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## Assessment Scrum

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Department of Education



# Welcome



# Welcome to The Assessment Scrum



# Who and When Do I Contact?

## **Performance Office**

860-713-6860

[ctstudentassessment@ct.gov](mailto:ctstudentassessment@ct.gov)

If you have questions pertaining to:

- State policy test administration questions
- Accommodations, designated supports, customized accommodations, special circumstances
- Reporting of security breaches
- CT-SEDS/TIDE syncing issues



# Who and When Do I Contact?

## **Connecticut Help Desk-Cambium Assessment**

**844-202-7583**

**[cthelpdesk@cambiumassessment.com](mailto:cthelpdesk@cambiumassessment.com)**

If you have questions pertaining to:

- Test administration procedure questions
- Secure browser
- Technology questions



# Sensible Assessment Webinar

Time/Topic	Topic Description
<b>Smarter Balanced Tools for Teachers - Back to Basics</b> May 1, 2025, 3 p.m.	Smarter Balanced Tools for Teachers is a free online collection of instructional and professional learning formative assessment resources aligned with the Common Core State Standards for English language arts/literacy and mathematics. Tools for Teachers offers instructional resources that provide subject- and grade-specific content based on learning standards. Each resource is vetted by trained educators using quality criteria and includes recommended instructional strategies for meeting diverse student needs. Join this webinar for a “back to basics” overview of Tools for Teachers and suggestions for future use of the tool to improve student achievement. Register <a href="#">here</a> .
<b>Individual Student Report Electronic Distribution</b> May 28, 2025, 3 p.m.	Beginning in 2027, the CSDE Performance Office will be distributing student score reports for Smarter Balanced, NGSS, and the Connecticut Alternate Assessments exclusively in a PDF format ( <u>not</u> in paper format) so districts can then distribute them electronically. The Performance Office has been distributing these student score reports in PDF for several years and some districts have been distributing reports to parents electronically via tools such as ParentSquare, SchoolMessenger, PowerSchool Parent Portal, Infinite Campus Digital Backpack, and Conductor Plus. Would your district like to learn from districts that are using these tools to distribute the reports electronically? Join this webinar as several districts outline how they distribute reports electronically using these tools. Register <a href="#">here</a> .



# Release

- CSDE will be providing results taken earlier in the window on a “rolling release” in the [Centralized Reporting System](#) (CRS).
- This will be dependent on the quality control process. The tentative date is set for Mid-May.
- All CAAELP Results will be posted at the opening of the rolling release.
- All results (NGSS, Smarter, CTAS, and CTAA) will be posted by mid-June.



# SAT Results Information

Student Answer Submission	Scores Available in K-12 Reporting Portal	Scores Available to Students	Electronic Score Reports (ESR) Available for Educators
By March 14, 2025	April 1, 2025	April 3, 2025	April 9, 2025
By March 28, 2025	April 15, 2025	April 17, 2025	April 23, 2025
By April 11, 2025	April 29, 2025	May 1, 2025	May 7, 2025
By April 30, 2025	May 13, 2025	May 15, 2025	May 21, 2025



# LAS Release

- CSDE Reviewing Data Now
- Early May for all final reports in INSIGHT
- EdSight Secure Upload end of June





# Text-to-Speech in Spanish with Spanish Toggle for Math and Science

- For eligible students who are dually identified as EL/ML, teams should document the text-to-speech and Spanish Toggle on the state assessment page of the plan. These supports will sync to TIDE when the plan is finalized and implemented.
- For eligible students **without** IEPs/Section 504 Plans, set Text-to-Speech to **Stimuli & Items** for Science and set presentation to **Spanish Toggle** in TIDE.
- Be sure that the Spanish voice pack is downloaded to the student's testing device prior to testing.
- These supports must be reflected in TIDE prior to testing. They will not work if added to TIDE after a student starts the math or NGSS assessment.

Embedded Designated Support			
Embedded Designated Support	1) ELA	2) Math	3) Science
Color Contrast	Black on White	Black on White	Black on White
Masking	OFF	OFF	OFF
Medical Device	OFF	OFF	OFF
Mouse Pointer	System Default	System Default	System Default
Permissive Mode	OFF	OFF	OFF
Print Size	No Default Zoom Applied	No Default Zoom Applied	No Default Zoom Applied
Streamline Mode	OFF	OFF	OFF
Text-To-Speech (Designated Supports and Accommodations)	None	Stimuli&Items	Stimuli&Items
Translation (Glossary)	English Glossary	English Glossary	English Glossary

Embedded Accommodation			
Embedded Accommodation	1) ELA	2) Math	3) Science
American Sign Language Video	OFF	OFF	⊗
Audio Transcriptions	OFF	⊗	⊗
Braille Type	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Closed Captioning	OFF	⊗	⊗
Customized Medical Accommodation	OFF	OFF	OFF
Exempted Domains	⊗	⊗	⊗
Math Manipulatives	⊗	OFF	⊗
Presentation (Designated Supports and Accommodations)	English	Spanish (toggle)	Spanish (toggle)



