

Connecticut's Commitment to Equity and Measuring Student Learning in 2020-21

Assessment



Accountability

- Assess ALL students state tests are the most accurate guideposts to our promise of equity for ALL
- Use test results to evaluate the full impact of the pandemic on student achievement and growth
- Use test scores with other data to provide holistic supports that are responsive to student needs and minimize negative effects of pandemic
- Administer state tests remotely when necessary — many districts are already doing it
- Use <u>short</u>, <u>small-scale</u>, <u>fine-grain</u> <u>tests</u> (e.g., interim blocks) before the state tests to help teachers inform instruction during the year

- On not report Accountability
 Index for schools based on
 2020-21 data*
- On not place schools in categories based on 2020-21 data*
- On not use state assessment results in educator evaluation
- Continue to support schools that were previously identified for state support
- Publicly report data when feasible and defensible (including assessment, attendance, discipline, graduation, college-and-career readiness) to ensure transparency and support

FACTS

- Connecticut students take about 3 to 4 hours total to complete the Smarter Balanced English Language Arts and Math assessments combined.
- Test sessions are flexible. Students can begin a test on one day, pause the session, and restart where they left off on a different day.
- Connecticut has supplied over <u>142,000 devices and thousands of connectivity solutions</u> through hotspots and cable connections to ensure all students can learn remotely.

^{*}Pending federal approval