



Getting **SMARTER!**

Preparing District 271 students to do their best on the upcoming Smarter-Balanced Assessments

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Testing: March 31st - May 22nd ♦ All Students in Grades 03-10 | Grade 11 Optional ♦ Scores in August



The Smarter Balanced Reporting System will be interactive, providing instructors a range of reports for summative and interim assessments. Reports will provide aggregate score data at the State, District, School, and Grade level. Educators may examine data at multiple levels, depending on their level of access, and can create custom subsets filtered by gender or student demographic data (LEP, Race/Ethnicity...). Full reports will be available for parents.

SMARTER-BALANCED REPORTING FEATURES

The Smarter Balanced Assessment (called ISAT 2.0 in Idaho) will be given in the spring and results will be available during summer according to a release from the State of Idaho recently. The full report, available on InfoCenter > Teaching and Learning > District Assessments > Smarter Balanced, identifies how the reporting system will operate and can be used to influence classroom decisions. The consortium has also released a four minute [video](#) about this new tool.

As a reminder, the SBAC (ISAT 2.0) is a computer adaptive test, which allows for a more individualized assessment for each student. Based on student responses, questions become either more, or less challenging. These questions, in addition to performance tasks, will challenge students to apply their knowledge and skills in a way that cannot be addressed through selected- or constructed-response stems. Therefore, the results will provide input at to the abilities of the student not just on grade level, but on a learning continuum.

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Scott's soup recipe for 4 servings has 3 carrots and 2 celery sticks.

A. Drag carrots and celery sticks into the pot to show how much Scott needs for 8 servings.

Paul's soup has tomatoes and potatoes.

B. Drag numbers into the boxes to show the ratio of tomatoes to potatoes.

0
1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9

Tomatoes to Potatoes :

UPDATED PRACTICE TEST AVAILABLE

A link to the practice SBAC can be found through the Assessments page on InfoCenter > Teaching and Learning > District Assessments > Smarter Balanced or directly at:

<http://sbac.portal.airast.org/practice-test/>

Please note that you cannot take the assessment using Microsoft Internet Explorer. Please use an alternate browser such as Mozilla Firefox which has been loaded on district computers. This is also an updated practice test for the current school year

This test allows both teachers, students, and the public to see how students will be assessed using the SBAC. This will be helpful in determining the depth of knowledge necessary to complete the exam as well as the types of questions that may appear on the assessment.

Even if you choose not to take the entire assessment, you can see all of the stems (questions), stimuli and how they would be scored. The site is linked on InfoCenter as "Practice Test Scoring Guides" or by clicking: <http://sbac.portal.airast.org/practice-test/resources/#scoring>

A practice test is available for teachers to take as we continue this transition to the SBAC. The exam allows users to select the computer adaptive exam or a performance task.

Another important note is that students will have an opportunity to experience how to navigate the exam and how to use features such as drag-and-drop, interactive mathematical and literacy resources (calculators, dictionaries, spell check), answer selection, and marking items for review.

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SBAC RESOURCES ON INFOCENTER (Teaching & Learning > District Assessments > SBAC)

- [Rubrics to be used on Smarter-Balanced Assessments](#)
- [ELA Achievement Level Descriptors](#)
- [Math Achievement Level Descriptors](#)
- [Smarter-Balanced Test Blueprints](#)
- [Usability, Accessibility and Accommodations Guide](#)