

## STUDENT ASSESSMENT NEWS

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## SMARTER BALANCED ASSESSMENT NEWS

### New Process to Create Digital Library Users

The Smarter Balanced Digital Library was recently upgraded to better support the process of adding new users. **Existing user accounts continue to allow users to log into the Digital Library.** There is a new method to create new user accounts.

To create new Digital Library accounts, prepare an Excel spreadsheet that contains the First Name, Last Name, and E-mail Address for each new user (see sample spreadsheet below). E-mail addresses must be professional (district/school) e-mail addresses. There is no limit to the number of users allowed access within a district or school.

#### Sample Spreadsheet

	A	B	C
1	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>E-mail Address</b>
2			

The completed spreadsheet should to be sent to Joe Di Garbo ([Joe.DiGarbo@ct.gov](mailto:Joe.DiGarbo@ct.gov)) only **by the District Test Coordinator**. Once the template is uploaded, each listed educator will receive an e-mail with access information.

### Usability, Accessibility, & Accommodations 2014-15 Presentation

Educators have the opportunity to receive information regarding the use of accessibility features on the Smarter Balanced assessments by registering for an online presentation or a live presentation through this [SERC Web site](#). For those unable to participate in either of these offerings, the materials from these presentations are available for download on the [Special Population Documentation and Resources](#) page of the Connecticut State Department of Education Web site.

### NCSC (Connecticut Alternate Assessment - CTAA) Pilot Update

Thank you to the 54 Connecticut schools who registered to participate in the National Center and State Collaborative (NCSC) Pilot 2 for students with significant cognitive disabilities. A special thank you to Marlborough, New Fairfield, Oak Hill, Vernon, and Voluntown for participating in both, NCSC Pilot 1 and Pilot 2. Connecticut students are well represented in the national sample which currently includes over 9,000 students. The NCSC Pilot 2 will be administered between October 20 and November 14, 2014, with the assistance of over 100 specially trained teachers. As a reminder, the NCSC Pilot 2 will shape the NCSC/CTAA which will be administered this spring from March 30 - May 15, 2015.

