

SBAC Update #3

Principals,

This is the next in a series of brief SBAC Updates that will be sent out periodically.

- A series training videos, along with an archive of various webcasts, for the Smarter Balance Field Test are available at:
<http://californiatac.org/training/sbft/index.html>
- Most students will be tested in a single test that contains both ELA and Math items. Five percent of students in the state will be assigned only ELA items, or only Math items. This assignment is scheduled for release around March 10th. Regardless of the test, the anticipated time of testing is between 3.5 to 4 hours to be broken into multiple sessions at the discretion of the site or teacher. Each test has an associated performance task. A Duration and Timing Information sheet is attached.
- A single letter notifying parents of both the Field Test and the remaining CST tests will be prepared by the district office. Typical to past practice, notification letters for grades 3-6 will be delivered to sites for hand distribution, and letters for grades 7, 8, 10 and 11 will be mailed.

Please reply with any question you might have since this will help in formulating an FAQ bank that I can make available.

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