

# UNDERSTANDING THE SMARTER BALANCED TEST (SBAC)



**FACT:**

In March Bristol students in grades 3-8 and 11 will take the Smarter Balanced Test in English/Language Arts and Math on the computer.

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The Smarter Balanced Test replaces the CMT and CAPT test except in Science.

**Fiction:** A student's personal information will be shared.

**Fact:** All student information will be protected and never shared.



**Fiction:** The scores students will achieve on this year's test will be part of their records.

**Fact:** This is a practice test. Scores will not be part of student's records. The practice test will give students a chance to get used to the new "Computer" format in a non-stressful situation and give teachers and administrators information on how to help students achieve to their full potential.



**Fiction:** The test has no accommodations for Special Education and English language learners.

**Fact:** Accommodations are being developed for all students.

**Fiction:** Students will no longer read fiction (Dr. Seuss).

**Fact:** Students will read a combination of fiction and non-fiction. Science, history and math books are considered non-fiction.



**Fiction:** The test will concentrate on basic math facts.

**Fact:** The test will focus on understanding math skills and linking them to solving real-world problems.

**Fact:** The Smarter Balanced Test is designed to test students on the skills and knowledge needed to prepare them for success in college and the workplace.