District Test Administration Plan- 2018

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Connecticut State Assessments - 2018

The 2018 state assessments will involve students in grades 3-8, and 11*. The assessments include:

- NGSS Field Test Science (Grade 5, 8 and 11*)
- Smarter Balanced assessments (ELA, Math) Grades 3-8
- Connecticut Alternate Assessment (CTAA) Grade 3-8 and 11
- Connecticut SAT School Day Grade 11



Key updates for state assessments

• **NEW**- NGSS Field Test to replace CMT/CAPT Science administration.

At DHS, Grade 11 will take the online Field Test (90min.). Full implementation of the NGSS assessment will be in the Spring 2019. No results. Required participation.

• **NEW**- Shorter, condensed test windows at elementary level due to increased access to technology. Year 2 for middle school condensed test window.



Assessment:	Date:
SAT Connecticut Day (G11)	March 21
Smarter Balanced assessments	Elementary (G3-5): May 9-17 Middle School (G6-8): April 18- 25
NGSS Field Test (G5 & G8)	Elementary: May 18 Middle School: April 18
SAT Connecticut Day Make Up (G11)	April 24 & 25
NGSS Field Test (G11*)	Week of May 21 (schedule under review)

District Test Schedule - State assessments

Special Education & 504 students

ALL TESTS: Special Education and 504 students:

Starting in January, school-based testing coordinators (Assistant Principals), School Counselors, Special Education department heads, will ensure accommodations are noted for students with IEPs and 504 plans for all district assessments.

Upload of IEP data from IEP Direct will be on - February 15, 2018

Review will be on-going with monitoring of new 504s and IEPs created



Smarter Balanced - Testing Sequence

Smarter Balanced assessments: Testing Sequence

Prior to a grade-level testing window, staff and students will participate in online and in-person training opportunities as part of preparing for taking the SBAC. There is also a required training day.

Day 1: Orientation/Training Day

The primary purpose is to conduct a practice session to ensure test administration is fully operational. Test Administrators also have an opportunity to establish norms that ensure a safe, secure, and positive testing environment for students.

In addition, student will:

- Confirm their test locations
- Practice using their login credentials by signing in to a practice session
- Review test security and directions related to the storing and retrieving of the Chromebook, headphones, and mouse
- Review the test window and sequence for Smarter Balanced testing
- Complete a Training Test to show the various online tools embedded in the assessment.

Smarter Balanced - Student Preparation

Smarter Balanced: Student Training and Test Preparation:

- 1) Common Core aligned curriculum; Test prep materials
- 2) ELA and Math Practice Tests Elementary classroom teachers; and Math and English middle school teachers review Smarter Balanced practice test items
- 3) Smarter Balanced required online student training modules:
 - What is CAT? (Computer Adaptive Test) module
 - Embedded Universal Tools and Online Features module
 - Student Interface for Online Testing module

<u>Highly Recommended online resource review (MATH)</u>: Equation Response Editor and Calculator; Calculator for Grade 6 (Basic); Calculator for Grade 7 & 8 (Scientific).



Equipment - Smarter Balanced, NGSS Field Test

Smarter Balanced assessments: Devices, Headphones, and Mice:

Unless otherwise specified, students will be using a Chromebook for all Smarter Balanced assessment testing. A set of headphones and a mouse will be available for students. *Students can bring their own headphones*.

NGSS Field Test online at DHS:

Grade 11 will utilize Chromebook carts for the assessment



Questions?

SAT - Connecticut Day Test Time (4 hours)

Reading65 minutesWriting and Language35 minutesMath (no calculator)25 minutesMath (with calculator)55 minutesBreaks15 minutesSet-Up/Collection of Materials40 minutes

