

BASIC FACTS ABOUT INTERIM COMPREHENSIVE AND BLOCK ASSESSMENTS

- The interim assessments are scheduled to be computer adaptive this year (items change based on a student’s answer).
- Most items are scored automatically by the computer. Constructed-response and performance tasks (PT) are scored by the teacher. Results become available in ORS after hand-scoring of both PT and CAT has occurred.
- Students can test in a grade other than their own by resetting testing grade in TIDE (e.g., a 4th grader can take a 3rd grade test).
- The accommodations established for these assessments are the same made available in TIDE for the summative tests.

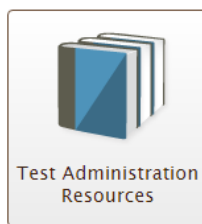
There are two types of assessments available.

1. **Interim Comprehensive Assessments (ICAs)** are full-length tests that use the same “blueprint” as the spring summative assessments. For example, they have the same item types and formats, include a performance task (PT), and produce scores on a vertical scale as well as an overall performance level (Levels 1 to 4) and claim-level information (three levels of performance: Below Standard, At/Near Standard, Above Standard). The ICAs are similar to the Practice Test but they must be done on a secure browser and results are available for students.
2. **Interim Assessment Blocks (IABs)** are shorter (about 30 minutes), cover fewer targets, are available in fixed format (they are computer adaptive), and produce overall information for the block as well as claim-level performance information (Below Standard, At/Near Standard, Above Standard). Some hand scoring by the teacher is required for some blocks. Math blocks without a PT do not require hand scoring.
 - **ELA** blocks come in two types – those with a PT and those without a PT.
 - PT blocks have 3 questions (two hand-scored) and a full write (hand-scored).
 - Blocks without a PT have 7-10 items. Edit/Revise, Listening, and Research blocks are machine scored. Reading Literary and Informational Texts blocks have 1-2 hand-scored items. Brief Write blocks are entirely hand scored.
 - **Math** blocks come in two types – those without a PT and those with a PT.
 - Blocks without a PT have 13-16 items, which are all machine scored.
 - PT blocks have 6 questions (3-4 are hand-scored).

To review interim comprehensive assessment blueprints for ELA and math go to: WCAP Portal - wa.portal.airast.org under General Information.



Test Administrators



Test Administration Resources

Test Administrators – General Information

Resource	Description
Smarter Balanced Scoring and Reporting Factsheet 2014-15 [DOCX]	The 2014–2015 Smarter Balanced Scoring and Reporting Factsheet is a quick reference guide that provides descriptions and explanations of assessment targets, error of measurement, and other information.
Blueprint ELA/Literacy Interim Assessment	The Smarter Balanced Blocks (IABs) blueprint assessment available are short, focused on assessment targets. For information about a student's performance on Washington State's mathematics. These IABs are available by subject area: English/Literacy or math. The blueprint contains information about the assessment and depth of knowledge.