

ASSESSMENT CHANGES FOR THE 2013-14 SCHOOL YEAR

South Dakota is an early adopter of Smarter Balanced and we will be going online in 2014.

What: English/Language Arts and Mathematics
Grades: 3-8 and 11 all students

There will be some 9th and 10th graders involved in the national field test.

Smarter Balanced: test window will start on March 18, 2014

For information on Smarter Balanced go to <http://www.smarterbalanced.org/>

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

Tech Readiness:
<http://www.smarterbalanced.org/smarter-balanced-assessments/technology/>

Achievement Level Descriptors:
<http://www.smarterbalanced.org/achievement-level-descriptors-and-college-readiness/>

If you have questions, please contact Jan Martin at

WHAT STAYS THE SAME FOR 13-14?

ACCESS: Feb. 3 – March 7, 2014
DSTEP-A: Feb. 3 – March 14, 2014
Write to Learn: window opens in September and closes the end of April. Students in grades 5, 7, and 10 need to complete two essays during the year.
DSTEP Science: March 31-April 18, 2014
NAEP: NO NAEP testing in South Dakota in 2014



HOW IS SOUTH DAKOTA INVOLVED IN SHAPING SMARTER BALANCED?

Over one hundred teachers and higher education faculty have been participating in a number of work groups including item writing, item reviews, achievement level descriptors, and other activities.

