Optional: Smarter Balanced Interim Assessment 2019-2020

The Smarter Balanced Interim Assessments are aligned to the Nevada Academic Content Standards and are a key component of the balanced assessment system that provides actionable data to measure a student’s progress. The interim assessments are designed to allow all students to demonstrate what they know and can do. Students will have the opportunity to analyze and problem solve the questions in mathematics and English Language Arts on the interim assessments and will be better prepared for the Criterion Reference Test (CRT) administered in spring of 2020.

The interim assessments are not mandated and may be used at the discretion of the school at any time during the 2019-2020 testing window.

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| **TESTING WINDOW** | **TESTS** | **GRADE LEVEL** |
| September 30, 2019-May 15, 2020 | English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics | 3 through 8 |

The interims consist of the following assessment types:

**Interim Comprehensive Assessments (ICAs)** assess the same content and report scores on the same scale as the summative assessments. These mirror the summative assessments in both length and structure.

**Interim Assessment Blocks (IABs**) focus on a smaller set of concepts and provide data that can be used to make timely instructional decisions to support student learning.

**Focused Interim Assessment Blocks (Focused IABs)** assess no more than three assessment targets to provide educators with a more detailed understanding of student learning.

Smarter Balanced Interim Assessments allow teachers to check student learning throughout the school year, giving them information they can use to target their teaching to fill gaps and move students forward.

If there are questions regarding the specific use of the interim assessments, please contact your child’s school.

For more information on the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium, please visit <http://www.smarterbalanced.org/parents/>.

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