



# Student Assessment News

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## CT DRC Interactive Reports Webinar

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A [Connecticut/DRC Interactive Reports Webinar](#) is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 26, 2022**, from 1:00-2:00pm. Participants must register to attend. The session will be recorded and posted after the live presentation.

This webinar will provide participants with information on the key features and functionality of the DRC INSIGHT Interactive Reporting System. The session will include a review of the LAS Links scores and the interpretation of those scores as found on an individual student's Profile Report, as well as School and District reports. Participants will learn how to:

- Identify areas where students need targeted instruction
- Create and interpret reports from numeric data, charts, and graphs
- Aggregate or disaggregate data
- Download/Export reports

Questions about this event should be directed to Cristi Alberino at [Cristi.Alberino@ct.gov](mailto:Cristi.Alberino@ct.gov) or 860-713-6862.

Congratulations to Janet Stuck who is retiring on March 31! Janet has worked at the CSDE in the Performance Office for 15 years. She worked at an Approved Private Special Education Program for 15 years prior to the CSDE. Janet's work focused on special populations. She will be missed by her colleagues and by all in the field. Good luck Janet!



## Office Hours

**Smarter Balanced, NGSS, and Alternative Assessments Office Hours will be conducted every week on Thursday from 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. beginning on March 31, 2022.** To join the TEAMS meetings, [click here to join the meeting](#) or call in (audio only) 860-840-2075, with conference ID 825974607#.



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### Connecticut SAT School Day Updates

#### Fee Waivers

Fee waivers are available to eligible students. Information about [fee waivers](#) is available on the College Board web site. Test Coordinators must have access to the **College Board's K-12 Educators Score Reporting Portal** in order to access the fee waiver codes for your eligible students. If you do not have access to this site, please contact your school principal.

#### Student Access to Scores

Scores from the March administration of the CT SAT School Day will be available on April 15. Students need a College Board account to view their scores. Direct students to <https://studentscores.collegeboard.org/viewscore> to log in. Students can sign up to register for an account if students do not already have one. Some scores will be released later for conditions that require additional attention. Students will receive an e-mail from the College Board as their scores are released.

#### Returning Test Materials

Thank you for a successful first digital testing administration! There are a few items that schools must return to College Board after testing is complete. Please refer to *After the Test* on page 40 and to the chart on page 42 of the [Test Coordinator Manual](#) for details.

Materials to support the **CT SAT School Day** are available on the [CSDE CT SAT web page](#) and the [College Board's Digital Test Portal](#).

Procedure to Update Assessment Contacts	
User Roles	Procedure to Update
District Administrator (DA) in TIDE for Smarter Balanced, NGSS, CTA, CTAS	Contact <a href="mailto:ctstudentassessment@ct.gov">ctstudentassessment@ct.gov</a> .
English Learner Assessment Coordinator (ELAC)	Request the district's Contacts Manager Writer update the ELAC contact information.*
Information Technology (IT) Coordinator for LAS LINKS	Contact <a href="mailto:LASLinksPM@DataRecognitionCorp.com">LASLinksPM@DataRecognitionCorp.com</a> .
Connecticut SAT School Day Test Coordinator	Contact <a href="mailto:michelle.rosado@ct.gov">michelle.rosado@ct.gov</a> .

\*Each local education agency (LEA) has one or more individuals with the Contacts Manager Writer role who can update contact information for any of the directories listed in Contacts Manager including ELAC. A list of individuals with the Contacts Manager Writer role is available [here](#).

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### Special Populations Updates

#### LAS Links Testing Window Closed

The LAS Links Testing Window closed on **Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup>**. The CSDE thanks you and those supporting our students identified as English learners for your efforts to ensure English Learners are appropriately tested with the LAS Links assessments. We appreciate your cooperation and continued communication supporting Connecticut's students, especially those who are English learners.

#### Smarter Balanced and NGSS Paper Material Orders

The District Administrator (DA) in TIDE is responsible for ordering paper materials for students requiring Large Print or Braille test booklets. Remember that although the English Language Arts Performance Task (PT) may appear in the paper materials, it should not be NOT administered. Additionally, all student responses for Large Print and Braille must be transcribed into the Data Entry Interface (DEI) for scoring, prior to returning the secure paper documents to Measurement Incorporated. Please email [Deirdre Ducharme](#) with any questions.

#### Special Documented Accommodations

Requests for Special Documented Accommodations were due March 1, 2022. Those requests that have been initiated are currently being processed. As a reminder: no student may test with any requested special documented accommodations until the District Administrator for Testing in TIDE has received the letter of approval defining the expectations for testing. Please refer to Appendix C of the [Assessment Guidelines](#) for details. If you missed the March 1 deadline, please contact [Deirdre Ducharme](#) as soon as possible.

#### Alternate Assessment System Reminders

Eligible students identified during their annual Planning and Placement Team (PPT) meeting to participate in the Alternate Assessment System (CTAA and CTAS) must have the [Alternate Assessment Eligibility Form](#) completed and submitted into the Data Entry Interface (DEI) prior to testing. If submitted after March 1, 2022, the DA must call the CAI Help Desk (1.844.202.7583) to ensure the Alternate Assessment Indicator is set to Yes in TIDE Test Settings.

Find information related to the Alternate Assessment System [here](#). Only certified educators with the TEA User Role in TIDE who have completed and passed the [Connecticut Alternate Assessment Training – Required for Teachers Administering the Alternate \(TEAs\)](#) with a score of 80% or better will be able to: administer the Alternate Assessments, submit the Alternate Assessment Eligibility Form into the DEI, and access required alternate materials and the assessments located in TIDE (under the Secure Materials tab).

Connecticut Alternate Assessment (CTAA) Required Directions for Test Administration (DTA) are now available to TEAs in TIDE under Secure Materials. These required materials are grade and subject specific. Connecticut Alternate Assessment (CTAA) grade and subject specific PDFs are also available to TEAs in TIDE under Secure Testing Materials for those eligible students who require a paper-pencil test accommodation.

#### 2022-23 Summative Assessment Calendar

On March 1, 2022, the Performance Office released the [Summative Assessment Calendar](#) for the 2022-23 school year. Please note these dates for future planning.



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### Summative Assessment Calendar for 2021-22

Assessment	Dates
NGSS	February 7-June 3, 2022 (Grade 11) March 28-June 3, 2022 (Grades 5 and 8)
Connecticut SAT School Day (Digital Administration)	March 23-25 and 29-30, 2022 Make-up Window: April 26-28, 2022
Connecticut Alternate Assessment—CTAA	March 28-June 3, 2022
Connecticut Alternate Science Assessment—CTAS (Administered throughout the year)	(Upload Window for Submission through the DEI: CTAS Student Score Worksheet) March 28-June 3, 2022 (Grades 5, 8, and 11)
Connecticut Smarter Balanced Assessments	March 28-June 3, 2022
Connecticut Physical Fitness Assessment	Anytime during the school year

#### 2021-22 Summative Assessment Test Administration Manuals

- [Test Coordinator Manual for Summative Assessments](#)
- [Smarter Balanced Summative Test Administration Manual](#)
- [Next Generation Science Standards \(NGSS\) Test Administration Manual](#)
- [Connecticut Alternate Assessment \(CTAA\) Test Administration Manual](#)
- [Connecticut Alternate Science \(CTAS\) Assessment: Test Administration Manual](#)

#### Performance Matters Forum

**October 13,  
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**Connecticut  
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