

Why Should I Read This?



We want you to know about an important change in the way your child is tested at school.

We care about your child's successes and want you to know how that success will be measured.

Please contact your child's school for more information.

Learn More

Parent Guide to Student Success
www.pta.org

Nevada Department of Education
www.doe.nv.gov/topics/standards

Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium
www.smarterbalanced.org



Smarter Balanced Assessment

A Parent's Guide to the Smarter Balanced Assessment



What SBAC Means for Parents and Students

This brochure is designed to explain **what** *The Smarter Balanced Assessment* is, **why** we are giving it, **how** it will be given.

Fast Facts

What: The Smarter Balanced Assessment is a set of tests that will replace the CRT in grades 3—8.

Why: Nevada adopted the new standards to better prepare students for careers or college.

How: Online, in a computer adaptive format, untimed, with built-in accommodations as needed.

Field Test: During the months of April and May 2014, students in selected grades at selected schools will be the first to take this test.

This **new test** will give you information about what your child is learning in **Mathematics and English Language Arts** (Reading,



Listening, and Writing).

The test questions are based on the new standards

adopted by Nevada.

The test is **online**, meaning they will answer the questions on the computer. There is no time limit for completing the test.

Some **Accommodations** for English Language Learners (**ELL**) and students served on an Individualized Education Plan (**IEP**) and/or a Section 504 Plan are built into the system.

The test is adaptable, meaning when your child answers a question, the next item in the assessment will closely follow the student's skill level thereby providing a more **accurate measurement** of your child's achievement.

There are several types of questions your child will need to answer. In addition to multiple choice questions, your child will be asked to complete a **performance task**, where they are asked to solve **real-world problems**. Performance tasks will be completed over a period of one or two days. Students will also be asked to complete short and extended written responses.