# Office Hours
# March 28, 2024



**Smarter Balanced Assessments**

**Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS)**

**Connecticut Alternate Assessment System**

INFINITE POSSIBILITIES

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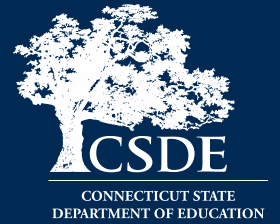
| Who | When | How |
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| **CSDE Performance Office** | • State Policy Test Administration Questions<br>• Reporting of Security Breaches Only | 860-713-6860<br>ctstudentassessment@ct.gov |
| **Connecticut Help Desk- Cambium Assessment** | • Test Administration Procedure Questions<br>• Technology Questions | 844-202-7583<br>cthelpdesk@cambiumassessment.com |

# What are the details?
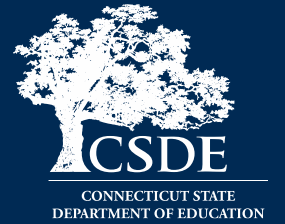
**What are the details?**

- Every Thursday through May 30, 2024, from 3-3:30p.m.
- TEAMs invite sent recently to all District Administrators.
- Feel free to forward the invite to relevant staff or register through the [CSDE Events Calendar](#).
- Office Hours are **optional**.

# Agenda

- Participation Numbers

- Important Reminders

- CT-SEDS and TIDE

- TA Security Confirmation/Attestation Page

# Testing Numbers as of 3/28/24

| Summative Counts as of 5:00 AM; 03/28/24 | | |
|---|---|---|
| Program | Tests Started | Tests Completed |
| Smarter Balanced | 3,683 | 2,486 |
| NGSS | 8,747 | 6,947 |
| CTAS | 63 | 53 |
| CTAA | 282 | 198 |
| CAAELP | 3,428 | 3,406 |
| Total | 16,203 | 13,090 |

# Important Reminders

- All materials are posted to the [Connecticut Comprehensive Assessment Program Portal](#).

- Paper TAMs/TCMs were delivered in late January. Contact the Cambium Help Desk if you need more.

- The testing window runs until May 31, 2024.

- There is an optional [Test Administrator Training](#) developed for districts that can be used (partially or as a whole) when preparing staff for statewide assessments.

# 2024 Testing Calendar

| State Assessment | Grade(s) | Testing Window | Delivery Method |
|---|---|---|---|
| CAAELP | K - 12 | February 1 - March 29, 2024 | Online |
| Smarter Balanced ELA & Math | 3 – 8 | March 25 - May 31, 2024 | Online |
| Connecticut Alternate Assessment (CTAA) | 3 – 8 and 11 | March 25 - May 31, 2024 | Online |
| NGSS Assessments | 11 | February 5 - May 31, 2024 | Online |
| | 5 and 8 | March 25 - May 31, 2024 | Online |
| Connecticut Alternate Science Assessment (CTAS) | 5, 8, and 11 | Test should be administered throughout the school year. Student ratings entered in the DEI: March 25 - May 31, 2024 | Online Upload March 25 - May 31, 2024 |
| Connecticut SAT School Day | 11 | March 4 - April 19, 2024 (Within the test window, schools can choose primary and make-up test dates.) | Online |

CT-SEDS and TIDE

# CT-SEDS and TIDE Updates

- CSDE is providing the following imports from CT-SEDS to TIDE:
  - ❖A one-way import of accommodations (Daily)
  - ❖Weekly off-code file (test settings removed from an IEP or Section 504 Plan)
  - ❖Alternate Assessment data (this activates the Alt Flag Indicator in TIDE)
- Allow up to 48 hours for accommodations to appear in TIDE following the IEP/Section 504 implementation date.
- Sync between CT-SEDS and TIDE occurs Monday through Friday (no holidays or weekends).
- If supports are not syncing in TIDE, verify that the student's IDEA or 504 Indicator are activated in the student demographic section of TIDE.

If the designated support/accommodation is not correct in TIDE, the district should follow these steps:

1. Confirm that the correct designated supports and accommodations are set within CT-SEDS for students with implemented IEPs/Section 504 Plans. CT-SEDS is the official system that documents designated supports and accommodations. Any change to a student's test accommodations must be documented through a PPT meeting or Amendment, or Section 504 Plan Meeting.

2. Ensure that the IEP/Section 504 Plan has been implemented. If the IEP/Section 504 Plan has not been implemented, delay testing until the plan implements and the accommodation populates in TIDE.

If the designated support/accommodation is not correct in TIDE, the district should follow these steps (continued):

3. In the rare case that a designated support/accommodation was removed from an implemented plan and TIDE does not reflect this change, the district should ensure that the School Coordinator, District Coordinator, or District Administrator is informed and then remove the designated supports/accommodation in TIDE on the day of testing.

# CT-SEDS and TIDE Accommodations

If contacting the CSDE please provide the following information:

- SASID

- IEP/Section 504 plan implementation date.

- Designated supports/accommodations currently implemented in the IEP/504 plan for each applicable test area (Smarter Balanced Math, ELA, NGSS) for State Testing Accommodations.

- Designated supports/accommodations populated in TIDE.

Checking Student Settings in [TIDE and CT-SEDS Reports](#) reference sheet.

This resource provides a step-by-step process to cross check accommodations in CT-SEDS and TIDE to ensure accurate supports are reflected between both platforms.

# Test Attestation Page

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- The attestation page will appear when a Test Administrator administers the summative assessments using the Test Administration Interface.

- They will be required to complete this before they can advance and begin creating test sessions.

- We are updating the electronic TAMs.

# Test Attestation Page

## Important!

All test items and test materials are secure and must be handled appropriately. Educators who administer Connecticut's summative assessments (e.g., Smarter Balanced, Connecticut Alternate Assessment, NGSS Assessments, and Connecticut Alternate Science) are required to maintain security of the tests, the testing materials, and the testing environment. Maintaining the security and integrity of the entire assessment process is vital to ensuring the reliability of the results and the validity of the inferences made about student performance.

Connecticut's test security requirements are outlined in the respective Test Administration Manuals listed below:

Smarter Balanced Test Administration Manual (see pages 2-5, 31 and 35)
Connecticut Alternate Assessment Test Administration Manual (see pages 25-29)
NGSS Assessment Test Administration Manual (see pages 9-11, 41 and 43)

If you have any questions, please contact your School or District Coordinator.

WARNING! You are in the process of selecting a Summative Test. Students only have one opportunity to take this test. Please confirm your selection below and click OK to continue. If you are ready to administer the SUMMATIVE TEST, type **Summative** in the box.

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**Please enter the correct word.**

OK     Cancel

# Questions

# Thank you for your participation!