

Subject: Smarter Balanced Assessment Testing Window

RSA 193-C: Statewide Education Improvement And Assessment Program

Testing Window for Spring 2015 Smarter Balanced Assessment Administration

The Smarter Balanced Assessment Testing Window will open statewide on Monday, March 16, 2015. The window is 12 calendar weeks and will end on Friday, June 5, 2015. All assessments must be completed by grade spans within the 12 week window; however you do not need to take the whole 12 weeks if you are able to test in a shorter span using the overlapping week schedule described below. The grade spans within the window are:

- Grades 3 & 4 during weeks 1-6
- Grades 5 & 6 during weeks 3-8
- Grades 7, 8, & 11 during weeks 5-12

Makeup assessments will occur during the appropriate window. Each school district will determine, based on their own calendar, when they can begin testing and their testing schedule. It is important, however, that grades 3-8 have completed at least 66% of instructional days prior to beginning testing and Grade 11 must have completed 80%.

Additionally, districts need to let Scott Mantie know by December 1, 2014 if they have no option but to administer the paper and pencil version of the Smarter Balanced Assessment.

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