

Office Hours

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**Smarter Balanced
Assessments**

**Next Generation Science
Standards (NGSS)**

**Connecticut Alternate
Assessment System**



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Testing Numbers as of 5/9/24



Summative Counts as of 5:00 AM; 05/09/24		
Program	Tests Started	Tests Completed
Smarter Balanced	384,213	326,597
NGSS	65,312	60,457
CTAS	560	521
CTAA	4,572	4,153
Total	454,657	391,728



Window Closing Reminder



- Testing window for all summative assessments closes on May 31, 2024.
 - NGSS, CTAA, CTAS, Smarter Balanced, Submission of braille and large print tests and CTAS Student Score Worksheets via the Data Entry Interface
- There are **17 days** left for testing.
- There are no extensions.
- All testing must be completed by May 31.
- Tests that are paused will be submitted by the system COB.



2023-24 PSIS and State Assessments



- The Public School Information System (PSIS) provides data to test delivery systems for state summative assessments administered to Connecticut public school students.
- District PSIS Coordinators must work closely with Testing Coordinators to ensure that student information is being reported accurately.
- See the [January Student Assessment News](#) for information on updating this information.



Irregularities: Accessibility Supports



- Test Administrators should check accessibility supports for accuracy based on the finalized and implemented plans in CT-SEDS the day of testing.
- **Double check** to ensure that plans are finalized and implemented before providing supports.
- If IEP/Section 504 Plans change, do not test until the plan finalizes and implements, and ensure staff know about the changes.
- Review test settings in TIDE for accuracy for students within the general population who qualify for designated supports.



Breaches



- Take students phones away before beginning testing! (Smart Watches, too!)
- Be certain that students are not using unauthorized multiplication charts or cheat sheets.
- Actively proctor to ensure students are on task.
- Check that all student have the correct equipment, scratch paper, and non-embedded accessibility supports (if applicable).
- Remember to collect all scratch paper after testing.



CT-SEDS and TIDE



- We are continuing to work with our partners to resolve a sorting issue with the accommodations files in CT-SEDS.
- The sorting issue impacts TTS of ELA items and/or TTS of ELA passages for some recently amended plans.
- Anticipated fix coming soon.
- In meantime, if TTS is in the finalized and implemented plan and is not populating, the DA, DC, or SC can manually enter this designated support or accommodation on the morning of testing.
- CT-SEDS syncs with TIDE each morning. If you need to do a manual entry, wait until **after 8:30** in the morning in the event that the sync is running late.



Results



- Preliminary state summative assessment results are available on a rolling basis for Smarter Balanced, NGSS, and Connecticut Alternate Assessments (including the Connecticut Alternate Assessment of English Language Proficiency – CAAELP) through Cambium Assessment Incorporated’s [Centralized Reporting System](#).
- Results are tentatively scheduled for release next week for tests that have been completed and scored.
- These are preliminary and not official results; therefore, they should not be disseminated publicly.



Results



- NGSS and Connecticut Alternate Assessment results will be available after a student has taken the test.
- It may take up to 10 business days for Smarter Balanced results to become available because of the human scoring of constructed response items.
- All CAAELP scores will be available since testing ended on March 29.



Results



- As in past years, the CSDE is targeting to have all preliminary results available in the [Centralized Reporting System](#) by mid-June. Official results will be confirmed later in the summer.
- In August, districts will receive Individual Student Report (ISR) paper reports for all tests except for CAAELP.
- CAAELP Scores will be available next week as the testing window closed March 29, 2024.
- Districts will be able to print the CAAELP ISRs from the Centralized Reporting System for distribution.

QUESTIONS

FROM THE

CHAT



Thank you for your participation!

