

## Results from the Superintendents Survey about the Smarter Balanced Testing Calendar

Below are the results from the calendar question that was asked in the survey. The count and percent are noted. A total of about 115 surveys were started. (Not everyone completed the survey or noted all the information.)

Value		Percent	Count	Percent
1	The Smarter Balanced testing window for 2015–16 should be similar to the 2014–15 testing window.		49	60.5%
2	The Smarter Balanced testing window for 2015–16 should be shortened by starting later in the school year.		14	17.3%
3	The Smarter Balanced testing window for 2015–16 should be shortened by ending earlier in the school year.		7	8.6%
4	The Smarter Balanced testing window for 2015–16 should be shortened by starting later, as well as ending earlier in the school year.		11	13.6%
-	Total		81	100.0%

### Below are the Districts that Responded

Putnam  
Director, The Bridge Academy

### Below are the District “Open Ended” Comments that were Noted by Superintendents about the calendar

It is difficult to get all students in a large school through the testing in a short testing window.  
In our exploration of how schools scheduled their assessments last year, we were surprised to learn that when the tests were administered

did not impact performance scores; schools that were early in the window did well, and others that were near the end didn't or the opposite. It seems counterintuitive that a school with ten more weeks of instruction would not have an advantage over the early testers. I would like the State to brief us on our perceptions. Was there an association between when a schools system administered the tests and how students performed?

Easton Redding Region 9

Our issues with the timing of the SBAC were more at the high school level. We waited until the end of the window so we could get as much math in as possible. However, then we ran into AP exams and other standardized tests. Now that the high school is giving the SAT, the window doesn't matter as much. / / On an aside, I would love to have the SAT administration date.

Brookfield

The more time we have, the greater flexibility we have across schools to deal with different scenarios. Thanks for asking.

Hebron Public Schools

This allows adequate time for other testing that needs to take place in district such as NWEA and AP exams.

New Hartford

At some schools we used much of the test window primarily due to make ups for students moving in without having tested prior to moving. While we may not require the entire test window, we do appreciate the flexibility it offers in terms of choosing specific dates.

regional school district no. 7

I'm fine with it staying the way it is - but we don't test until May.

West Hartford Public Schools

If ending earlier translates to receiving results earlier...

Woodstock Public Schools

It is difficult to schedule students for the computer labs if the schedule is shortened.

New Fairfield

It would be helpful to get information regarding the administration of the SAT in Grade 11. Information such as the testing day, time, accommodations protocol, and procedures would be helpful to get as soon as possible. / / Thanks

Thomaston

The later it goes into the school year, the more it interferes with end of year benchmarks, activities, NWEA, etc. etc. / / It could keep the same start date, but ending earlier would be useful. / W

East Windsor

In my district the BOE wants us to begin assessing as late in the school year as possible so that there has been an adequate period of instruction. An early start reduces the instructional window. I selected keep the window the same as last year instead of start later however in respect of other districts who may want to begin sooner. Snow days play a factor too so an early start date without flexibility for a district to begin when it is appropriate for them is concerning to me. Provide a broad window and leave the decision up to the individual district. Thank you.

Bristol Public Schools

~starting later provides more exposure to content for our students / / ~results are requested in a more timely manner for planning purposes

Manchester

None at this time. Thank you.

Windsor

It would be beneficial if the TIDE system would allow the district an option for more than one District Administrator access.

Waterbury

Last year's window worked well for us, as we needed time in between testing (schools) to move laptop computer carts.

Great Oaks Bridgeport

I would like to see the SAT be given in late April-May

Amity Region 5

We have a middle school of 1300 students (grades 5-8). We have about 175 devices that are used for testing purposes- that allows us to test about 1/2 of a grade level at a time. One grade level even exceeds 350 students. When you multiply number of hours to test one student by the number of students we have in the building, we need all the time we can get to accomplish this. Last year we began mid March and ended first week of June.

Glastonbury

In a K-8 school like in Bolton, we test 5 grades in the testing window. To shorten the window for us could mean we are not able to complete the testing.

Vernon Public Schools

I would recommend a four week testing window in May.

Cheshire

Wallingford Public Schools

Tolland	The 2014-2015 window was helpful due to technology constraints. This year the district has invested heavily into technology to better meet the demands of the online testing. A later start would allow for more academic time prior to testing.
Seymour Norwich	From a facilitation perspective the larger window works, although the narrow window would be more indicative when comparing districts etc. Some feedback from faculty regarding starting the testing after the April break. Obviously this is difficult operation to coordinate all 169 districts.
Oxford East Haven Public Schools C.E.S.	We need the longer window for proctoring with our small staff. The longer testing period allows smaller districts to administer the tests without significantly reducing technology available for instruction. We said we wanted to keep the window the same because it gives more flexibility. If the window is to be shortened, I suggest shortening the window on the closing end. Thank you for seeking our input.
Meriden East Lyme Public Schools Cromwell Region 18	We utilize district benchmark assessments we need to also fit in to windows as well (STAR) I am concerned about the exposure to curriculum with the earlier students taking the assessments vs later test takers. None
Wolcott Bethel Integrated Day Charter School	The administrators in our district would actually prefer a window that started a little earlier but still ended at the same time as last year. They would prefer to be done with testing by early May if possible to make time for other district end-of-year assessments. The availability of computers requires a longer window for completion of the tests. None at this time
Regional School District16	I have been asked to request that test moderators can clearly see the difference between interim assessments and the actual assessments so that there are no inadvertent mix-ups.
Granby Mansfield Hartland New Canaan Winchester Region One School District Bolton Colebrook School District Sterling Highville Charter School Canterbury Killingly	Our annual district calendar, including all of our assessment plans, which are integrated and inter-dependent with our calendar and school operations, is adopted by our Board of Education in December of the preceding academic year. / / If there is to be a change in the administration window, please consider planning a year in advance. / You could use the data collected with this instrument to inform the Spring 2017 administration windows, and publish the schedule in late November / Early December, in advance of the calendar adoption cycle for school districts.

Hampton  
Wilton  
Waterford  
East Granby Public Schools  
Milford  
Coventry  
East Hartford Public Schools  
ACES  
Simsbury  
New Milford Public Schools  
Plymouth Public Schools  
Plainville  
Weston  
Norfolk  
Newington  
Danbury  
Milford  
CREC  
Portland  
Voluntown  
Sherman  
Thompson Public Schools  
Regional School District 15  
Union  
Bridgeport  
Ellington  
Norfolk  
Eastford  
New London Public Schools  
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