



# Smarter Balanced Assessment



# What are the new assessments?

- Smarter ELA and Smarter Mathematics
  - Replaces DCAS Reading, Mathematics
  - Field tested in Spring 2014
  - First statewide administration in Spring 2015
  - Summative assessment taken once a year (spring)
  - Interim assessment(s) (practice and for guiding instruction) taken at least once a year prior to summative assessment



# What are the Smarter assessments?

- Smarter assessments go beyond multiple-choice questions and include short constructed response, extended constructed response, and performance tasks that allow students to complete an in-depth project that demonstrate analytical skills and real-world problem solving.



# What are the Smarter assessments?

- The online reporting system provides clear, easy-to-understand data on student achievement and growth. These reports give parents and educators information they can use to help students make even greater progress.



# How will the questions look?

DCAS-Like

7A

Which expression is equivalent to 1,000,000?

A.  $10^3$

B.  $10^4$

C.  $10^5$

D.  $10^6$



# How will the questions look?

## Next-Generation

7B

Complete the number sentences below.

a. \_\_\_\_\_  $\times 10^2 = 2,500$

b. \_\_\_\_\_  $\div 10^3 = 0.016$

c.  $3.3 \times$  \_\_\_\_\_  $= 33,000$

Write the missing power of ten to make each number sentence true.

d.  $78 \times$  \_\_\_\_\_  $= 78,000$

e.  $0.34 \times$  \_\_\_\_\_  $= 34$

f.  $512 \div$  \_\_\_\_\_  $= 0.512$



# Other important information

- Classes have already been (or soon will be) on the Interim practice tests within the classrooms and in the computer lab
- We will be completing the performance tasks for the interim assessments before leaving for Spring break



# Other important information

- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade will test from May 2<sup>nd</sup> – May 12<sup>th</sup>
- 4<sup>th</sup> grade will test March 22<sup>nd</sup> (S.S. DCAS) and from April 5<sup>th</sup> – April 18<sup>th</sup> (Smarter)
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade will test March 23<sup>rd</sup> (Science DCAS) and from April 19<sup>th</sup> – April 29<sup>th</sup> (Smarter)





# Other important information

- Because the tests require hand-scoring, students will not receive immediate results as they did after taking the DCAS
- We have been informed that this year scoring should begin immediately, rather than waiting for the entire state to be completed before starting to score. This should help with a quicker turn around of scores for this year than last year.



# At home learning tools and practice

- You can find specific tips and tools categorized by subject, skill and grade level, at <http://bealearninghero.org/learning-tools>
- You can also check out [www.greatschools.org/](http://www.greatschools.org/) for more resources. You can find resources that will match his or her area(s) of strength and area(s) for improvement.



# Thank you

- For more information, please visit [www.DelExcels.org](http://www.DelExcels.org)

