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State Technology Readiness Tool

The SMARTER Balanced Assessment Consortium and the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) will collaborate with Pearson to develop a new Technology Readiness Tool to support states as they transition to next generation assessments. This tool will support state education agencies as they work with local schools to evaluate and determine needed technology and infrastructure upgrades for the new online assessments to be launched by the two consortia in the 2014-15 school year.

The Technology Readiness Tool will be launched in spring 2012. Data will also be collected twice annually through 2014 to provide updated information on technology and infrastructure readiness.



The Technology Readiness Tool will allow local schools to capture and report key readiness indicators, including: number and type of computers; local network and bandwidth infrastructure; and local staff resources and other information needed to evaluate overall technology readiness for the coming transition to digital delivery of assessments. The consortia are collaborating with the State Education Technology Directors Association to work with Pearson to support its deployment by providing states and school districts with multiple training resources.

The tentative collection window is March 20, 2012 – May 14, 2012. As more information is available on this tool, school districts will be notified.

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