



## MISSOURI ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

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### Assessments for Missouri Students

Beginning with the 2014-2015 school year, test questions developed by the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) for English language arts and mathematics will become part of the Missouri Assessment Program tests. CTB/McGraw-Hill is administering and scoring the tests using the questions and the computer adaptive system developed by Smarter Balanced. MAP tests in science and social studies will continue to be developed by Missouri. Missouri educators are helping develop test questions for all of the MAP assessments.

### School Accreditation

Results from the MAP tests for English language arts, math, science and social studies will still be used as part of the school accreditation process called the Missouri School Improvement Program 5, or MSIP 5.

### Development of SBAC Testing

Missouri is one of 25 states that are joining together to develop the assessments for the Common Core State Standards. Parents and teachers can access sample questions at <http://www.smarterbalanced.org/pilot-test>.

### Assessment Administration

All of the assessments will be administered online. This will allow for much faster results and reporting of student performance to ultimately improve teaching and learning in the state. The assessments give educators one way to gauge progress toward Missouri's Top 10 by 20 goal of graduating students who are ready for college, postsecondary training and career.

## Types of Assessments

**Formative:** Teachers use ongoing formative assessments to measure student knowledge. This occurs in the classroom and includes daily assignments, in-class activities and teacher observation. The assessments are used to adjust teaching to improve student learning.

**Interim:** For the first time, the Missouri Assessment Program will provide interim assessment resources in English language arts and mathematics for grades 3-8 for all Missouri educators. The interim assessments will help teachers gauge student learning during the year and intervene when needed.

**Statewide Summative:** End-of-year assessments are administered to all students in the state to measure performance against a common set of content expectations.

The new English language arts summative assessments will:

- Ask students to read more complex fiction and non-fiction texts and use evidence from these texts to answer questions, make inferences, and present persuasive arguments.

The new math summative assessments will:

- Present students with multi-step problems, conceptual questions, and real-world applications.
- Ask students to not only get answers correct, but also explain how they arrived at those answers.

