

# Smarter Balanced Assessment

The new Common Core State Standards testing

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- Computer based adaptive testing
- Performance task
- Collaboration
- Field test year – Data will not be returned at the school or student level

# Sample Test Questions

- Sample test questions and tasks can be viewed at:
  - <http://sbac.portal.airast.org/ca/practice-test-ca/>
- Students will take practice tests prior to testing to familiarize them with the format

# Sample Question Math 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

UEST, GUEST (State-SSID: GUEST -1214977) Math GR6-8 Training Test (0 out of 8) Questions: 1

ZOOM OUT CALCULATOR SAVE PAUSE BACK NEXT

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Micah constructs a rectangular prism with a volume of 360 cubic units. The height of his prism is 10 units.

Micah claims that the base of the prism must be a square.

Use the Connect Line tool to draw a base that shows Micah's claim is incorrect.

Delete Add Point Connect Line

1 unit

# Sample Question ELA 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

A student is writing a report for English class about folk heroes. Read the draft of his introduction and conclusion and complete the task that follows.

You may never have heard of John Chapman, but you probably have heard of Johnny Appleseed. He was an American folk hero and pioneer who was born in Massachusetts in 1774. When he was eighteen years old, he decided to help the pioneers who were moving west. He had a dream of growing apple trees and giving apple seeds to them. That way, they would never go hungry.

Many people said that Johnny was a cheerful and generous man who loved the wilderness and was gentle with animals. What he is most known for today, though, is walking the countryside and planting apples. He did this for almost fifty years. To this day, many festivals are held every year to honor him. Next time you bite into a crispy, juicy apple, thank Johnny Appleseed.

**The student took these notes from credible sources:**

- Planted seeds along roadways, forests, and near rivers
- Traveled from Massachusetts to Pennsylvania
- Spent 50 years walking the countryside
- Stayed ahead of settlers
- Planted apple seeds along roadways and in forests as he moved west
- Planted seeds anywhere pioneers would settle
- Got seeds for free from cider mills and kept them in leather bags
- First nickname was the “apple seed man”
- Later called “Johnny Appleseed”
- Made friends with Indian tribes
- Learned some Indian languages
- Lots of festivals named after him
- Children loved him and listened to his stories
- Was generous and kind
- When invited for a meal, would not eat until the whole family had had enough food
- Was kind to animals
- Bought a horse that was going to be put to sleep and gave the horse to someone needy to keep his promise to treat the horse kindly
- Wore apple sacks for clothing and gave nice clothes to settlers

Write one or two body paragraphs using appropriate details from the student's notes to explain the “man behind the legend” without repeating the ideas presented in the first and last paragraphs.

# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science CST

- All 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will take this Science CST as they have in past years.
- Released test questions can be viewed at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sr/css05rtq.asp>

# Recommendations

- Students will need earphones/earbuds.
- We suggest students bring their own earphones/earbuds for comfort and hygiene.
- School will provide earphones for students who do not have their own.
- Make sure on test days students get plenty of sleep and eat a healthy breakfast.
- Attendance on test days is important

# Testing Schedule

- Due to the amount of technology Bret Harte has we can test 7 full classes at a time.
- Testing will take place during three weeks
  - April 21-24 – Language Arts testing
  - April 28-May 1 – Math testing
  - May 2<sup>nd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade CST in Science
  - May 5-8 – No testing due to black out dates
  - May 12-15 – Classroom activity and performance task completed in Language Arts classes
- There are two minimum days scheduled during testing:
  - May 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade CST Science
  - May 9<sup>th</sup> – No testing