



Commissioner's Back-to-School Meeting

Connecticut State Department of Education | August 19, 2015

English Language Learners

- * The following free informational sessions will be offered for educators to learn about the new Draft CELP Standards:

CAS-8/13 10-11:30 <http://casci.ac/1309>

CREC (8/31 10-11:30 <https://www.protraxx.com/Scripts/EzCatalogny/ViewClass.aspx?ID=344859&CustomerID=128>

Assessment

- * Smarter Balanced Assessment System:

The What, the How and the Why of Smarter Balanced Interim Assessments

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) is offering one-day workshops designed to support Grade 3-8 classroom teachers, instructional specialists, coaches, ELA and mathematics department chairs, and interested administrators as they become familiar with the Smarter Balanced Interim Assessments.

Participants will learn how to:

- administer the Interim Assessments for English language arts/literacy and mathematics;
- score student responses using anchor and training materials;
- use the Teacher Hand Scoring System (THSS);
- understand how to interpret student scores; and
- use student performance reports to support instruction and augment daily formative information to gauge student progress.

Cost: There is **no cost** for the workshops, but **registration is required** at www.ctcorestandards.org. Funding is provided by the State Department of Education as part of the Core Standards Systems of Professional Learning.

Smarter Balanced Assessment System: The What, the How and the Why of Smarter Balanced Interim Assessments		
Location	Dates	Sessions
ITBD 185 Main Street New Britain, CT 06051 8:30 a.m. -3:30 p.m.	September 8, 2015 October 5, 2015 November 18, 2015 December 14, 2015 January 14, 2016	ELA Math
Trumbull Marriott Merritt Parkway 180 Hawley Lane Trumbull, CT 06611 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.	September 30, 2015 October 9, 2015 November 16, 2015 December 11, 2015 January 11, 2016	ELA Math
Norwich Holiday Inn 10 Laura Blvd. Norwich, CT 06360 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.	October 8, 2015 November 17, 2015 December 15, 2015 January 20, 2016 February 2, 2016	ELA Math



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Potential CTAA/Skills Checklist and Accommodations Workshops

LIVE CSDE Connecticut Alternate Assessment (CTAA) and Skills Checklist Science Training		LIVE CSDE Connecticut Smarter Balanced Usability, Accessibility, and Accommodations	
RESC	AM Session 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	RESC	AM Session 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
	PM Session 12:30-4:00 p.m.		PM Session 12:30-4:00 p.m.
LEARN	November 18, 2015	LEARN	November 6, 2015
Ed Connection	October 23, 2015	Ed Connection	September 22, 2015
CES	November 20, 2015	CES	October 9, 2015
EASTCONN	November 13, 2015	EASTCONN	September 18, 2015
ACES	November 24, 2015	ACES	September 28, 2015
CREC	November 12, 2015	CREC	October 30, 2015
	SNOW DATES		SNOW DATES

Coming Soon! 2015-16 Smarter Balanced Assessment System: Digital Library Trainings

Science

- * **Next Generation Science On-Line Professional Learning Communities ("NGS-CT")**

Beginning October 2015 and on-going

Contact: Nick Balisciano, Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology; nbalisciano@ccat.us

- * **Next Generation Science Teaching & Learning Short Course ("NGSX")**

Beginning October 2015 and on-going

Contact: Hank Gruner, Connecticut Science Center; hgruner@ctsciencecenter.org

- * **Next Generation Science Curriculum Design Institutes**

Spring 2016 and on-going

Contact: Hank Gruner, Connecticut Science Center; hgruner@ctsciencecenter.org

More details regarding these professional learning opportunities and conferences will be made available on the Connecticut State Department of Education web site www.sde.ct.gov/ or at www.ctcorestandards.org.