



**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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Support for Under-Represented Students

The Smarter Balanced assessment system will provide accurate measures of achievement and growth for students with disabilities and English language learners. The assessments will address visual, auditory, and physical access barriers—as well as the unique needs of English language learners—allowing virtually all students to demonstrate what they know and can do. To learn more visit the [Smarter Balanced website](#).

Spring 2013 Pilot Testing - Volunteer Sites

The volunteer portion of the Pilot Test is open to all interested schools providing the opportunity to experience the assessment and some of its basic features. This is an excellent opportunity for teachers and students to familiarize themselves with the new test format and Common Core State Standards (CCSS). Schools will have flexibility to administer the Pilot Test in a way that best meets their needs. To [sign up](#) to participate in the volunteer portion of the Pilot Test, please complete this [online survey](#) by Wednesday, March 27, 2013.

Smarter Balanced Sample Items and Performance Tasks

The sample assessment items and performance tasks can be viewed on the [Smarter Balanced website](#).