



## STUDENT ASSESSMENT NEWS

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### District Test Coordinator Workshops

District Test Coordinator Workshops are scheduled for January 20 – 22, 2016, at the Institute of Technology and Business Development (ITBD) in New Britain. Training will be provided for the administration of the Smarter Balanced Assessments for English language arts/literacy and mathematics, CMT/CAPT Science, CMT/CAPT Skills Checklist Science, and the Connecticut Alternate Assessments (CTAA) for English language arts and mathematics. These trainings are intended for District Test Coordinators. Information will be provided to support training School Coordinators and Test Administrators. **Registration is limited to two attendees per district.** District Test Coordinators should [register for this workshop](#).

Additionally, Test Center Supervisors (SAT School Coordinators) are invited to attend training for the Connecticut SAT School Day during this same week at ITBD. Information about times and registration will be available soon.

### Connecticut SAT School Day

#### Connecticut SAT Student Registration

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) will provide College Board with the Grade 11 students who will need to be administered the Connecticut SAT. This file will be drawn from the Public School Information System (PSIS). College Board will compare the CSDE file to students who have previously tested with the College Board and bulk register matched students. The remaining unmatched students will be required to complete a paper registration form in advance of test day. More specific instructions regarding paper registrations for unmatched students will be provided in early January.

#### Connecticut SAT Train the Trainer Workshops

The College Board, in conjunction with the CSDE, will be providing several train the trainer workshops in the areas of English language arts (ELA). The workshops are intended to prepare school and district staff to train their teams on content critical shifts on the redesigned SAT. Each district (including Approved Private Special Education Programs) can register **two staff members** to participate in a full-day workshop. Department leaders, teachers, curriculum specialists or others who expect to present this training to their respective district teams are invited to attend.

Workshop	Location	Date/Time
Connecticut SAT Train the Trainer Workshop ELA	Crowne Plaza 100 Berlin Road Cromwell, CT 06416	January 13, 2016 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. <a href="#">Register</a>
		January 14, 2016 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. <a href="#">Register</a>

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## College Board Educator Accounts

School personnel who want to access student-level SAT results are encouraged to create a [College Board Education Professional Account](#). A College Board Professional Account is necessary to log into the [Integrated Reporting Portal](#). Information about reporting such as Managing User Access is located on the [College Board's K-12 Assessment Reporting Help](#) page.

## CMT/CAPT Science

### 2016 CMT and CAPT Science

The testing window for the 2016 CMT and CAPT Science is March 1 – 29, 2016. As in past years, most students will be taking the tests using paper-and-pencil test booklets. The printed test materials including administration manuals are scheduled to arrive in districts between January 22 and February 2, 2016. The number of test materials shipped is based on the number of students enrolled in Grades 5, 8 and 10 from the Connecticut Public School Information System (PSIS). Students using paper-and-pencil test booklets will use Pre-ID labels included in the shipment.

Students who qualify for certain test accommodations will be taking the tests online using American Institutes for Research's (AIR) Test Delivery System (TDS). Refer to the [CSDE Assessment Guidelines](#) for further information about test accommodations. Information about marking a student for online testing in TIDE will be available soon.

The CMT or CAPT Skills Checklist Science must be submitted for eligible students during the testing window, March 1 – 29, 2016, using the Data Entry Interface (DEI) on the [Connecticut Comprehensive Assessment Program portal](#). School district personnel are also required to complete a Learner Characteristic Inventory (LCI) for each student assessed with the CMT or CAPT Skills Checklist Science using the DEI.

For general questions about the 2016 CMT and CAPT Science administration, contact Jeff Greig ([jeff.greig@ct.gov](mailto:jeff.greig@ct.gov)). For questions about special populations of students, test accommodations and the CMT and CAPT Skills Checklist Science, contact the Student Assessment Office at 860-713-6890.

## National Center and State Collaborative (NCSC)

### NCSC 2015 Test Results

The [2015 National Center and State Collaborative AA-AAS Results Letter](#) was sent to District Test Coordinators on December 11, 2015. Supporting resources include the [NCSC Parent Overviews](#) and the [Connecticut NCSC 2015 Guide for Score Report Interpretation](#). Additionally, the [2015 Writing Score Rubrics](#), [NCSC 2015 English Language Arts Performance Level Descriptors](#) and [NCSC 2015 Math Performance Level Descriptors](#) to support instruction are available.

## Connecticut Smarter Balanced and CMT/CAPT Science

### Technology Requirements for Online Testing Webinar

A recording of the [Technology Requirements for Online Testing webinar](#) and the [PowerPoint presentation](#) are available on the Connecticut Comprehensive Assessment Program portal. The webinar provided an overview of the technology requirements needed on all computers and devices for online testing (Smarter Balanced and students who will be administered the CMT/CAPT Science

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online), information on secure browser installation, and voice packs for text-to-speech.

## TIDE, How to Start/Monitor Online Testing, and Test Settings Webinar

A recording of the [TIDE, How to Start/Monitor Online Testing, and Test Settings webinar](#) is available on the Connecticut Comprehensive Assessment Program portal. This webinar provided an overview of how to navigate the Test Information Distribution Engine (TIDE) and the Test Delivery System (TDS) including how to set student settings in TIDE and how to start and monitor a test session using the Test Administrator (TA) Interface.

2015-16 Important Dates	
Connecticut SAT: Train the Trainer Workshop for ELA	January 13, 2016 and January 14, 2016
District Test Coordinator Workshops	January 20 – 22, 2016
Connecticut SAT School Day	March 2, 2016 make up: April 27, 2016

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