

# TOP 3 REASONS TO TAKE THE SMARTER BALANCED ASSESSMENT

## 1 KNOW NOW IF YOU ARE READY FOR COLLEGE OR WORK.

If you score a Level 3 or 4 on Smarter Balanced, you're on track to be ready for college or career, and can qualify for credit-bearing courses in college and avoid the cost and time of remedial, or high-school level, courses.

## 2 KNOW IF YOU NEED EXTRA HELP OR CAN TAKE ADVANCED CLASSES.

The Smarter Balanced assessment provides a key measure of how you're doing on your way to college or a career. It also lets teachers and families know how to support you to reach your goals.

## 3 TAKING THE TESTS HELPS TEACHERS, STUDENTS AND SCHOOLS.

Smarter Balanced provides educators, schools and families better information on how you and your school stack up against others in the state, nation and world, how you are improving and where you might need extra help.

WASHINGTON HAS PLENTY OF CAREER OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS. BY 2017, IT'S ESTIMATED OUR STATE WILL HAVE **50,000 UNFILLED JOBS** FOR HIGHLY SKILLED WORKERS.

But how do we know if you're ready? If you have the skills and knowledge to fill those jobs? One way teachers and parents measure college and career readiness is through assessments.

In our state, we use Smarter Balanced assessments, which measure skills like problem solving and critical thinking that are important to a student's future in a globally competitive world.