

Smarter Balanced Training Tests, Practice Tests, and Interim Assessments

At-a-Glance

There are many tools available to teachers to gauge their students' learning and prepare them for the summative and alternate assessments for English language arts/literacy (ELA) and mathematics. This document provides a side-by-side comparison of training tests, practice tests, and interim assessments to help teachers decide which tool best fits their needs.

Information	Training Tests	Practice Tests	Interim Assessments
Purpose	Allow students to become familiar with the testing interface and available accessibility resources.	Provide students with opportunities to become familiar with the format and structure of a summative assessment.	Provide teachers with information on student performance to help gauge students' knowledge and skills.
Grade Levels	One test is available for each grade span—grades three through five, grades six through eight, and high school.	One test is available for each tested grade level—grades three through eight and high school.	One mathematics and one ELA Interim Comprehensive Assessment (ICA) and multiple Interim Assessment Blocks (IABs) are available for each of grades three through high school.
Items	Approximately 6 items are available for each ELA and mathematics per grade span above.	Approximately 30 ELA items, 30 mathematics items, 1 ELA performance task, and 1 mathematics performance task are available per grade level above.	IABs include 3 to 18 items, and ICAs contain 38 to 42 items. Some IABs and all ICAs require hand scoring.
Scoring	Results are not reported and no scoring guides are available.	Results are not reported, but scoring guides are available to assist in scoring.	Answer keys and hand scoring guides are available. Results are reported once all scoring (including hand scoring) has been completed and submitted.
Logon	Access is available to anyone through a guest logon at https://www.caaspp.org/practice-and-training/ .	Access is available to anyone through a guest logon at https://www.caaspp.org/practice-and-training/ .	Available to local educational agency staff who log on with their assigned Test Operations Management System credentials.
Opportunities	There is an unlimited number of testing opportunities.	There is an unlimited number of testing opportunities.	There is an unlimited number of testing opportunities for IABs and up to three opportunities for each student per ICA.

Find additional information on the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress Practice and Training Test web page at <https://www.caaspp.org/practice-and-training/> and on the California Department of Education Smarter Balanced Interim Assessments web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sa/sbacinterimassess.asp>.