

Smarter Balanced Assessment: Washington's Public Baccalaureate Institutions

1. *How will the SBAC be used for students interested in attending a public baccalaureate institution in Washington?*

The current SBAC assessment provides students with an early indication if they are meeting educational expectations that align with their educational goals and the opportunity to identify next steps to ensure they are successful.

Students who complete the SBAC Assessment in mathematics or English and earn a Level 3 or 4 on the SBAC Assessment in mathematics and/or English are on a path towards college preparation. Students who earn a level 1 or 2 on the SBAC Assessment in mathematics and/or English may need additional work on certain skills and knowledge to be on a path towards college preparation. To prepare for college, students should work with teachers and counselors to identify gaps and develop a plan to meet the student's educational goals.

While SBAC is an assessment tool, to prepare for college, students must also complete the statewide minimum admission standards for Washington's public four-year college and universities. The statewide minimum admission standards include but are not limited to the following mathematics and English requirements:

Mathematics	English
<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Three years of mathematics to include at a minimum:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Algebra II or higher• Integrated Math III or higher◆ A math-based quantitative course in the 12th grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Four years of English to include at a minimum:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Three credits of college preparatory coursework including literature and composition• One credit of elective English

1 Completion of the minimum admission standards does not guarantee admission to a Washington public baccalaureate institution

2. *Does the SBAC guarantee I will be able to take college level course work?*

Under the current SBAC, students attending Washington's public four-year college and universities will need to have prior college coursework showing proficiency in college level math or English or will need to take a placement assessment.

3. *Are the scores from the Smarter Balanced assessment used as part of the admissions process at Washington baccalaureate institutions?*

No. The SBAC Assessment provides students with an early indication if they are meeting educational expectations that align with their educational goals and the opportunity to identify next steps to ensure that they are successful. To best prepare for college, students should take full advantage of the comprehensive options available to them throughout their high school career by pursuing the most rigorous curriculum for which they are ready and qualified to undertake and complete the statewide minimum admission standards for Washington's public four-year universities and college.