

# TOP 3 REASONS TO TAKE THE SMARTER BALANCED ASSESSMENT

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

If you score a 3 or higher on the Smarter Balanced assessment, 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 in college.

## 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. It also lets teachers and families know how to support you to reach your goals.

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

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

WASHINGTON WILL HAVE **MORE THAN 700,000 JOB OPENINGS** OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS. MOST JOBS WILL BE FILLED WITH WORKERS WHO HAVE A POSTSECONDARY CREDENTIAL OR SOME COLLEGE EXPERIENCE.

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.