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District Test Coordinator Workshops

Thank you to everyone who attended the District Test Coordinator Workshops. The [District Test Coordinator Presentation](#) is posted on the [Connecticut State Department of Education Smarter Balanced Assessment Portal](#).

District Test Coordinator TIDE Access

District Test Coordinators should have received an e-mail today from "NEAC-DoNotReply@airast.org" regarding their TIDE user account as a District Administrator (DA). Once District Test Coordinators have successfully logged into TIDE, they can create and manage district- and school-level users. Refer to page 16 of the [TIDE User Guide](#) for a description of user access to tasks in TIDE. It is important to note that all accounts from last year's Field Test are no longer active and all subsidiary TIDE accounts must be created for this year's test administration. The TIDE system can be accessed from the [CSDE Smarter Balanced Assessment Portal](#). DAs who wish to create additional District Administrators, or who did not receive this initial e-mail should contact the AIR Connecticut Help Desk at 844-202-7583 or cthelpdesk@air.org.

The TIDE access e-mail references NEAC (New England Assessment Consortium). NEAC includes Connecticut, Vermont and New Hampshire, who have contracted with American Institutes for Research (AIR) to administer the Smarter Balanced assessments.

Digital Library: Featured Mathematics Instructional Module

[Proportional Relationships: Elicit Evidence](#)

Summary: This module features live action footage from a seventh grade classroom at the Medical Professions and Teacher Preparation Academy in New Britain, Connecticut. The teacher uses real world problems to help students understand there are multiple ways to approach proportional relationships involving percent increase and percent decrease. Students participate in a Gallery Walk where each student group must construct and defend their solution paths. The students and teacher use a rubric based on the learning goals to critique the reasoning of others.

Log into the [Smarter Balanced Digital Library](#) to access this Mathematics Instructional Module that features a Connecticut teacher. This module is part of a comprehensive package of four modules, one featuring each formative assessment attribute.

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Subjects: Math - Ratios & Proportional Relationships - Content

Grades: 7 - Seventh Grade

Media Types: Document, Interactive

Special Accommodations Petition Procedure Specific to Students Identified as Deaf, Hard of Hearing or Deaf-Blind

The five documents below include definitions and procedures for Special Accommodations Petitions for *Connecticut's 2015 Smarter Balanced Accommodations for Students who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing or Deaf-Blind*. All Special Accommodations Petitions must be processed by the District Test Coordinator via a phone call to Janet Stuck (860-713-6837) or Joe Amenta (860-713-6855) to discuss the student specifics.

- [2015 Smarter Balanced Accommodations for Students who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing or Deaf-Blind Letter](#)
- [Special Accommodations Procedure Excerpt from Assessment Guidelines](#)
- [Petition for Approval of Special Accommodations for Students Identified as Deaf, Hard of Hearing or Deaf-Blind](#)
- [Human Signer Protocol for Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Deaf-Blind](#)
- [Connecticut's Accommodations for Students Identified as Deaf, Hard of Hearing or Deaf-Blind for the 2015-Smarter Balanced Assessments](#)

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CMT and CAPT Science

Shipments of 2015 CMT and CAPT Science test materials from Measurement Incorporated (MI) will begin to arrive in districts starting on January 26, 2015. All shipments of test materials should be received in districts by **February 6, 2015**. Questions about test material shipments should be directed to the MI Connecticut Help Line at 866-762-1060 or by e-mail at Connecticut@measinc.com. Test Coordinator and Test Examiner Manuals, as well as Student/Parent brochures for the 2015 CMT and CAPT Science are available on the [CSDE Web site](#).

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District Technology Upgrades to Support the Transition to the New Standards Request for Proposal

The [District Technology Upgrades to Support Transition to the New Standards](#) Request for Proposal (RFP) was released by the Connecticut State Department of Education. The RFP seeks proposals for alterations, repairs, improvements, technology, equipment and capital start-up costs, including acquisition costs to expand the availability of high-quality school models and assist in the implementation of common core state standards and assessments. The submission date for proposals is February 13, 2015. Please note that a [FAQ](#) has been created to support districts/schools as it relates to questions about the RFP. Additionally, the CSDE is seeking grant reviewers for March 3 and 4, 2015. If interested, see the [Technology Grant Review Team Invitation](#) for more information.

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Student Assessment Participation

By federal and state law, universal student assessment is required in ELA and Mathematics in Grades 3-8 and once in high school annually. Also, by federal and state law an assessment is required in science once in each school level (elementary, middle, and high school). In Connecticut, students participate in the Smarter Balanced assessments in ELA/literacy and mathematics. These assessments are given in Grades 3 - 8 and 11. In science, students participate in the Science CMT in Grades 5 and 8 and the Science CAPT in Grade 10. Some students with disabilities participate in the Connecticut Alternate Assessment and the CMT Science Skills Checklist or CAPT Science Skills Checklist. Both the CSDE and each LEA are legally responsible to administer these assessments to all students.

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Smarter Balanced Interim Assessments

Introductory information about the Smarter Balanced Interim Assessments is now available. The Interim Assessments will be released in late January 2015. The CSDE has compiled a [Frequently Asked Questions](#) (FAQ) document. More information about the Interim Assessments is available on the [Interim Assessments page](#) of the Smarter Balanced Web site.

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Connecticut State Department of Education Smarter Balanced Portal

The [CSDE Smarter Balanced Assessment Portal](#) is now available. It will house all test administration resources for Test Coordinators, Test Administrators, Technology Coordinators, as well as for parents and families. The portal also displays Recent Announcements and allows users to register for E-mail Alerts when new resources and announcements are added to the portal. The 2014 Field Test Portal will not be functioning for the operational test so it should not be utilized anymore.

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