



SPRING 2015 MISSOURI ASSESSMENT PROGRAM UPDATES

March 2015

Missouri Department
of Elementary and Secondary Education

Spring 2015 Format

- Missouri Learning Standards as planned
- Fixed forms for spring 2015 only
- Computerized
- Open short response, performance tasks, technology enhanced, and selected response items
- Three parallel forms



Spring 2015 Format

- Smarter Balanced test blueprint for English language arts and mathematics
- Implementation timeline, tools and accommodations, and other system components remain as described in 2014-2015 MAP LEA Guide



Missouri Assessment Plan 2015-2016

- Missouri remains a part of Smarter Balanced consortium
- Missouri will implement assessment using computer adaptive engine in 2015-2016
- Both the 2015 and 2016 assessments:
 - Address the same content
 - Contain the same item types
 - Are based on the same blueprint
 - Will use the same achievement level descriptors and scale score cut point ranges



Guidance for Schools



LEA Guide to the Missouri Assessment Program

2014-2015

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- Look for this document in the College and Career Readiness Assessment section
- Contains critical and updated information for schools
- URL on last slide



Getting ready for spring tests

- Practice items using the computer tools to be used on Missouri assessments will be available after February 6, 2015
- Student tutorials will be available at the end of February
- LEAs should continue to use the administrative interface eDIRECT
- The INSIGHT platform should be loaded on devices to be used for student testing



Resources

- The LEA guide is found at <http://dese.mo.gov/college-career-readiness/assessment/lea-guide-missouri-assessment-program-2014-2015>
- Contact the Assessment Section:
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