

Q: What is "Smarter Balanced", or "SBAC"?

A: SBAC stands for the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium. The SBAC test is a replacement of the long-standing OAKS state test from previous years. Although the SBAC is a different kind of test than OAKS, it is fundamentally just another step in the evolution of state testing requirements that have been in place in Oregon since the 1970's. The SBAC tests measure student skills in Math and Language Arts.

Q: In what ways does the SBAC test impact my child's high school graduation?

A: In order to graduate from high school in Oregon, the state requires students to "meet" certain levels of proficiency in reading, writing, and math. The SBAC test is administered primarily for this purpose. To view the different ways that students can "meet" these three content-specific requirements, [click here](#)

Q: Who takes the SBAC test?

A: Students in 6th, 7th, 8th and 11th grades. Seniors may also re-take the SBAC test if their scores from their Junior year did not "meet" the levels required for high school graduation in reading, writing, or math.

Q: How much time does the SBAC test take?

A: 7 ½ hours. The State estimates that the Language Arts and Math sections combined will take a total of 7 ½ hours to complete. However, the recommendations also include spreading the testing over separate sessions.

Q: When will students take the SBAC test?

A: At Pacific Academy, testing will take place from May 30th thru April 11th. Students will test for approximately 2 hours in the morning until the testing is complete.

Q: What happens if my child performs poorly on the SBAC test?

A: The SBAC can only help a child (in the sense of meeting graduation requirements). SBAC scores do not appear on transcripts, nor are they sent to colleges. There is no consequence to an unsatisfactory SBAC score, other than that the student will need to continue to seek a way to meet the state's graduation requirements.

Q: Who may I contact if I have questions about the SBAC test?

A: You may contact Mark Abbenhaus or Ron Dolen with any questions
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