

In English language arts/literacy (ELA), the Smarter Balanced Field Test Assessment is comprised of two components: The Classroom Activity and Performance Task (PT) and a series non-performance task test questions. Neither section is timed, but estimated average times for completion have been established.

Content Area	Grades	Non-Performance Task Questions	In-Class Activity	Performance Task	Total
English Language Arts/Literacy	3-5	1:30	:30	2:00	4:00
	6-8	1:30	:30	2:00	4:00
	11	2:00	:30	2:00	4:30
Mathematics	3-5	1:30	:30	1:00	3:00
	6-8	2:00	:30	1:00	3:30
	11	2:00	:30	1:30	4:00
ELA and Mathematics Combined	3-5	3:00	1:00	3:00	7:00
	6-8	3:30	1:00	3:00	7:30
	11	4:00	1:00	3:30	8:30

Assessment Sequence

Smarter Balanced recommends that students take the PT and the non-PT questions on separate days. There is no prescribed order to these components; however, the classroom activity, which is designed to introduce the PT, must occur prior to the PT. Smarter Balanced recommends that students begin with the non-PT questions, followed by the classroom activity, and then the PT.

	Non-Performance Task Questions	Classroom Activity	Performance Task (PT)
Number and Duration of Sessions	<p>Recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No fewer than two sessions (recommended) and no more than six sessions (rare/extreme) Session durations range from 40 to 60 minutes 	<p>Recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administer in one session Approximate session duration 15 – 30 minutes Should occur one to three days prior to PT Should NOT occur on the same day as the ELA performance task 	<p>The performance task is presented in two parts.</p> <p>Recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administer in two sessions corresponding to parts one and two of the PT Session durations range from 60 to 120 minutes
Breaks within Sessions	<p>Breaks can be provided during the testing sessions using the software’s pause feature. If the test is paused for more than 20 minutes, the student will not be able to go back to items on the previous screens.</p>	NA	<p>The performance task is presented in two parts. Students can take breaks within parts one and two; however, once a student moves to part two, he/she will not be able to review or revise items in part one.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommendation: Students complete part one in one testing session and part two the next school day.
Total Duration	<p>Once a student has started the non-PT questions, they will be available for 45 days.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommendation: Student completes this portion within five days of starting. 	NA	<p>Once a student has started the PT, it will be available for 10 days.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommendation: Student completes each part of the PT within one day
Additional Required Resources	Headphones are required for the listening portion of the ELA assessment	NA	Headphones are required for some performance tasks