



**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:

<http://ccsd.net/divisions/assessment-accountability-research-school-improvement-division/sbac>

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Scoring Guides for Smarter Balanced Practice Tests Now Available

Scoring guides are now available for the Smarter Balanced Practice Tests in grades three through eight and grade eleven for English-language arts (ELA) and mathematics. In addition, a scoring guide is now available for each of the Braille Practice Tests, which include grades four, seven, and eleven for ELA and grades three, seven, and eleven for mathematics.

The scoring guides are available on the Smarter Balanced Web page at:

http://sbac.portal.airast.org/Practice_Test/resources.html

The scoring guides provide answer keys to multiple-choice and short-answer questions in addition to scoring rubrics for constructed-response items. For selected-response items, the scoring guides describe the rationale for correct and incorrect answers. For constructed-response items, the scoring guides explain the criteria that must be met for each possible score.

Smarter Balanced FAQ for Teachers

The Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium has posted answers to the global questions educators are asking about the new assessment system. Answers to the most frequently asked questions can be found at: <http://www.smarterbalanced.org/resources-events/faqs/>

SBAC Highlights:

- **Smarter Balanced Practice Tests**

Information and access to the Practice Tests can be found here: <http://www.smarterbalanced.org/pilot-test/>