



## STUDENT ASSESSMENT NEWS

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### 2017 Connecticut SAT School Day Results on EdSight

Use the quick links below to access articles or sections included in this newsletter.

Results from the 2017 Connecticut SAT School Day have been posted to [EdSight](#). A [press release](#) is available. The FAQ [Connecticut SAT School Day Reporting](#) provides information regarding the reporting differences between EdSight and the College Board score reporting portal.



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### 2017 PSAT for Alliance Districts and 2018 AP for Low Income Students

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) will cover the cost for the fall 2017 administration of the PSAT for Grade 11 students who attend Alliance Districts. Additionally, the CSDE and College Board will cover the entire cost of 2018 Advanced Placement (AP) exams for low-income students who attend public school in Connecticut.

### 2017-18 Testing Designated Supports/Accommodations Form

The new [2017-18 Testing Designated Supports/Accommodations Form](#) is available online. You may use this form for students with an individualized education program (IEP), a Section 504 Plan and/or for English learners (ELs). As a reminder, there is no need to amend IEPs if you used last year's form and did not make any changes.

### Performance Matters Forum Registration Open

[Registration is open](#) for the Performance Matters Forum being held on September, 12, 2017, at the Radisson Cromwell. Though there is no formal session registration we would appreciate it if you would provide some initial preferences for sessions for each of the four-session blocks. A [preview of the sessions](#) is provided to inform initial preference selections.

Please visit the [Performance Matters Forum 2017 Web site](#) to view the Forum program. Contact [Gil Andrada](#) if you have any questions.



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**2018 Summative Assessment Calendar**

A [memorandum](#) from Commissioner Wentzell sent on July 24, 2017, details the 2018 summative assessment calendar. The chart below lists the state assessment windows for 2018.

2017–18 Summative Assessment Calendar			
Content Area(s)	Assessment	Grade(s)	Testing Window
English Language Proficiency: Speaking, Listening, Reading, and Writing	LAS Links	K–12	January 3–March 9, 2018
English Language Arts & Mathematics	Connecticut Smarter Balanced	3–8	March 26–May 25, 2018
	Connecticut SAT School Day	11	<i>Primary Test Date:</i> March 21, 2018  <i>Makeup Dates:</i> April 24 and 25, 2018
	Connecticut Alternate Assessment	3–8 and 11	March 26–May 25, 2018
Science	CMT	5 and 8	March 26–May 25, 2018
	CMT Skills Checklist	5 and 8	March 26–May 25, 2018
	Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) Assessment Field Test	5, 8 and 11	March 26–May 25, 2018 (Grade 11)  April 30–May 25, 2018 (Grades 5 and 8)
	NGSS Alternate Assessment Field Test	5, 8 and 11	April 30–May 25, 2018 (Grades 5, 8, and 11)

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**Summative Assessment Updates**

**Operating System Support Plan**

The [Operating System Support Plan](#) document outlines the supported operating systems during the upcoming test administration and following years. This plan helps districts and schools manage operating system deployments based on the support timelines. This document was also recently released for district planning purposes.

**Individual Student Reports for Smarter Balanced Assessment and Science Assessment**

Individual Student Reports (ISRs) will be sent to school districts by mid-September. This includes ISRs for Smarter Balanced and Science. The ISRs for Smarter Balanced and Science will be shipped separately.

**Smarter Balanced Assessment Preliminary Public Results Released**

An e-mail was sent the morning of July 14, 2017, from Chief Performance Officer Ajit Gopalakrishnan regarding the release of the Smarter Balanced Preliminary Public Results. Attached to the e-mail was a [draft press release](#), and a spreadsheet with [state- and district-level results](#).

The results show that overall state test scores are up slightly in mathematics with half of Alliance Districts outpacing state math improvement. In English language arts, the overall results are down slightly, but over 30 percent of districts are showing improvement. The state is still performing higher than in the first year of 2014-15.

Final results for all districts, schools, and subgroups, will be available through EdSight in late August. At that time, in addition to achievement results, users will also be able to access growth results based on the Smarter Balanced growth model.

**AIR System Hardware Upgrade**

AIR systems are undergoing a hardware upgrade from Friday, August 18–Sunday, August 20, 2017. All systems (TIDE, TDS, ORS, AIR Ways, AVA) will be offline during this time.

**System Requirements for Online Testing**

The document, [System Requirements for Online Testing](#), outlines the basic technology requirements for administering an online assessment, including operating system requirements and supported web browsers. It was recently released for district planning purposes.

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