

WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING

ABOUT THE SMARTER BALANCED ASSESSMENT

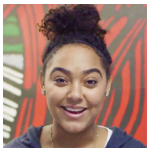
TO HELP STUDENTS better prepare for success after high school, Washington state uses college and career ready learning standards, which define what students should know and be able to do by the end of each grade. One way we measure how well students and schools are performing in meeting the

standards is with Smarter Balanced assessments.

Smarter Balanced measures skills like problem solving and critical thinking that are important to a student's future when they attend college or technical training and enter the workplace.

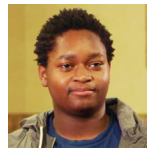
WHY SHOULD STUDENTS TAKE THE SMARTER BALANCED ASSESSMENTS?

HERE'S WHAT STUDENTS ACROSS WASHINGTON SAID:



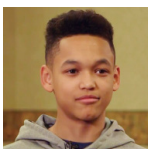
“KNOWING THE SBAC IS MORE than just a test is very valuable. It can help with college, which is an opportunity that not a lot of people get. I opted in for a better education and took the SBAC because I want better for my life.”

DAIZAH DAILY, 10TH GRADER
Highline High School (Burien)



“I WOULD TELL MY FELLOW students it's a good idea to take the test because it could definitely help you later on if you don't want to take remedial classes in college.”

JOSHUA BROWNE, 10TH GRADER
Cheney High School (Cheney)



“IT'S A GOOD IDEA TO HAVE students take the Smarter Balanced assessments to see what they are improving on or if they need extra help from their teachers. Any test will help you think so I didn't want to opt out of it. Taking tests always shows what you are good at and what you need to improve on to get a good college education.”

AKEYSE RICE, 9TH GRADER
West Valley High School (Spokane)



“I SEE THE NECESSITY OF TESTING as an effective way of measuring a person's learning and progress throughout the year. Knowing that the Smarter Balanced test can keep me out of classes that will cost me time and money in college adds value to the test.”

JESSICA GARCILA, 10TH GRADER
Roosevelt High School (Seattle)