



**Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC)
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The Clark County School District SBAC Newsletter is a monthly e-mail that reports on current and upcoming Smarter Balanced development activities. To join the CCSD Smarter Balanced Newsletter, visit the website:

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Smarter Balanced Sample Items and Performance Tasks

The Smarter Balanced sample items and performance tasks were released on Tuesday, October 9, 2012. The sample assessment items and performance tasks can be viewed on the Smarter Balanced website at <http://www.smarterbalanced.org/sample-items-and-performance-tasks/>.

Spring 2013 Pilot Testing

Approximately 65 Clark County School District schools have been scientifically selected, along with many other schools from the SBAC states, to participate in the Spring 2013 SBAC Pilot Test. Statisticians from SBAC will conduct studies on student performance on the test items in order to prepare reliable and valid tests when SBAC replaces the CRTs and the Grade 11 NHSPE in the 2014-2015 school year.

All other CCSD schools may volunteer to participate in the Spring 2013 SBAC Pilot Test. Although SBAC will not study student performance from the volunteer schools, participation may give students beneficial experience in attempting next generation adaptive online tests.

For more information on the Spring 2013 SBAC Pilot Test, please visit the Smarter Balanced website at <http://www.smarterbalanced.org/pilot-test/>.