

Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) Information

What is the Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA)?

In 2011 Washington State adopted the Common Core State Standards (CCSS), a set of clear college- and career-ready standards in English language arts/literacy and mathematics. To assess students' progress towards these standards, Washington has implemented the [Smarter Balanced assessments](#) (SBA) for grades 3-5 statewide. Smarter Balanced assessments provide more accurate and meaningful information about what students are learning by adapting to each student's ability, giving teachers and parents better information to help students succeed in school and after.

Where can I find more information or practice tests?

- [A video](#) that provides information about the shift to the Smarter Balanced assessments.
- [Smarter Balanced Assessment Training Test](#): Families are welcome to practice at home to get students comfortable with the format. These tests work best with Chrome or Firefox.
- [Issaquah School District Smarter Balanced Assessment Information](#)
- [Issaquah School District Smarter Balanced Parent Resources](#)
- [OSP](#): The Washington State Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction

When are grades 3-5 testing?

Due to COVID **4th and 5th grade students** will take the SBA twice this year. In October they will take the SBA from their previous grade (4th graders will take the 3rd grade SBA and 5th graders will take the 4th grade SBA). See below for specific test dates. In the spring **3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students** will take the SBA that corresponds with their current grade level. The spring testing window at Cascade Ridge is from late April to June 2020. A testing schedule for the spring testing dates will be sent out at a later date.

For more information about Issaquah School District's Assessments, please visit the [ISD Assessment webpage](#).

Upcoming Fall Tests for Grades 4 – 5

Grade	Date	Day	Test
5 th Grade	October 12 th	Tuesday	4 ELA CAT
	October 14 th	Thursday	4 Math CAT
4 th Grade	October 19 th	Tuesday	3 ELA CAT
	October 21 st	Thursday	3 Math CAT
Science Tech 4 th and 5 th Grade	October 26 th	Tuesday	3 or 4 ELA CAT (Dependent on student's grade level)
	October 28 th	Thursday	3 or 4 Math CAT (dependent on student's grade level)