

Regional Assessment Network Meeting
Smarter Balanced Update
May 18, 2016

Interim Assessments

- This school year, more than 5 million interim assessments have been started across more than 1,500 LEAs in California.
- Now available: Interim Assessment User Guide and Video Series
 - Available on the CAASPP Portal (<http://www.caaspp.org/ta-resources/interim.html>) as well as the CDE Web page (<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sa/sbacinterimassess.asp>).
- Encouraging IA administrators to use the "Manner of Administration" setting
 - Available in the Test Administrator Interface for all interim assessments
 - Two options: "standardized/benchmark" and "nonstandardized" (default)
 - 2015–16 results from nonstandardized administrations will be purged from the IA Reporting System at the beginning of the 2016–17 school year; all 2014–15 results will be purged at this same time
 - LEAs can download all 2014–15 and 2015–16 interim assessment results from the IA Reporting System at any time before these data are removed
- New Interim Assessment Blocks (IABs) for the 2016–17 school year
 - Approximately 11 new math IABs
 - Approximately 18 new ELA IABs

Digital Library

- The CDE is seeking recommendations from RAN members for Digital Library resources to promote (e.g., in the CAASPP weekly update). Please send the name of at least one recommended resource to Jessica Valdez at jvaldez@cde.ca.gov by Friday, June 3. Specify content area and target grade(s).
- CDE State Network of Educators (SNE) Collaboration Workshop
- *Formative Assessment in Action* Video Series
 - Features California members of the Digital Library SNE demonstrating formative assessment strategies in their classrooms
 - Leisa Machado – Turlock Unified School District
 - Travis Burke – Santa Maria-Bonita Unified School District
 - Three more videos coming soon!
 - Available on the CDE Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sa/fainaction.asp>.

CAASPP Institute

- The 2015–16 CAASPP Institutes are now complete. The video modules are expected to be posted to the CDE Web site in June.
- CDE will soon feature CAASPP implementation practices of “spotlight” LEAs.

CAASPP Weekly Update

- CAASPP Weekly Update Web page now includes details about each issue <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sa/caasppupdates.asp>.

Summative Assessments

By the numbers—As of Monday, May 16, 2016 over 2.8 million students have completed at least one test. On May 3, 2016, we reached 350,606 concurrent users, which eclipsed the number of concurrent users last year’s 311,489 concurrent users reached on April 28, 2015. This figure is well within the maximum 500,000 concurrent users and nearly 40,000 more than during last year’s administration.

Post- Test Workshops: Connecting Assessments to Instruction

- These workshops are different from in previous years; they have been designed for teams of LEA staff, such as, the testing coordinator, a curriculum and/or instructional coach.

Date	Location
May 19, 2016	Live Webcast
May 26, 2016	Shasta County Office of Education (COE)
May 26, 2016	Monterey COE
May 26, 2016	Sonoma COE [Remote] ¹
May 26, 2016	Humboldt COE [Remote]
May 26, 2016	Kern COE [Remote]
May 31, 2016	San Diego COE
June 7, 2016	Riverside COE
June 8, 2016	Ventura COE
June 9, 2016	Los Angeles COE

- The workshop will emphasize accessing reports (i.e., aggregate reports including Assessment Target Reports) available from the Online Reporting System (ORS) and how to use these results to inform instruction.

¹ The remote workshops will allow participants to view the PowerPoint presentation and hear the live presentation, but there will be no ETS staff in-person. There will be a short opportunity for a couple of questions to be answered from each remote location during the presentation. A continental breakfast and afternoon snack will be provided at all locations.

New Resources

- New Web page devoted to Information about the CAASPP Student Score Reports located on the CDE CAASPP Student Score Report Information Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/caasppssrinfo.asp>. The resources on this page include the following resources:
 - Sample of the 2015–16 student score reports for parents or guardians by administration
 - [Sample 2015–16 CAASPP Student Score Report](#) (PDF; **Updated 27-Apr-2016**)
 - [Versión en Español—Muestra del reporte individual de los resultados 2015–16 de CAASPP](#) (PDF)
 - [Guide to Understanding the CAASPP Student Score Report](#)—These guides explain the 2015–16 CAASPP Student Score Report for grades three through eight and grade eleven. The guides in Spanish and other languages will be provided soon.
 - Videos 2015-16
 - “[Understanding the CAASPP Student Score Report](#)” (Video; 5:14) explains how to interpret the results, and highlights the new features found on the report and is also in Spanish “[Entendiendo el Reporte de Puntuación del Estudiante del 2015–16](#)” (Video; 8:00)
- Coming soon! Smarter Balanced is developing a new Web site- <http://www.TestScoreGuide.org> that will initially assist parent and guardian about his/her child’s score report.
 - California specific Web pages are currently being developed.
- [The Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment Parent Guides](#) have been updated for the 2015–16 score reports.

