

# Assessment Transitions

## Updates and Field Needs

WVEIS Data Conference  
June 26, 2013

# Topics

- Websites and Resources
- Operational Timeline
- Transition to Online Assessment
- Practice Test
- Field Test Expectations
- ESEA Flexibility

## Ongoing Developments and Revisions

- Smarter Balanced Website  
<http://www.smarterbalanced.org/>
- Next Generation Assessments Website:  
<http://wvde.state.wv.us/smarter-balanced/>
- Next Generation Assessment Updates
  - Monthly Newsletters
  - Updates
  - Special Editions

## Long-term Schedule of Events

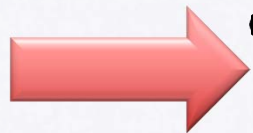


### All States Pilot Test (2012-2013)

- February through May 2013
- May 2013

- All States Field Test (2013-2014)

- TBA



- WESTEST 2 (2013-2014)

- Move to Online Assessment

- Operational Test (2014-2015)

- Go live!
- April-May 2015

# Smarter Balanced

- **What is SBAC?**
  - 1 of 2 Multi-State Assessment Consortia
  - Next Generation Assessments
  - Aligned to Common Core State Standards (NxG WV CSOs)
  - Goal of Measuring College and Career Readiness
  - State-led
  - Blend of Assessment and Instruction
- **Who is in the Consortium**
  - Educators
  - Researchers
  - Policymakers
  - Community Groups

# Member States



 Governing State  
 Advisory State

Membership status as of  
March 6, 2012

# Pilot Test

- All States Pilot Test (2012-2013)
  - February through May 2013
  - How did it go?
  - Major issues?

# Field Test

- All States Field Test (2013-2014)
  - Schedule: Similar to Pilot Test
  - Have you heard anything from schools?
  - What have you heard?
  - What concerns exist?
- **Loading Software**
  - Deep Freeze
  - Secure browser download
  - Relevant only for those schools that are taking the Smarter Balanced Field Test



# Operational Test

- Operational Test (2014-2015)
  - Go live!
  - Most current framework requirements for Operational Test:  
<http://www.smarterbalanced.org/smarter-balanced-assessments/technology/>
  - Operational requirements are different than field test requirements
  - Key issue is loss of Microsoft XP support in 2014-2015

# Administration Characteristics

- Student Experience
  - Online Assessment
  - Online Tools and Resources
  - Online Training

# Understanding the Administrator Experience

- Training
  - Web-based participation
  - Web-based modules
  - Web-based resources
- Student Delivery
  - Student data upload – handled at the **STATE** level
  - Student data upload requires county data files
  - Accommodations information will be uploaded using
  - Reporting is not applicable for upcoming field test

# Technology Considerations

- Testing Windows
  - Tools available for planning administration
  - Includes information about:
    - Devices
    - Bandwidth
    - Teacher readiness
  - Visit <http://wvde.state.wv.us/smarter-balanced/links.html> (Technology Section)
    - Testing Devices **by school**
    - Bandwidth by enrollment **by school**
    - Checklists for cross-LEA staff use