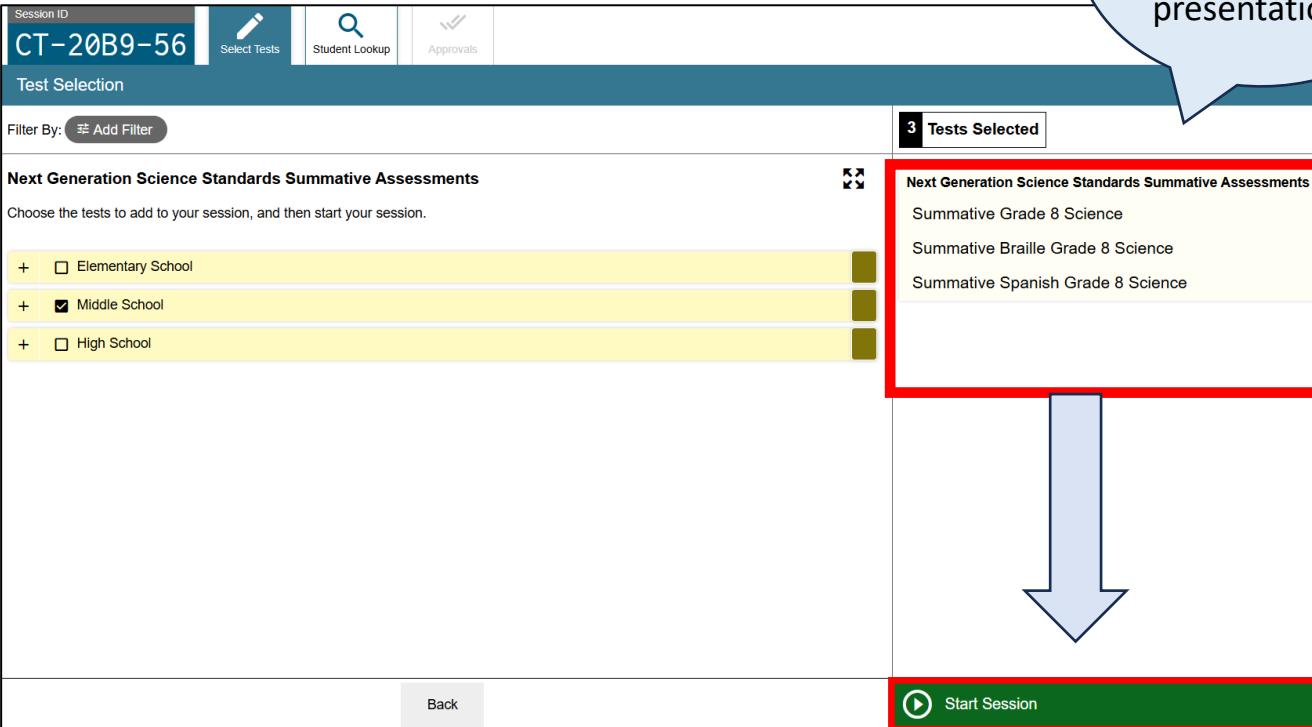
# Administering Tests with English, Spanish or Braille Presentation

1. The test administrator must select the test from the menu.  
(Middle School is shown as an example. See below.)
2. Then, select Start Session.

Depending on the student's test settings in TIDE, they will only see **one** option on their Secure Browser. For example:

- Summative Grade 8 Science
- OR
- Summative Braille Grade 8 Science
- OR
- Summative Spanish Grade 8 Science

These are the three available presentations.



Session ID: CT-20B9-56

Select Tests Student Lookup Approvals

Test Selection

Filter By: Add Filter

3 Tests Selected

Next Generation Science Standards Summative Assessments

Choose the tests to add to your session, and then start your session.

+ ☐ Elementary School

+ ☒ Middle School

+ ☐ High School

Summative Grade 8 Science

Summative Braille Grade 8 Science

Summative Spanish Grade 8 Science

Back Start Session

If the student sees the message “No Tests Available,” the teacher will need to go back to the Test Administrator Interface to make sure all three tests appear in the right-portion of the screen.



# Desmos Reminders for Math in Grades 6-8, Segment 1 and Performance Tasks

## In the Classroom:

- Teach, learn, and explore mathematical concepts.
- Learn how the calculator supports students on the assessment with the [Tools for Teachers' Accessibility Strategy: Calculator](#)
- Create graphs to download, print, emboss in braille, or share electronically.
- Desmos has assembled a collection of [unique and engaging digital activities teachers can use with students](#).



Basic  
Calculator

A simple, easy-to-navigate, four-function calculator embedded in Grade 6 math assessments.



Scientific  
Calculator

The embedded calculator for Grades 7 and 8 math assessments features basic operations plus advanced functionality.

## On the Assessments:

- Practice sample assessment items with the Desmos Calculators on the [Smarter Balanced Sample Items Website](#).
- To help students and teachers [prepare for assessments](#)—and to support delivery of tests and quizzes in classrooms—Desmos developed a suite of "Test Mode" apps that match the configuration that students will encounter on test day.



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