

Smarter Balanced Assessment: *Washington's Public Four-Year Institutions*

Connection Between Common Core and Smarter Balanced Assessment

- ◆ The Common Core State Standards are a voluntarily and cooperatively developed set of outcomes in English and math with which students should leave high school with to be prepared for postsecondary and career opportunities. **Washington is one of 43 states that have adopted the Common Core State Standards.**
- ◆ Smarter Balanced is an assessment designed to measure mastery of Common Core outcomes and provide timely information about student achievement and progress toward college- and career-readiness.
- ◆ The purpose of the Smarter Balanced Assessment is to provide a stable, predictable measure of college- and career-readiness.
- ◆ As part of the Washington implementation of the new Common Core State Standards for college- and career-readiness, Washington's public four-year institutions have committed to recognizing an earned Level 3 or Level 4 on the 11th grade Smarter Balanced Assessment in mathematics and English language arts.
- ◆ Students who earn a Level 3 or 4, meet the minimum admission requirements and enroll in a college-level quantitative math course and/or English course as specified by each institution in the first year following high school **will be exempted from remedial coursework in math or English composition.**
- ◆ This agreement only applies to students who take the test in Washington and does **not** serve as an alternative admission test.

Use of the Smarter Balanced 11th Grade College and Career Readiness Assessment for Placement in Washington Public Four-Year College and Universities

SBAC 11th Grade Assessment Score Level:	Mathematics Placement Options Available Based on Score	English Placement Options Available Based on Score
4	An entry college-level math course.	An entry college-level English course.
3	An entry college-level math course.	An entry college-level English course.