

# **Nevada State Board of Education**

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**The Department and the Nevada Association of State Superintendents collaborated during the 2023-2024 school year to explore alternate assessment ideas:**

1. How assessments can inform instructional strategies without increasing the amount of time students spend taking tests.
2. How to identify any summative assessments that are part of a system that provide multiple, aligned data points to create a more coherent picture of student progress.
3. How to support teachers in their advancement of student outcomes.
4. How can we continue to determine proficiency and growth measures (a correlation study will be done to report on assessment results).

### **The Department and the Nevada Association of State Superintendents discussed how:**

1. Smarter Balanced assessments align to the Nevada Academic Content Standards and provide consistent statewide data regarding the degree to which Department and District efforts meet students' academic needs in ELA and mathematics.
2. Smarter Balanced assessments inform educators regarding the level of student performance that their instruction needs to support.
3. Smarter Balanced assessments provide a consistent metric across grades 3-8 regarding the degree to which students are increasingly prepared to leave high school with a range of post-secondary options.
4. Smarter Balanced assessments meet federal assessment requirements (Peer Review).

# Smarter Balanced Adjusted Blueprint

## *Right-Sizing the Nevada Smarter Balanced Assessment*

### **Reduced Length = Reduced Time**

1. The Performance Tasks do not change.
2. An Adjusted Blueprint employs a Computer Adaptive Test (CAT) section that is shorter in length than the full blueprint's CAT.
3. The duration of each content area, English Language Arts and Math, is reduced by about an hour (times differ by individual students).

## **Composite Claim Scores**

1. The Adjusted Blueprint provides reporting of Composite Claim scores.
2. Reporting Categories are sub-scores of the Total Score.

Thank You

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