Smarter Balanced  
Assessment

PARENTS ▶

EDUCATORS ▶

TIMELINE

TERMINOLOGY

FAQS

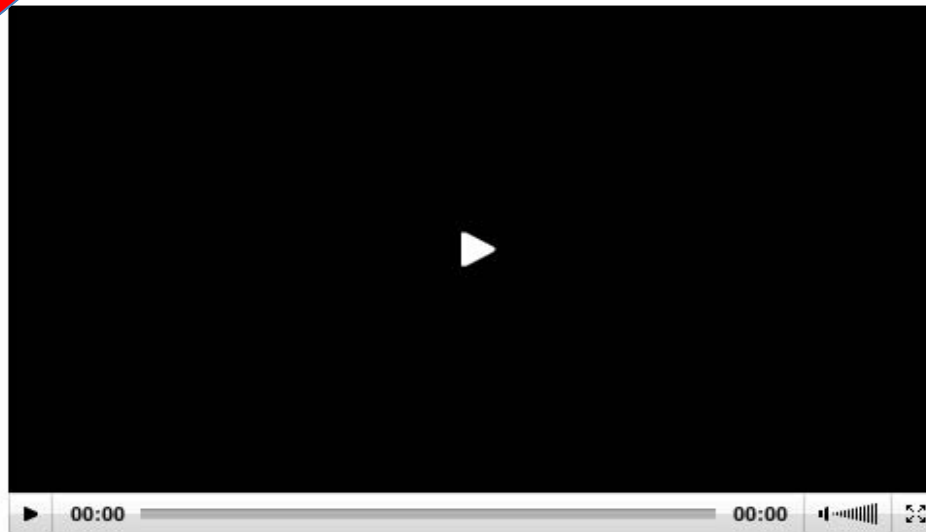
LINKS

MATERIALS

NEWSLETTERS

Other WVDE sites ▶

West Virginia  
**Smarter Balanced**  
*Assessment Pilot*



Educators

Parents

**Take the Practice Test**

**FIRST LOOK AT NEW ASSESSMENT**

Other WVDE sites ▶

[Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium](#)

[Common Core State Standards Initiative](#)

[Sample items - Mathematics](#)

[Sample items - English Language Arts](#)

## Practice Test

[Smarter Balanced Practice Test](#)

[Smarter Balanced Practice Test Information](#)

## Fact Sheets

[Computer Adaptive Testing \(CAT\)](#)

[Teachers](#)

[Smarter Balanced Core Components](#)

[Accessibility and Accommodations](#)

## Technology

[Technology](#)

[All School Broadband Connections Summary](#)

[All WV Schools Testing Devices. Specifications](#)

[Checklist for Online Assessment Readiness](#)

[Combined Broadband, Testing Devices, and Testing Sessions Indicators](#)

[Technology Framework](#)

## Classroom Activities

[Instructions for Downloading Classroom Activities](#)

[Classroom Activity Administration Guidelines](#)

## Frequently Asked Questions

[Sample Items and Performance Tasks](#)

[General Questions](#)

## Pilot Test Information



### Hardware and Software Requirements Overview

Operating System	Minimum Smarter Balanced Requirements for Current Computers <sup>1,2,3</sup>	Recommended Smarter Balanced Minimum for New Purchases
Windows	Windows XP (service pack 3) Pentium 233 MHz processor 128 MB RAM 52 MB hard drive free space	Windows 7+ 1GHz processor 1GB RAM 80 GB hard drive or at least 1GB of hard drive space available
Mac OS X	Mac OS X 10.4.4 Macintosh computer with Intel x86 or PowerPC G3 (300 MHz) processor, 256 MB RAM, 200 MB hard drive free space	Mac OS X 10.7+ 1 GHz processor 1GB RAM 80 GB hard drive or at least 1GB of hard drive space available
Linux	Linux (Ubuntu 9-10, Fedora 6) Pentium II or AMD K6-III 233 MHz processor 64 MB RAM 52 MB hard drive free space	Linux (Ubuntu 11.10, Fedora 16) 1 GHz processor 1GB RAM 80 GB hard drive or at least 1GB of hard drive space available
iOS	iPads 2 running iOS6	iPads 3+ running iOS6
Android	Android-based tablets running Android 4.0+	Android-based tablets running Android 4.0+
Windows	Windows-based tablets running Windows 8+ (excluding Windows RT)	Windows-based tablets running Windows 8+ (excluding Windows RT)
Chrome OS	Chromebooks running Chrome OS (v19)+	Chromebooks running Chrome OS (v19)+

#### Minimum Computer Requirements

Minimum requirements represent a low compliance threshold. Districts should attempt to exceed these requirements as many machines operating at these levels could struggle with sufficient on-board memory and processing to run secure browsers as well as other simultaneous running programs accumulated on the device over time.

<sup>1</sup> The minimum Smarter Balanced requirements are generally equivalent to the minimum requirements of the associated eligible operating system. Users should refer to the minimum requirements of the operating system as a means of resolving any ambiguities in the minimum Smarter Balanced requirements.

<sup>2</sup> These guidelines do not supersede the minimum requirements of the operating systems.

<sup>3</sup> All hardware choices should consider the individual needs of students. Some students may need hardware that exceeds these minimum guidelines, and some students may require qualitatively different hardware. Tablets may require the use of a mouse.

