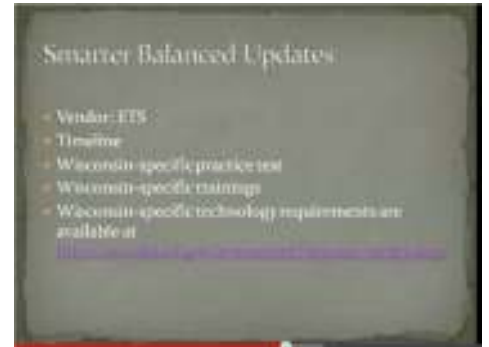


SBAC Update October 15, 2014

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1. **Important Note:** All information is preliminary. Please check links and updated information during the school year 2014-15.
2. **Update Video.** DPI October 6th update:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5qEW3h4LMCA>
3. **ETS.** ETS (Educational Testing Service) has been selected as the vendor for the Smarter Balanced Assessment in 2014-15.
4. **Grades 3-8.** The Smarter Balanced Assessment will be administered to grades 3 through 8.
5. **Spring 2015.** The SBA will be administered online between March 30 and May 22, 2015.
6. **Name.** The SBA will be given an assessment name for the state of Wisconsin – it will not be called the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC).
7. **Summative Only.** In 2014-15, formative and interim assessments will not be made available prior to the summative test.
8. **Practice.** SBA Practice Tests will be available for districts to use in January 2015. This will provide an opportunity to experience the test and the technology needed.
9. **Links.**
 - a. Here's the main webpage for SBAC for the DPI: <http://oea.dpi.wi.gov/assessment/Smarter> .
 - b. DPI Smarter Resources: <http://oea.dpi.wi.gov/assessment/Smarter/resources>
 - c. Accommodations: <http://oea.dpi.wi.gov/assessment/Smarter/accommodations>
 - d. Sample Test Items: <http://oea.dpi.wi.gov/assessment/Smarter/sampleitems>
 - e. SMARTER test security: <http://oea.dpi.wi.gov/assessment/Smarter/security>
 - f. FAQs: <http://www.smarterbalanced.org/resources-events/faqs/>
 - g. Technology requirements: <http://oea.dpi.wi.gov/assessment/Smarter/technology>
 - h. Professional Development. Training announcements will be coming from DPI this fall: <http://oea.dpi.wi.gov/assessment/Smarter/trainings>



Year	Month	Date	Event
2015	March	30	Smarter Balanced Assessment Window Opens
	May	22	Smarter Balanced Assessment Window Closes