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Smarter Balance Testing

What is it?

The SBAC is a summative assessment that goes beyond multiple-choice questions to include extended response and technology enhanced items, as well as performance tasks that allow students to demonstrate critical-thinking and problem-solving skills.

Why do students take it?

The SBAC gives teachers and schools information and tools they need to improve teaching and learning. It assesses students on their mastery of the grade-level Common Core Standards.

How to prepare?

Make sure students are getting a good night's sleep and eating a healthy breakfast. Breakfast is served at school starting at 7:30. Make sure your student is arriving at school on time every day. Remind them to take their time, show their work, and try their best.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
28	29	30	1	2	3	4	
5	6 ELA CAT Grades 3-5	7	8 ELA Performance Task Grades 3-5	9	10	11	
12	13 Math CAT Grades 3-5	14	15 Math Performance Task Grades 3-5	16	17	18	
19	5th Grade CAST and Makeups					24	25
26	Additional Makeups				30	31 SBAC Window Closes	1

