

WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING

ABOUT THE SMARTER BALANCED ASSESMENT

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:



“EDUCATION WILL BE THE FOUNDATION that I build the rest of my life on. A good education will help me to know what my strengths and weaknesses are, and it will show me the opportunities that lay ahead. That's why I'm opting in for a better education.”

ELIZABETH MIN, 11TH GRADER
Decatur High School (Federal Way)



“MY GOAL AND DREAM IS TO BE a filmmaker. Most people say a test will not help advance an artistic career, however there are many moments of much needed math, science and especially writing.”

CAEDMON CALBERO, 11TH GRADER
Marysville Getchell High School (Marysville)



“I OPT IN FOR A BETTER EDUCATION because it will give me access to better classes, better knowledge, better jobs, and a better life. Those are the rewards for working hard.”

ETHAN DUWORS, 12TH GRADER
Timberline High School (Lacey)



“I OPT IN FOR A BETTER EDUCATION because I can be a computer programmer, a computer technician, or a doctor. I want to be ready for college and career so I will be taking the Washington state assessments.”

ANNIE HAGER, 10TH GRADER
Mount Si High School (Snoqualmie)