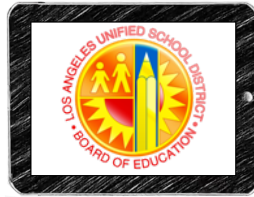


Students: Get Ready for Next-Generation Assessments!



**SMARTER BALANCED
ASSESSMENTS** =



**Common Core
State Standards**
*Our Instructional
Foundation*

**Instructional
Technology Initiative**
Our Tools for Success

**Smarter Balanced
Assessments**
Our Knowledge Check

**On-Track
for College
& Career**

***LAUSD is participating in the New Smarter Balanced
Assessments Spring of 2015!***

WHAT: What are these new assessments?

The **Smarter Balanced Assessments** are new assessments that will be given to test the knowledge of the **Common Core State Standards** in math and English language arts.

WHO: Which LAUSD students will be taking the test?

Students in **Grades 3-8** and **Grade 11**.

WHEN: When will LAUSD schools participate in the assessments?

Students in **grades 3-8** will be testing between **March 4 - June 4, 2015**, and students in **grade 11** will be testing between **April 15 and June 4**.

Schools will select their own testing dates during these windows, depending on the needs of their school.

WHY: Why did LAUSD change to these new tests?

The Smarter Balanced Assessments give students, parents and teachers a more accurate measure of student achievement to help us make sure our students are on-track for college and career.

HOW: How will students take the new test?

Students will take the assessments on electronic devices, such as a tablet or computer. No more filling in bubbles with No. 2 pencils!

**Take the
Practice
Test!**

Check out the practice test at: caaspp.org/practice-and-training/index.html

Student Test-Taking Tips



Before the test:

- ✓ Mark the testing day(s) on your calendar.
- ✓ Get enough sleep the night before the test. Your brain and body need rest to perform at their best!
- ✓ Eat a healthy breakfast to ensure your brain is working at its best.
- ✓ Wake up early and get to school on time.
- ✓ When getting ready, wear comfortable clothing appropriate for the day's weather.

During the test:

- ✓ Relax and do your best.
- ✓ Have a positive attitude – this goes a long way toward being successful.
- ✓ Read and pay careful attention to all directions.
- ✓ Read each passage and accompanying questions thoroughly.
- ✓ Keep your eyes focused on your own device.
- ✓ Don't change an answer unless absolutely necessary. Your first choice is usually correct.
- ✓ Don't get upset or frustrated if stuck on a question. Reread the question again, and then solve it as best you can. Take your best educated guess if need be.
- ✓ Use the process of elimination to help you choose the correct answer in multiple-choice questions.
- ✓ Don't worry if others finish before you. Instead, focus on the test in front of you.
- ✓ Go back and review your answers before completing the test. Make sure that you didn't make any careless mistakes.