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Smarter Balanced test results, released on August 18, 2016, are available via the [Online Reporting System](#) (ORS). Results from the Connecticut Alternate Assessments in English language arts and mathematics will be released in mid-October 2016.

If you have any questions, contact the Office of Student Assessment at 860-713-6860 or via e-mail at [ctstudentassessment@ct.gov](mailto:ctstudentassessment@ct.gov).

**Smarter Balanced Results Toolkit and Supports**

The [2016 Communication Tools for Smarter Balanced](#) is a collection of online resources for educators and provides a range of information on the various assessments, including sample PowerPoint presentations and parent guides. Many of these materials may be customized when presenting Smarter Balanced results to educators, boards of education, families, and community members.

[Smarter Balanced Results Toolkit and Supports](#)



- ◆ [Online Reporting System Login QuickStart](#)
- ◆ [PowerPoint Template for District or School Results](#)
- ◆ [Back-to-School Smarter Balanced Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- ◆ [Connecticut Achievement-Level Descriptors for the Smarter Balanced Assessments](#)
- ◆ [Smarter Balanced Scale Scores and Achievement Levels](#)
- ◆ Smarter Balanced Sample Individual Student Report ([Grade 5](#) and [Grade 8](#))
- ◆ [Connecticut Smarter Balanced Interpretive Guide 2016](#)
- ◆ [Parent Guides](#) (Grades 4-9)

 **Spring 2015 Smarter Balanced ELA CAT-Only Rescored Student Data File**

The following information was released in a letter sent on September 1, 2016, to Superintendents of Schools on behalf of Chief Performance Officer, Ajit Gopalakrishnan, regarding Smarter Balanced assessment data:

“As you are aware, the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) discontinued the English Language Arts (ELA) Performance Task from the Smarter Balanced summative assessment in February 2016. Therefore, the CSDE scored the 2014-15 data unofficially based solely on the computer-adaptive test (CAT) portion of the ELA test. This rescoring enables a valid comparison of the CAT-only results from 2014-15 to 2015-16.

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### Spring 2015 Smarter Balanced ELA CAT-Only Rescored Student Data File, Continued

When the CSDE released preliminary results from the 2015-16 Smarter Balanced assessments on August 18, 2016, it also provided aggregate CAT-only results for 2014-15 at the following levels: district, district by grade, school, and school by grade. This was designed to help you and your staff to review and communicate the high level changes in the ELA results.

The CSDE is now pleased to provide those unofficial results at the student level. A list of these students is available from the Downloads section of PSIS Registration. This download can be accessed by your district's PSIS coordinator. The downloadable file will include the new scale score and achievement level for each student; it will also contain the SASID, district, school, demographic, and subgroup values. This should enable staff in your district to conduct more detailed analyses as necessary.

Please note that these rescored results are not provided to the student but are instead intended to facilitate fair comparisons for accountability purposes. These rescored results will be used for evaluating the academic growth achieved by the same student from 2014-15 to 2015-16 which is Indicator 2 of the Next Generation Accountability System. Additional details about this indicator and Connecticut's model for measuring academic growth will be provided at a later date."

For questions regarding the rescored ELA results, please contact Pei-Hsuan Chiu at [Pei-Hsuan.Chiu@ct.gov](mailto:Pei-Hsuan.Chiu@ct.gov). For questions regarding PSIS, please contact Kendra Shakir at [Kendra.Shakir@ct.gov](mailto:Kendra.Shakir@ct.gov).



### 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](mailto:joseph.amenta@ct.gov) or Janet Stuck at [janet.stuck@ct.gov](mailto: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, 2106
LEARN	January 6, 2016

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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The CSDE will cover the cost for students in **Grades 10 and 11 in Alliance Districts** to take the **PSAT/NMSQT** in October 2016. Many districts have already contracted with the College Board for this assessment. Alliance Districts should know that the CSDE will work with the College Board to assume the cost of those contracts. Alternatively, if Alliance Districts have not yet contracted with the College Board, but are interested in administering the PSAT to Grade 10 and/or Grade 11 students in October 2016, please contact Michelle Rosado as soon as possible at [michelle.rosado@ct.gov](mailto:michelle.rosado@ct.gov). The following important considerations are related to the October 2016 PSAT/NMSQT test administration.

- For students with an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or a 504 Plan who need accommodations, requests must be entered into the College Board's Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) online system by **August 30, 2016**.
- PSAT/NMSQT orders are due by **September 23, 2016**.

If there are any questions, please contact Michelle Rosado at [michelle.rosado@ct.gov](mailto:michelle.rosado@ct.gov).

### 2016 Connecticut SAT School Day Results and Resources

The statewide results from the 2016 administration of the Connecticut SAT School Day were released on August 3, 2016, and are available on [EdSight](http://EdSight). Data regarding district, school, and subgroup participation on the Connecticut SAT School Day are expected to be released in early September. Below are supports for districts when presenting Connecticut SAT School Day results to educators, boards of education, families, and community members.

#### [SAT Resources](#)



- ◆ [Connecticut SAT School Day Statewide Results](#)
- ◆ [College Board Score Reporting Portal](#)
- ◆ [SAT Concordance Report](#) and [Tables](#)
- ◆ [College Board- SAT Understanding Scores 2016](#)
- ◆ [Connecticut SAT School Day Reporting Descriptors](#)
- ◆ [Results Template Power Point for School or District Results](#)
- ◆ [College Board Steps to Accessing Results for Educators and Students](#)
- ◆ [Sample SAT Student Report](#)
- ◆ [College Board Steps to Accessing Results for Educators and Students](#)
- ◆ [Connecticut SAT School Day General Overview PowerPoint Presentation](#)
- ◆ [FAQs for Districts and Schools](#) and [Parents/Families– English Spanish](#)
- ◆ [SAT College and Career Readiness Benchmark Comparison Chart: Pre-2016 SAT and Redesign SAT](#)

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### 2016-17 Important Dates

Secure Browser Release	The <a href="#">secure browsers for the 2016-17 school year</a> are now available. This version of the secure browser is required and must be downloaded for all 2016-17 online test administrations.
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	January 2017 (TBD)
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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