

## **SMARTER BALANCED TESTING AT HIGH SCHOOL – WHO TAKES IT, WHEN, AND WHY?**

### **Q. What tests are required for graduation?**

#### **A. Graduating Classes of 2017 & 2018**

1. Smarter Balanced ELA taken at grades 10, 11 or 12
2. Smarter Balanced Math at grades 11 or 12 OR Algebra EOC or Geometry EOC (taken at 9-10-11-12)
3. Biology End-of-Course exam

#### **A. Graduating Classes of 2019 and beyond**

1. Smarter Balanced ELA taken at grades 10, 11, or 12
2. Smarter Balanced Math (taken at grades 11 or 12, or 10<sup>th</sup> graders in Algebra II or above)
3. Biology End-of-Course exam

### **Q. What score do I need on the Smarter Balanced to meet the state graduation requirement?**

- A. SBA ELA score of Level 3 or Level 4 (or the “Exit Exam cut score” of a Level 2 score 2548-2582)
- A. SBA Math score of Level 3 or Level 4 (or the “Exit Exam cut score” of a Level 2 score 2595-2627)

### **Q. If I passed the Smarter Balanced ELA test on the “Exit Exam cut score”, and met my graduation requirement, – why should I take the Smarter Balanced ELA again in grade 11?**

### **OR If I am in the class of 2017 or 2018 - and I passed a math EOC for my graduation requirement , – why should I take the Smarter Balanced Math test in grade 11?**

- A. Because you may want to try to pass the Smarter Balanced tests at Level 3 or Level 4 in order to show colleges that you are ready for credit bearing courses – read the article below.

## **Close to 200 Colleges and Universities to Use Smarter Balanced Scores as Part of Placement**

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**April 15, 2015** – High school students who take the Smarter Balanced exam in California, Delaware, Hawaii, Oregon, South Dakota, and Washington could enter postsecondary institutions and directly enroll in credit bearing courses. Colleges and universities in these six states will use the high school score as evidence that students are ready for entry-level, credit-bearing courses and may be exempted from remedial courses. Using Smarter Balanced scores is an option for students and scores are not required, but accepted.

### **Q. Why does the district ask all 11<sup>th</sup> graders to take the Smarter Balanced tests even if we have met our graduation requirements with Exit Exam Cut Scores or Math EOC exams? (Classes of 2017 & 2018 only)**

- A. We want all students to benefit from the opportunity to show these results to potential colleges. We also use the results to evaluate how to improve educational opportunities for all students to become college and career ready. The results for both higher and lower performing students give us feedback about where we can improve.

**Q. Where can I find more information about test scores and graduation requirements?**

- A. For families: past test scores can be viewed in the student’s Skyward (Family Access) account under the “testing” tab. Current graduation requirements can be found at [www.k12.wa.us/GraduationRequirements](http://www.k12.wa.us/GraduationRequirements)

Washington State High School State Test Graduation Requirements by Class			
Schoolyear	Tests Required for Graduation		
	Class of	Subject	Test
2016-17	2016	ELA	<b>Choose 1:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reading AND Writing HSPE*</li> <li>Smarter Balanced ELA test (<a href="#">exit exam score</a>)**</li> <li>WA-AIM (<a href="#">exit exam score</a>)**</li> </ul>
<b>Grad.</b>		Math	<b>Choose 1:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Algebra 1/Integrated Math 1 EOC exam</li> <li>Geometry/Integrated Math 2 EOC exam</li> <li>Smarter Balanced math test (<a href="#">exit exam score</a>)**</li> <li>WA-AIM (<a href="#">exit exam score</a>)**</li> </ul>
<b>Senior (12th) Junior (11th)</b>	2017 & 2018	ELA	<b>Choose 1:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Smarter Balanced ELA test (<a href="#">exit exam score</a>)**</li> <li>WA-AIM (<a href="#">exit exam score</a>)**</li> </ul>
		Math	<b>Choose 1:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Algebra 1/Integrated Math 1 EOC exam</li> <li>Geometry/Integrated Math 2 EOC exam</li> <li>Smarter Balanced math test (<a href="#">exit exam score</a>)**</li> <li>WA-AIM (<a href="#">exit exam score</a>)**</li> </ul>
		Science	<b>Choose 1:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Biology EOC exam</li> <li>WA-AIM (<a href="#">exit exam score</a>)**</li> </ul>
<b>Sophomore (10th)</b>	2019	ELA	<b>Choose 1:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Smarter Balanced ELA test (<a href="#">exit exam score</a>)**</li> <li>WA-AIM (<a href="#">exit exam score</a>)**</li> </ul>
		Math	<b>Choose 1:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Smarter Balanced Math test (<a href="#">exit exam score</a>)**</li> <li>WA-AIM (<a href="#">exit exam score</a>)**</li> </ul>
		Science	<b>Choose 1:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Biology EOC exam</li> <li>WA-AIM (<a href="#">exit exam score</a>)**</li> </ul>

\*\* Exit Exam Cut Score

Smarter Balanced High School Score Ranges				
Washington minimum Graduation Score	2548			To meet graduation requirement **
<b>English Language Arts</b>	2299-2492	2493-2582	2583-2681	
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Mid-level 2
<b>Math</b>	2280-2542	2543-2627	2628-2717	To meet College and Career ready:
Washington minimum Graduation Score	2595			Level 3