STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Human Signer Protocol for Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or Deaf-Blind Smarter Balanced Assessments Security/Confidentiality Agreement

A Human Signer for the Smarter Balanced Assessments, as granted in the *Petition for Approval of Special Accommodations for Students Identified as Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or Deaf-Blind,* is a trained and qualified educator familiar with the student's communication needs. The student depends on the human signer to sign or read the predetermined sections of the test accurately, sign or pronounce words correctly, and speak in a clear voice throughout the test. The guiding principle in providing the Human Signer Accommodation is to ensure that the student has access to test content.

In Connecticut, school districts determine the qualifications required and provide test specific training including test security for individuals delivering the Human Signer Accommodation. The Smarter Balanced Assessments may be provided to identified Deaf, Hard of Hearing or Deaf-Blind students, in the communication system the student uses regularly in the classroom. One or more of the following communication systems can be provided: American Sign Language (ASL), Signed Exact English (SEE), Speech reader (lip reading) or Cued Speech. The letter of approval provided to schools from CSDE will specify what tests and communication system can be provided by a human signer.

For information on documentation requirements and decision-making criteria for Human Signers and all other Smarter Balanced supports please see the Assessment Guidelines.

Please sign below and fax to: 860-713-7030, attention Joe Amenta or Janet Stuck

I, _____ verify with my signature below that I have read and understand my responsibilities as a Human Signer as described above and ensure adherence to all test security practices.

_____ _____
District School

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Educator Name (Print) Educator Name (Signature) Date

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District Test Coordinator Name (Print) District Test Coordinator Name (Signature) Date