



**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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Smarter Balanced Field Test

The Nevada Department of Education has communicated that 237 schools in the state will participate in the Smarter Balanced Field Test in the spring of 2014. The schools have not yet been identified; however this information will be released soon. Participating schools will take either the Reading or Math Field Test for a designated grade level. Support will be available for all identified schools.

Smarter Balanced has stated that the Field Test will closely resemble the summative assessment that students will participate in during the spring of 2015. The Field Test will assist in gathering information necessary for evaluation of item quality for the 2015 assessment. Preliminary achievement standards will also be impacted by the results of the Field Test.

SBAC Highlights:

- **Smarter Balanced FAQ for Teachers** - <http://www.smarterbalanced.org/resources-events/faqs/>
- **AARSI Smarter Balanced Assessment eLearning**

Log into Pathlore > Online Content Search > Type "SBAC" into the keyword search, click *Go* and select the course of your choice and click *Start Course*.

This eLearning was also captured on DVD and sent to each school site principal.

- **Smarter Balanced Practice Tests**

Information and access to the Practice Tests can be found here:

<http://www.smarterbalanced.org/pilot-test/>