

District Test Administration Plan, 2016


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Connecticut State Assessments - 2016

The 2016 state assessments will involve all students in grades 3-8, 10, and 11.

The assessments include:

- Connecticut Mastery Test (CMT) - Science (Grade 5, 8 only)
 - Connecticut Academic Performance Test (CAPT) - Science (Grade 10)
 - CMT/CAPT Science Skills Checklist - Grades 5, 8, 10
 - Smarter Balanced assessments (ELA, Math) - Grades 3-8
 - Connecticut Alternate Assessment (CTAA) - Grade 3-8 and 11
 - Connecticut SAT School Day* (***NEW**)
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Key Changes for State Assessments

- Grade 11 SBAC Assessment replaced with SAT
 - No retesting of CAPT Science at Grade 11 or 12.
 - No Classroom Activity (Smarter Balanced) for ELA Performance Task
 - English Learners (EL) must take the state assessments regardless of how long in the United States (does not count toward accountability)
 - No Supplemental testing for Science CMT/CAPT
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Key Dates

- District-wide communication on state assessment dates - **Thursday, January 28, 2016**
- Smarter Balanced and SAT Parent Informational sessions - **Monday, February 8, 2016** at the Darien Public Library.
- CMT Administration (Science only - Grades 5, 8) - **March 2016**
- CAPT Administration (Science only - Grade 10) - **March 2, 2016*** (*special schedule for DHS for CAPT/SAT*); Make-Up March 4, 2016 (*CAPT only*)
- Smarter Balanced Assessments window for grades 3- 8 - **April - May**
- SAT - **March 2, 2016*** (*special schedule for DHS for CAPT/SAT*); Make-Up date: April 27* (**SAT Make-Up date mandated by College Board*)

Grade	TEST	Testing Window	Test Days	Length of Test
3	Smarter Balanced	May 16 (Orientation) May 17-27	7	6 hours
4	Smarter Balanced	May 2 (Orientation) May 3-13 testing	7*	6 hours
5	<i>CMT (Science)</i> Smarter Balanced	<i>March 8</i> April 18 (Orientation) April 19-27 testing	<i>1</i> 7	<i>65 minutes</i> 6 hours
6	Smarter Balanced	May 16 -25	7	6.5 hours
7	Smarter Balanced	May 2 - 11	7	6.5 hours
8	<i>CMT (Science)</i> Smarter Balanced	<i>March 22</i> April 18-27	<i>1</i> 7	<i>70 minutes</i> 6.5 hours
10	<i>CAPT (Science)</i>	<i>March 2</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>100 minutes</i>
11	SAT	March 2	1	4 hours

Special Education & 504 students

ALL TESTS: Special Education and 504 students:

Each state assessment has specific sets of rules governing administration and accommodations available to students with IEPs and 504 plans.

Starting in December 2015, school-based testing coordinators (Assistant Principals), School Counselors, Special Education department heads, and SESS Facilitators began focused work with Central Office to ensure the correct accommodations are noted for students with IEPs and 504 plans for all district assessments.



Smarter Balanced - Testing Sequence

Day 1: Orientation/Training Day (Elementary and Middle schools ONLY*)

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.

Day 2- 7: SBAC Tests - English Language Arts (ELA) & Math

ELA (English/Language Arts)

- Two non-Performance Task sessions
- One Performance Task:

Math

- Two sessions Non-Performance Tasks
- One Performance Task



Smarter Balanced - Equipment

Smarter Balanced assessments: Devices, Headphones, and Mice:

Unless otherwise specified, students will be using a Chromebook for all Smarter Balanced assessment testing. There are a sufficient number of devices across the district.

A set of headphones and a mouse will be available for each student for testing.

Sanitary wipes for cleaning all devices and equipment will be provided as well.



Questions?

