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Technology Webinar

A new secure browser will need to be installed on testing computers for the 2016-17 administration of the Smarter Balanced Assessments. The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) and American Institutes for Research (AIR) will be hosting a webinar that will cover details related to this installation, as well as other technological requirements for testing this year and necessary information about voice packs for those needing the text-to-speech accommodation. This webinar is appropriate for technology coordinators and any school staff responsible for preparing computers for online test administrations.

Live training will occur on Wednesday, [September 28, 2016, 2:15 – 3:00 P.M. ET](#). To register, click on the date above. After registering, a confirmation e-mail containing information about joining the webinar will be sent to the e-mail address you provided during registration.

If you miss the live training, you will be able to access a recorded version of the webinar through the web portal at <http://ct.portal.airast.org/> soon afterwards.

TIDE Webinar

An improved version of the Test Information and Distribution Engine (TIDE) will be released on October 6. Prior to this release, the CSDE and AIR will be hosting a webinar that will introduce and train on the new features and provide tips for navigating the improved system. The TIDE Training Webinar is appropriate for anyone in the school system who uses the TIDE system.

Live training will occur on Thursday, [September 29, 2016, 3:30 – 4:30 P.M. ET](#). To register, click on the date above. After registering, a confirmation e-mail containing information about joining the webinar will be sent to the e-mail address you provided during registration.

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Individual Student Reports for Smarter Balanced, Science, and Skills Checklist Science

Paper copies of Individual Student Reports (ISRs) for Smarter Balanced English language arts/literacy and mathematics, the CMT/CAPT Science, and the Skills Checklist Science should arrive in district by Friday, September 16, 2016. Two copies of each student's ISR will be provided; one to send to parents/guardians and the other for the student's permanent record. Approved Private Special Education Programs will receive ISRs for students who they tested. Contact the American Institutes for Research (AIR) Help Desk at 844-202-7583 if you have questions about the shipment.



TIDE Update

The TIDE system will be down for maintenance beginning September 24, 2016. The new TIDE system will re-open on October 6, in support of the 2016-17 school year.

2016-17 Connecticut State Department of Education Usability, Accessibility, and Accommodations Training

On August 18, 2016, District Administrators (DAs) were e-mailed a [letter](#) regarding the *2016-17 CSDE Usability, Accessibility, and Accommodations Training*, and the required *2016-17 CSDE Alternate Assessment System Training*. Like last year, both online and live options are available. Depending on enrollment, morning sessions are repeated in the afternoon at each site. Below are the locations and dates for the live trainings. Direct any questions to Joe Amenta at joseph.amenta@ct.gov or Janet Stuck at janet.stuck@ct.gov.

2016-17 CSDE LIVE Usability, Accessibility, & Accommodations Training	
RESC	Date
Ed Connection	October 7, 2016
CES	October 28, 2016
EASTCONN	November 3, 2016
ACES	November 15, 2016
CREC	January 5, 2107
LEARN	January 6, 2017

2016-17 CSDE LIVE Alternate Assessment System Training	
RESC	Date
CREC	September 29, 2016
Ed Connection	September 30, 2016
ACES	October 3, 2016
CES	October 13, 2016
EASTCONN	October 17, 2016
LEARN	November 18, 2016

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Connecticut State Department of Education Comprehensive Assessment Resources

Connecticut Assessments	Results and Press Release	Resources
The 2016 Connecticut Mastery Test (CMT) Science (Grades 5 and 8), the Connecticut Academic Performance Test (CAPT) Science (Grade 10), and the Skills Checklist Science (Grades 5, 8, and 10)	Released on September 6, 2016, preliminary data are available on the Online Reporting System (ORS) . Click here to read the press release .	CMT Science Parent Brochure: Understanding the Connecticut Mastery Test (CMT) Science – English ; Spanish CAPT Science Parent Brochure : Understanding the Connecticut Academic Performance Test (CAPT) Science
The 2016 Smarter Balanced test results in English language arts and mathematics (Grades 3-8)	Released on August 18, 2016, preliminary data are available via the ORS . Click here to read the press release .	2016 Communication Tools for Smarter Balanced Parent Guides (Grades 4-9)
The 2016 Connecticut SAT School Day (Grade 11)	Released on August 3, 2016, preliminary data are available on Ed-Sight . District, school, and subgroup performance data are expected to be released in September. Click here to read the press release .	2016 Connecticut SAT School Day Resources
The Connecticut Alternate Assessments in English language arts and mathematics (Grades 3-8 and 11)	Preliminary results are expected to be released in mid-October 2016.	

Smarter Balanced Digital Library (an optional resource for districts)

Digital Library Accounts

The CSDE is managing the Digital Library user accounts. To *modify* existing accounts (i.e., first/last name and e-mail address changes) or to delete accounts, District Test Coordinators (DTCs) should send an e-mail to Cristi Alberino (cristi.alberino@ct.gov). To *create* new 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.

Sample Spreadsheet

	A	B	C
1	First Name	Last Name	E-mail Address
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Smarter Balanced Digital Library (an optional resource for districts), continued

The DTC (only) should send the completed Excel spreadsheet to Cristi Alberino. Once the template is uploaded, each listed educator will receive a "Welcome to the Smarter Balanced Digital Library" e-mail (from smarter-donotreply@smarterbalanced.org) with access information.

Contact Cristi Alberino at cristi.alberino@ct.gov with any questions.

2016-17 Important Dates

 Event	Dates
The secure browsers for the 2016-17 school year must be downloaded for all 2016-17 online test administrations	Already available
Smarter Balanced Interim Assessments Testing Window (ICA and IAB) and Interim Assessment Teacher Hand-Scoring System	October 18, 2016-June 9, 2017
District Test Coordinator Workshops	TBD (Tentatively the week of January 20, 2017)
Connecticut Smarter Balanced Assessment Window	Monday, March 27, 2017-Friday, May 26, 2017
CMT/CAPT Science and CMT/CAPT Skills Checklist Science	Monday, March 27, 2017-Friday, April 28, 2017
Connecticut Alternate Assessment	Monday March 27, 2017-Friday, May 26, 2017
Connecticut SAT School Day	Wednesday, April 5, 2017 (Makeup dates: April 25 and April 26)

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