders
 - Content specifications
- Created 10 SBAC Work Groups



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California Work with SBAC: Work Groups

1. Transition to CCSS
2. Technology Approach*
3. Assessment Design: Item Development
4. Assessment Design: Performance Tasks*
5. Assessment Design: Test Design*
6. Assessment Design: Test Administration
7. Reporting
8. Formative Processes and Tools/Professional Development*
9. Accessibility and Accommodations*
 - English Learner
 - Students with Disabilities
10. Validation and Psychometrics

Work Groups denoted with an asterisk are those with representatives from California



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California Work with SBAC: Opportunities for Teacher Involvement

- Feedback on draft content specifications
- Writing and reviewing of test items and tasks
- Range-finding and score validation
- Scoring of performance tasks
- Collaborate on designing score reports and Web tools



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California Work with SBAC: Review of Content Specifications

English-language Arts

- Available for any member of the public to provide comment
- Round 1 review closed August 29
- Round 2 closed September 27
- Final ELA content specifications will be posted on October 3
- See <http://www.k12.wa.us/smarter/> for more information and the timeline



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California Work with SBAC: Review of Content Specifications

Mathematics

- Round 1 review closed September 19
- Round 2 will begin October 10 and close October 17
- Final mathematics content specifications will be posted on October 24
- See <http://www.k12.wa.us/smarter/> for more information and the timeline



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California Work with SBAC: Coordination with Higher Education

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson will convene the California Education Round Table on October 6 to discuss coordinating higher education and SBAC efforts.

The California Education Round Table is comprised of members from the:

- CDE
- University of California,
- California State University,
- California Community Colleges



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Planning for STAR Reauthorization

- Legislated assessment program
- Currently scheduled to sunset in 2013
- Assembly Bill 250 (Brownley)
 - Extends the sunset date to 2014
 - Requires an extensive report by the State Superintendent on STAR reauthorization by November 1, 2012
 - See www.leginfo.ca.gov for the full text of the bill



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Planning for STAR Reauthorization

Commonly asked questions:

- Will English language arts (ELA) and mathematics be assessed in more grades than those assessed by the common assessments?
- Will the additional 15% of standards added by the State Board of Education be assessed? If so, how?
- What is the future of the writing assessment in grades four and seven?



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Planning for STAR Reauthorization

Commonly asked questions, cont.:

- Will California continue with its end-of-course assessments in mathematics, science, and history-social science in high school?
- If these assessments continue, will they be computer-based?
- Will schools have to administer STAR as well as pilot/field test the new common assessments?



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2012 STAR Update

- Standard Setting Performance Levels
 - California Modified Assessment (CMA)
 - English Language-Arts grades ten and eleven
 - Geometry
 - Standards-Based Test in Spanish (STS)
 - Reading Language-Arts grades eight , nine, ten and eleven
 - Algebra I
 - Geometry



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2012 STAR Update (cont.)

- Amendments to the STAR Regulations were finalized
 - Testing Window Increased
 - 25-day window comprised of 12 days before and 12 days after the day on which 85% of all instructional days for the year are completed
 - Minor modifications to the allowable variations, accommodations, and modifications matrix
 - ELA writing prompt can be read aloud



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2012 STAR Update (cont.)

- The writing component of the California Standards Test (CST) and the CMA is required for grades four and seven
- Test dates:
 - Tuesday, March 6, 2012
 - Tuesday, May 1, 2012



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