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Field Test Participation: March 25 to June 13, 2014

- 22 states, 16,549 schools and 4.2 million students
- Largest online assessment ever

Technology and the Field Test

- The test delivery platform functioned well, with limited glitches given approximately 184,000 simultaneous users on peak days
- Software and system issues were identified and resolved quickly and schools were given the opportunity to test site-base technology and bandwidth under real-world conditions

Next Steps

Information from the Field Test will be used this fall to establish achievement levels for the assessment system. In addition, Smarter Balanced will:

- Review question responses and flag questions for editing or deletion
- Review the directions for test items and performance tasks to ensure that they are clear for teachers and students
- Analyze teacher and student surveys conducted by states and publish a report later this summer
- Launch a Usability, Accessibility, and Accommodations Guidelines Committee to review additional universal tools, designated supports, and accommodations for inclusion in the operational assessments

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