

# Smarter Balanced Assessments

## Overview

- The Smarter Balanced Assessment replaces the California Standardized Testing and Reporting and will measure student learning of the new Common Core State Standards (CCSS) for both English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics. These standards are meant to ensure that students are better prepared for college and career. Changes in teaching and learning are needed because students will be asked to do more challenging work. This test is taken on the computer.

## Importance

- Standards list expectations for what students should know and be able to do at each grade level. The Common Core State Standards are replacing the California Content Standards. They will be affecting what your child is expected to learn in each grade level so it is important to stay aware of the new learning expectations. The district will also be using Standards Based Report Cards to make sure learning matches the new standards.

## Steps to Take

- Review the materials on Common Core State Standards
- Talk to your child's teacher about how the standards are being taught in the classroom
- Keep up to date on the changing standards as your child moves on to different grades

## Links for more Information

- [SFUSD guide to English Language Arts changes](#)
- [SFUSD guide to mathematics changes](#)
- [Guide to understanding Standards Based Report Cards](#)