

New Field Test Start Date

As you are already aware, the start of the Field Test window has been shifted to March 25. Please use the following protocols to adjust testing schedules:

- Districts that anticipated administering the Field Test during the first week of testing window 1 (March 18 - March 24) will need to adjust their schedule. Districts can reschedule the testing days to fall within the remainder of the first testing window or extend testing into the first week of window 2 (April 7 – April 9). There is no need to contact ETS or the CSDE if testing is extended as noted above.
- Districts that are unable to reschedule Window 1 testing to be completed by April 9 should contact the Field Test Help Desk at 1-855-833-1969 and inform them of any changes to another testing window.
- This shift in the start date for the first testing window will not disrupt your testing schedule in any of the other three week windows. It is not necessary to reschedule these three testing windows.

Scheduled Down Times

- The original downtime dates, April 10 to April 13, 2014, and May 8 to 11, 2014, are being preserved. There is a slight possibility that April 10 will be opened for testing, but a decision cannot be made until one week in advance. These downtimes were scheduled to make necessary adjustments to the test administration platform.

Extension of Testing Window to June 13

- The week of June 9 to 13, 2014, has been added as an option for districts to use for make-up testing. Contact the ETS Help Desk at 1-855-833-1969, if your district needs to test during this week.

Contact the **Academic Office** at 860-713-6860 or SmarterBalancedCT@ct.gov with questions regarding the Smarter Balanced Assessment System. View past [Smarter Balanced Field Test Updates](#) on the CSDE Web site.