



**Announcing an Extended Application Window for the State Network of Educators!**

Smarter Balanced and Connecticut are seeking educators who have **significant experience in formative assessment** and **deep knowledge of Common Core State Standards (CCSS)** to join Connecticut’s State Network of Educators and help review professional learning resources for the Smarter Balanced Digital Library. **The new application deadline is June 14, 2013!**

<p><b>State Network of Educators (SNE)</b></p>	<p>The SNEs will work with Connecticut’s State Leadership Team and play a critical role in identifying, submitting, and vetting resources for the Digital Library. Specifically, <b>between September, 2013 and September, 2014</b>, SNEs will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Receive five (5) web-based trainings</b></li> <li>• <b>Propose and review content for the Library</b></li> <li>• <b>Have early access to the resources and collaboration tools and use them for their professional learning</b></li> <li>• <b>Provide feedback on the resources and the usability of the Library</b></li> </ul> <p>We are looking for K-12 and higher education professionals with expertise in the CCSS for ELA and Mathematics and formative assessment who have served one or more of the following student types: General Education; Gifted and Talented; English Language Learners, and Students with Disabilities.</p>
<p><b>Digital Library</b></p>	<p>Smarter Balanced is committed to providing resources, tools, and professional learning opportunities for educators so that they can tailor instruction to student needs based on information from a coherent, balanced assessment system. The heart of the formative practice resources is the Digital Library. The Digital Library is an online, user-friendly, searchable library for educators that contains only high quality vetted resources. It is interactive and allows educators from member states to use and rate resources and collaborate.</p>
<p><b>Smarter Balanced</b></p>	<p>All children deserve an education that prepares them to take advantage of the wide array of career and education options available after high school. Smarter Balanced is an educator-led consortium of states that helps schools fulfill this mission by providing high-quality assessments of student progress toward meeting the high expectations defined in the CCSS for English language arts and mathematics. As a state-led organization comprised of K-12 and higher education leaders and educators, Smarter Balanced strives for quality, innovation, transparency, efficiency and fairness in the development of a formative, interim, and summative assessment system to improve teaching and learning and to support accountability.</p>

SNE’s are eligible for a **\$1500 stipend**. All qualified educators are invited to apply. For more information about the Connecticut State Network of Educators, visit the Connecticut State Department of Education Web site ([www.ct.gov/sde/SNE](http://www.ct.gov/sde/SNE)). **The application period has been extended through June 14, 2013!** To apply, please click here:

[Connecticut State Network of Educators Online Application](#)

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