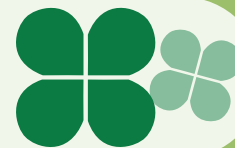


Tools for Teachers and Other Formative Assessment Online Tools

At-a-Glance



Formative assessment supports teaching and learning in flexible ways. This document describes online tools available from the California Department of Education (CDE) to help educators gauge their students' learning and determine next steps for instruction. All of the tools listed support English language arts/literacy (ELA) and mathematics, and select tools support science as noted. Educators can use this document to help determine which tool(s) best fit the instructional needs of their students.

| Tool | How this Tool Supports the Formative Assessment Process |
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| Tools for Teachers Website* | This website permits access to educator-created lessons—with embedded formative assessment and accessibility strategies—and professional development resources that can supplement instruction and boost learning. The formative assessment process is evident throughout all resources for ELA, mathematics, and science. The Tools for Teachers website is available at https://smartertoolsforteachers.org/ . |
| Interim Assessment Item Portal* | This portal permits access to Smarter Balanced Interim Assessment items, allowing educators to identify specific items that align with the sequence of instruction. The Interim Assessment Item Portal is available at https://interimitems.smartertoolsforteachers.org/ . |
| Interim Assessment Viewing System* | This system permits access to preview interim assessments in preparation for test administration, or use in a formative manner with students during instruction. The Interim Assessment Viewing System is available at https://capt.tds.cambiumast.com/student/?a=ResponseEntry . |
| Smarter Content Explorer Website | This website provides a user-friendly platform for educators to access the Smarter Balanced Item Specifications. It can help educators better understand how Smarter Balanced assessment items connect to academic standards and access resources including assessment blueprints, content relevant vocabulary, and rubrics. The Smarter Content Explorer website is available at https://contentexplorer.smarterbalanced.org/ . |
| Sample Items Website | This website provides access to examples of the types of test questions used on Smarter Balanced assessments in ELA and mathematics. The Sample Items website is available at https://sampleitems.smarterbalanced.org/ . |
| Annotated Student Response Tools | These tools provide an easy-to-use platform for educators to access student writing samples with scoring annotations and rationales to better understand how student writing is scored. Annotations for ELA assessments can be found on the Smarter Annotated Response Tool website at https://smart.smarterbalanced.org/ . Annotated examples for science can be found on the Online Practice Test Scoring Guides and Directions for Administration web page at https://www.caaspp.org/ta-resources/practice-training.html . |
| California Educator Reporting System (CERS) Sandbox | This training tool allows educators to become familiar with the features and functions of CERS in a non-secure environment. For the Smarter Balanced Interim Assessments, CERS provides item-level information, including student responses to each item. The Reporting System Sandbox website is available at https://CERSsandbox.smarterreporting.org . |

* Requires Test Operations Management System (TOMS) logon credentials to access

For more information about formative assessment resources, visit the CDE Smarter Balanced Tools for Teachers web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sa/tools-for-teachers.asp> and the CDE Smarter Balanced Interim Assessments web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sa/sbacinterimassess.asp>.

