



New resources and videos to support Instruction

Smarter Balanced released two new videos in its series of informative videos that take a closer look at the tools available in their system of instructional supports. The new releases provide more detail about Tools for Teachers, and the Smarter Content Explorer. Each video has an accompanying professional learning resource in Tools for Teachers that provides a step-by-step plan for professional learning communities (PLCs) and supporting guides.

❖ Video: Smarter Balanced Tools for Teachers - YouTube

Tools for Teachers Resource:
Understanding Tools for Teachers
(login required)

The introduction to the Tools for Teachers video is very informative and useful. This video will provide site navigation tips along with possible ways educators can use the website, in addition to taking a deeper dive into Tools for Teachers' instructional resources and the formative assessment process.

❖ Video: Smarter Balanced Content Explorer - YouTube

Tools for Teachers Resource:
Understanding Smarter Content Explorer
(login required)

People wonder what is the Smarter Content Explorer. This video provides insight to the tool that highlights the connections between content standards and assessment targets. This video will also provide navigation tips to access grade-level content information for English language arts and mathematics and review the connection between content standards and Smarter Balanced assessment claims and targets.

You can also view other videos in the series by visiting the Smarter Balanced Instructional Supports Playlist on YouTube and the supporting professional learning resources in Tools for Teachers

• Tools for Teachers provides resources written and vetted by experts in the field to help teachers identify where students are in their learning, where they are going, and how they will get there.

Access to this site will be attainable through the EdAccess Sign-on through Delaware Department of Education or visit SmarterToolsForTeachers.org to get started!

For additional videos visit:
Tools for Teacher

- <https://www.smarterbalanced.org/tools-for-teachers/>
- What is Tools for Teachers - https://youtu.be/YI6bM_3qCos
- How Tools for Teachers Supports Educators - <https://youtu.be/Slq0YZL8-LI>

Formative Assessment Process:
<https://youtu.be/wpwZCqvt70U>

What is an SNE?
<https://youtu.be/bC0PJ4NIHFE>

Using data from the ICA or IABs
<https://youtu.be/9D5jdITrx3c>

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Remote Interims Administration and Tools for Teachers Information available in Schoology

Please log on Schoology to access resources in these two different folders.

[Remote Smarter Interim Assessment Group](#) (Access Code: **KVMQ-D3Q4-FV88N**)

- A holistic approach to remote learning and reopening schools,
- Formative assessment process as a part of acceleration, and
- Examples of classroom activities that can support the simultaneous development of content and language.

[Tools for Teachers](#) (Access Code: **TMWS-QSZZ-74734**).

- You will find information about Formative Assessment Process, Tools for Teachers overview one-pager, Interim assessment Item Portal (IAIP) Information
- You will also find the recording of the two webinar sessions which were focused on formative assessment practices with multilingual learners in remote learning environments that include
 - i) A holistic approach to remote learning and reopening schools,
 - ii) Formative assessment process as a part of acceleration, and
 - iii) Examples of classroom activities that can support the simultaneous development of content and language.



Upcoming Events

SNE Workshop

Deadline to register for:

- June meeting → May 28, 2021
- July Meeting → June 25, 2021

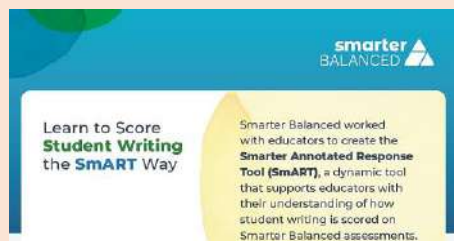


The screenshot shows a webpage for "Tools for Teachers" (State Network of Educators) with a "NOW RECRUITING!" banner. The main heading is "Spring and Summer Virtual Workshops" with dates "June 14-18, 2021" and "July 12-16, 2021". A "RSVP HERE" button is prominent. Below, it says "Share your expertise with other educators across the country by helping review, update, and create instructional resources for Tools for Teachers—the Smarter Balanced teacher resource website!". A "Key Dates" section lists: April 15 (invitations start), May 5 (review begins), May 28 (June registration closes), June 1 (June workshop materials), June 25 (July registration closes), and July 1 (July workshop materials). A "View Draft Agenda" link is also present.

Information about workshop training and copy of agenda at <https://sne.smartertoolsforteachers.org/>
Link to [Register for the Summer Workshops](#)

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DE workshop on using Smarter Annotated Response Tool (SmART)



The graphic features the Smarter Balanced logo and the text "Learn to Score Student Writing the SmART Way". It describes Smarter Balanced's work with educators to create the Smarter Annotated Response Tool (SmART), a dynamic tool that supports educators with their understanding of how student writing is scored on Smarter Balanced assessments.

<https://smart.smarterbalanced.org/>

Are you interested in learning more about Tools for Teachers and be part of the Delaware Team to create and review new resources for inclusion on the Tools for Teachers website or know of your colleagues being interesting in it? We are looking for educators with diversity and Equity Interest for our advisory committee. If you have any questions about becoming a State Network Educator (SNE), please email Sherry Geesaman sgeesaman@msd.k12.de.us

You collaborate with other state's Educators.

