Balanced Education

San Joaquin County Office, Educational Services

Welcome...

Along with the new California assessments comes a variety of assistance available to help schools prepare for testing. We continue to successfully move into 21st Century Learning!

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Implementing the Common Core

The California Department of Education (CDE) recently released videos about how the new frameworks for the California Common Core State Standards (CA CCSS) support teachers, administrators, and other educators with implementing the CA CCSS. If you would like to view an overview of the new frameworks for mathematics and English language arts/English language development, the videos are available on the CDE Common Core Channel Web page.

In addition, the California History-Social Science Project is offering a webinar series designed to support the implementation of the CA CCSS for English Language Arts and Literacy in History/Social Studies. The Webinar series is available April 15 through June 30, 2015 and includes lessons and strategies that apply to elementary, middle, and high school teachers. Registration is available at Teaching the Common Core.

Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments

The Smarter Balanced Performance Tasks Classroom Activity assignments are now available on the CAASPP Web site. Also available are the Smarter Balanced Summative Test Blueprints, which are located on the CDE Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments Web page. These blueprints describe the content of the English language arts/literacy and mathematics Summative Assessments and how that content will be assessed to reflect the expectations of the Common Core State Standards (CCSS).

Alternate Assessment Field Test

The California Alternate Assessment (CAA) Field Test begins April 15 and concludes June 10, 2015. The Field Test includes English language arts/literacy and mathematics for grades three through eight and grade eleven. Each student will take fifteen items per content area for a total of thirty items. The CAA is a one-on-one, computer-based assessment and is not computer adaptive. Student information will be uploaded into the Test Operation Management System (TOMS) like Smarter Balanced and the Individual Student Assessment Performance Profile (ISAPP) will need to be completed to reflect a student's individualized education program (IEP) accommodations and designated supports.

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Upcoming Workshops

ELA/ELD Framework Overview for K-5 Administrators. March 10. Register at http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=vlphqbdab&oeidk=a07e9y0hxru89a678cd.

Implementing Common Core Foundational Skills. March 19. Register at http://conta.cc/1ABDXEm.

Using Technology in the Science Classroom. March 24. Register at http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07eajut9m60bd2c0ef&llr=vlphqbdab.