



Mathematics Timing and Sequencing Spring 2014 Field Test

In mathematics, the Smarter Balanced Field Test Assessment is comprised of two components: The classroom activity/performance task (PT) and a series of 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 two parts; 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"> Administered in two sessions Session durations range from 40 to 60 minutes <p>Most students will complete the non-PT questions in two sessions of 60 minutes or less or one long session of more than 60 minutes.</p>	<p>Recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administered in one session Approximate session duration 15 – 30 minutes Should occur as close to the PT as is feasible, and no more than three days prior to the PT MAY occur on the same day as the PT 	<p>Recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administered in one session Session duration ranges from 40 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>Students can take breaks during PT testing sessions. Math PT items are presented on a single screen. Following a break, the student will have access to the same items.</p>
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 it. 	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 the PT in one day