



# Assessment for 2014 and Beyond

Systems Change

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# Overview of Session

- Testing Bingo – What do you know about all the different terms and tests?
- What stays the same in 2013-14
- What is new in 13-14 and going forward

# What stays the same in 13-14?

- Write to Learn – on line formative assessment for writing at grades 5, 7, 10
- WIDA – ACCESS for ELL
- DSTEP Science – grades 5, 8, 11 paper/pencil
- EOC – on line through SDAP
- Item banks, student data, benchmark assessments in SDAP

# What is new or evolving

- DSTEP A will still be administered to the appropriate students with some students participating in the NCSC pilot for either ELA or math – the students will not be double-tested
- NCSC – National Center and State Collaborative is the consortium for alternate assessment

# What is new or evolving (cont.)

- EOC math assessments will be retooled with new blueprints aligned to CCSS M and the structures of the SBAC claims for reporting student results
- New EOC math assessments in place for 14-15

What is new?

**NCRC**

**SBAC**

# National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC)

- NCRC is a portable credential that shows achievement and workplace employability skills in Applied Mathematics, Locating Information, and Reading for Information.
- <http://www.act.org/products/workforce-act-national-career-readiness-certificate/>
- Meets the requirement for accountability of College and Career Readiness
- Not intended as indicator of college success, as is the ACT

# NCRC cont.

- Part of ACT's WorkKeys
  - WorkKeys is a job skills assessment system measuring "real-world" skills that employers believe are critical to job success.
- Levels of Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Platinum to indicate skill levels
- Given in SD as partnership between DOE and DLR

# SD Implementation

- Pilot Phase year- 2012-13
  - 30 communities involved
  - About 1500 students participated
  - 1371 earned NCRC certificates
- Beta Phase year- 2013-14
  - 4000 students to be tested
- Implementation year- 2014-15
  - All districts required to participate

# NCRC Skill Areas

- Reading for Information
  - Skill levels 3-7
  - Measures the skill to read and use written text to do a job, such as memos, letters, policies, directions, regulations, etc.
- Applied Mathematics
  - Skill levels 3-7
  - Measures the skill to apply mathematical reasoning, critical thinking, and problem-solving techniques to work-related problems.

# NCRC Skill Areas cont.

- Locating Information
  - Skill levels 3-6
  - Measures the skill to work with workplace graphics. Examinees are asked to find information in a graphic or insert information into a graphic. They also must compare, summarize, and analyze information found in related graphics.

# Smarter Balanced

- South Dakota has taken the bold step to become one of three early adopter states
- Consortium of states working together to develop a next generation assessment aligned to Common Core State Standards
- English/Language Arts (ELA)
- Math
- Online (to learn more, go to <http://www.smarterbalanced.org/pilot-test/>)

# What does it mean to be an early adopter ?

- Avoid the need to double test students in the spring
- SBAC Window: March 18, 2014 – end of school year
- Assess the standards that we are teaching
- Work out the technology bugs before the results are used for accountability
- Time for teachers and students to adjust to the cognitive demand of the new assessments

# SD's Transition to Smarter Balanced

**Plan:** Apply for US ED flexibility

- Complete the Smarter Balanced Field Test in Spring 2014 for 100% of tested students (ELA and Math)
- No ELA/Math DSTEP
- Accountability designations hold steady for 2 years
- End Result - Spring 2015 test goes operational

# Technology Needs

- Secure browser will be provided
- Headphones for listening and accommodations
- Going forward – 1 GB or more of memory on each device
- Screen resolution 1024x768, no less than 9.5 in screen
- Bandwidth to accommodate 10-20 kbps per student

Operating System	
Windows XP or higher	Desktops, laptops
Mac OS X 10.4.4 or higher	Macs
iOS 6	iPads 2 or higher
Android 4.0+	Android-based tablets
Windows 8+	Windows-based tablets running Windows 8+ (excluding Windows RT)
Chrome OS	Chromebooks – OS 19 +

# How does Smarter Balanced differ from DSTEP?

- ELA will include writing and listening
- **Performance tasks**
- Constructed response and technology enhanced
- Accommodations built into the test
- Starting 2014-15 the test will be adaptive
- College readiness
- Score reports based on claims for the content area

# Sample Grade 5 Writing

A student is writing a narrative story about a mystery for English class. She has shown her draft to the teacher, who suggests that she continue writing, and include details in the narrative. Read these sentences from the story. Then, read the directions that follow.

“I lost another pencil!” Henry moaned after recess.

“My ruler is gone,” Jill whispered. “I wonder where they went.”

The next day, Henry and Jill decided to come in early from recess to help the teacher set up for a class project. As they entered the classroom, Jill noticed that the animal cage was open and Gibbers, the class gerbil, was missing!

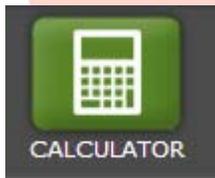
Write **at least two** paragraphs to finish the story. Use narrative strategies such as dialogue and description as you complete the story.

Type your answer in the space provided.

# Sample Grade 8 Math

**Solve real-world and mathematical problems involving volume of cylinders, cones, and spheres.**

9. Know the formulas for the volumes of cones, cylinders, and spheres and use them to solve real-world and mathematical problems.



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A sphere and a cone have the same volume. Each figure has a radius of 3 inches.

What is the height of the cone?

- Ⓐ 4 in
- Ⓑ 6 in
- Ⓒ 9 in
- Ⓓ 12 in