
What types of questions were asked?

To see a practice test, visit <http://nh.portal.airast.org/training-tests/>.

The Smarter Balanced Assessment includes performance tasks, which are multi-step assignments that ask students to apply their knowledge and skills to address real-world problems. In English, students have to apply their research and writing skills, and in math, they solved a complex problem and then described and defended their reasoning. The assessment also included traditional multiple choice questions, as well as interactive questions that required students to drag and drop their answers into a box, create equations, and fill in the answer.

How will my child's score be used?

Scores are used, with other measures, to better tailor instruction to individual student needs and to determine how well a school, district and the state is doing against the New Hampshire College-and-Career-Ready Standards.

Resources

PTA

See an overview of the learning goals and suggested activities for your child in every grade and state by state assessment guides.

<http://www.pta.org/advocacy/content.cfm?ItemNumber=3816>

NH Student Report Guide

Provides an overview of the individual student score report.

<http://sau15.net/assessment>

NH Smarter Balanced Portal

Use this site to access the practice and training tests and learn more about the Smarter Balanced Assessments.

<http://nh.portal.airast.org/students-and-families/>

Skill Builder

Contains helpful resources for you to support your child in Math and English at home.

<http://bealearninghero.org/skill-builder>

A Guide to Your Child's Smarter Balanced Assessment Results





This spring, your child took the statewide assessments in math and English language arts called Smarter Balanced Assessments. These assessments use advanced questioning and performance tasks to provide students with opportunities to demonstrate the critical thinking, analytical writing and problem solving skills needed to succeed in today's world. All Smarter Balanced assessment questions are aligned to the New Hampshire College-and-Career-Ready Standards in mathematics and English language arts.

Smarter Balanced Assessments are only one of several measures including classroom assignments, grades, and conversations with teachers that should be used to better understand if your child is on track to succeed in the next grade level.

What should I take away from the assessment results?

The Smarter Balanced Assessment helps you understand your child's academic progress and achievement. In addition to giving you an overall score in math and English, it also breaks down each subject into categories to provide you with a better understanding of how your child performed in different areas of math and English.



What does my child's assessment score mean?

The Smarter Balanced Assessment measures how well your child is performing against the learning standards that guide instruction in English and math. Your child received an overall score, which is reported in one of four levels, with one being the lowest. Students who score in Level 3 or above have met the standard of the grade level in that subject. If your child scored at Level 2, he or she may need additional support or practice. Students scoring at Level 1 will need substantial support to fully comprehend the skills and concepts in that subject.

More information regarding how to read the assessment report can be found on our website: <http://sau15.net/assessment>

Assessments are like academic checkups. They help teachers and parents see where students are compared to where they need to be. The results can reveal areas where a student is excelling and subject areas where a student needs extra help.

Each subject is broken down into categories of skills and content to identify where a student needs additional support and where he or she has mastered the content and should be challenged to go deeper into the subject matter.

Your child's teacher(s) will receive these assessment results. We encourage you to talk with them to discuss how your child can be further supported in school if you have concerns.