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County	School Name
Barbour	BELINGTON ELEMENTARY
Barbour	BELINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL
Barbour	JUNIOR ELEMENTARY
Barbour	KASSON ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL
Barbour	MOUNT VERNON ELEMENTARY
Barbour	PHILIP BARBOUR HIGH SCHOOL COMPLEX
Barbour	PHILIPPI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Barbour	PHILIPPI MIDDLE SCHOOL
Barbour	VOLGA-CENTURY ELEMENTARY
Berkeley	BACK CREEK VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Berkeley	BEDINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Berkeley	BERKELEY HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Berkeley	BUNKER HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Berkeley	BURKE STREET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Berkeley	EAGLE SCHOOL INTERMEDIATE
Berkeley	GERRARDSTOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Berkeley	HEDGESVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Berkeley	HEDGESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
Berkeley	HEDGESVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL
Berkeley	INWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL
Berkeley	JAMES RUMSEY TECHNICAL INSTITUTE
Berkeley	MARLOWE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Berkeley	MARTINSBURG HIGH SCHOOL
Berkeley	MARTINSBURG NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL
Berkeley	MARTINSBURG SOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL

# Smarter Balanced Practice Test

- Access
  - [http://sbac.portal.airast.org/Practice\\_Test/default.html](http://sbac.portal.airast.org/Practice_Test/default.html)
- Non-secure test



# Practice Test Compatibility

Operating System	OS Version	Supported Browsers
<b>Desktops/Laptops</b>		
Windows	XP (with Service Pack 3), Vista, 7, 8 Windows Server 2003, 2008	Windows Secure Browser 6.0 Firefox 3.6 and above
Mac	10.4.4 (all) 10.5 (PowerPC)	Mac Secure Browser 5.5 Firefox 3.6  Safari 5
	10.5–10.8 (Intel)	Mac Secure Browser 6.0 Firefox 3.6 and above  Safari 5 (OS 10.5–10.7) Safari 6 (OS 10.7–10.8)
Linux	Fedora Core 6 (K12LTSP 4.2+) Ubuntu 9–12	Linux Secure Browser 6.0 Firefox 3.6 and above
<b>Tablets/Netbooks</b>		
Android	4.0+Supported Devices: – Google Nexus 10 – Motorola Xoom – Motorola Xyboard – Samsung Galaxy Note (10.1) – Samsung Galaxy Tab 2 (10.1)	AIRSecureTest Browser for Android Default Internet browser on tablet  Google Chrome 18 and above
iPad	iOS 6.0+Supported Devices: – iPad 2, 3, Retina Display	AIRSecureTest Browser for iPad Safari 6 and above
Chromebooks	Version 18 or above	Google Chrome



# WESTEST 2 Transition

For SY 2013-2014 **(this year)**

- West Virginia is transitioning to online testing
- Use the bandwidth and device checkers to determine needs

# WESTEST 2 Transition (cont'd)

- Technology staff and assessment staff are meeting with CTB next week to determine needs around:
  - Hosting (their end)
  - Scheduling (our end)
  - Data files: enrollment, accommodations, etc.
  - Training for field: Technology and Assessment contacts
  - Reporting
- We will share information as soon as we have it

# ESEA Flexibility

- Submitted a request to USED in September 2012
- Approval of request in May 2013
- Full implementation NOW

# What is ESEA Flexibility?

## 3 Key Principles:

1. College- and Career-Ready Expectations for All Students
2. A State-Developed Differentiated Recognition, Accountability, and Support System,
3. Supporting Effective Instruction and Leadership.

# What is ESEA Flexibility?

- Flexibility needed to not be forced into unreasonable expectations set forth by NCLB
- What it means:
  - A brand-new accountability system
  - New reporting
  - New uses of same data
  - New data

# A few key points

- Proficiency-based AMOs
- A multi-measure index
- 5 school designations
- Changes to full academic year (FAY)
  - 135 days where the student is tested
- Graduation rates and AMOs
- Community Eligibility Option
  - Applications vs. Direct Certification

# Additional Flexibility

Three things offered by USED:

1.

**Not applicable due to state law**

2.

Offer the option to schools to take either

**Not applicable due to annual designations**

summative assessment

3.

Final assessment results for the 2014-2015 school year

**Not applicable based on prior two points**

2014 results.



# Questions?



# Thank you!

## Contact information

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