



Student Assessment News

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Summative Assessments Cancelled for School Year 2019-20

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[Smarter Balanced Educator Recruitment](#)

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) submitted a [waiver](#) to the United States Department of Education (USED) on March 20, 2020, in regard to federal assessment and accountability requirements. The CSDE has received approval from the USED that Connecticut can begin to implement the provisions in this waiver, which includes no summative testing (Smarter, NGSS, CT SAT, CTAA, and CTAS) and no Next Generation Accountability for the 2019-20 school year. If you would like to comment on CSDE's waiver request, please email your comment to eseawaiver@ct.gov by Friday, April 10, 2020.

The CSDE is aware that many students use the no-cost Connecticut SAT for college placement. The CSDE is working closely with the College Board to offer interested grade 11 students the opportunity to take the SAT on a weekend administration at no cost. More details will be shared with schools as soon as they are available.

Additionally, the administration of the Connecticut Physical Fitness Assessment is cancelled for the 2019 – 20 school year. The CSDE will not be collecting or reporting any Physical Fitness Assessment results for the 2019-20 school year, including assessments that have already been administered.

The CSDE extends its thanks to all District Administrators, test coordinators, SSD coordinators, teachers, and staff that helped prepare for the test administration, especially working to meet deadlines related to submitting accommodations and special documented requests on behalf of their students. We truly appreciate your partnership.

2021-22 State Summative Assessment Calendar

A [memorandum](#) was sent to Superintendents on February 26, 2020, regarding the State Summative Assessment Calendar for Connecticut public schools for the 2020-21 school year. The memo also details the plans to move the administration of the Connecticut SAT School Day from a paper and pencil test to a digital administration in school year 2021-22.



Performance Matters Forum
October 22, 2020

We are here to help.
Please reach out by email to the [Performance Office staff](#).
Visit the [CSDE's web site](#) for information regarding COVID-19 updates and resources.



Connecticut Alternate Assessment



Connecticut Alternate Science Assessment



Connecticut SAT School Day



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Smarter Balanced Educator Recruitment– Update Summer Meetings Cancelled

Update– Summer meetings have been cancelled. Recruitment is for October ELA and Math. The CSDE and Smarter Balanced are seeking educators who meet all the qualifications outlined below to participate in, in-person content development activities.

Educators must meet the following qualifications in order to apply:

- currently certified to teach ELA/literacy or mathematics in a K – 12 public school or certified to teach English learners and/or students with disabilities;
 - currently teaching in a public school or currently employed by a public school, district or state education entity, including higher education located in Connecticut; and
 - within the past three years:
 - ◇ have taught ELA/literacy or mathematics in Grades 3 through 8 *or* have worked in a classroom content support role such as a literacy or district-content specialist;
- AND/OR**
- ◇ have taught students with disabilities and/or English learners in Grades 3 through 8 *or* have worked in a support role such as a district/school coordinator or instructional specialist. Specializations in visual impairments or teaching students who are deaf and hard of hearing are encouraged.
 - have previously reviewed part or all of the Common Core State Standards for the content area in which they are interested in working; and
 - for item writing, all educators must submit a statement of interest upon request that describes (a) the reason(s) for their interest in developing items for the Smarter Balanced assessment system and (b) their qualifications for doing so.

The Smarter Balanced item development process involves educators, researchers, policymakers, and community groups in a transparent consensus-driven process to help all students succeed in a global economy. The 2020 item development meetings are currently:

- **ELA and Math Item Review: Week of October 26, 2020**

All interested candidates, **including candidates that have previously applied**, must apply by submitting the [online application form](#) to Smarter Balanced by **April 20, 2020**.

Smarter Balanced will contact selected educators **directly** via e-mail. The selected educators will need to complete additional travel and contract information. Lodging, travel costs, and applicable reimbursements will be provided by Smarter Balanced following the meeting, and may include substitute reimbursement.

Please contact Michelle Rosado at the CSDE by [e-mail](#) if you have any questions.

For the most up-to-date information about AP and SAT weekend administrations, please visit the [College Board's web site](#).

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