

Parents'

Tips for Testing

Students will take a new state test this spring called the Smarter Balanced test.

It's not the same kind of test students are used to taking, so it will be an adjustment for them.

Our school will be sending out six "Parents' Tips for Testing" to help you help your student prepare for test time.

If you have questions about tests, please contact our school office. Thank you!



Tip #4: Don't miss days

It's important to attend school on test days. This sounds like common sense, but there's an important component of the Smarter Balanced test that can't be made up if students miss days during test time.

The Smarter Balanced test has three parts:

1. A computer adaptive test
2. **A classroom activity**
3. A performance task

The classroom activity involves interaction among students. It prepares students for the performance task, which measures a student's ability to draw on knowledge from many skills and standards to answer questions, solve a problem or write a paper. The classroom activity isn't scored as part of the test, but it is important preparation for what comes next.

There will be a make-up opportunity for students who miss the classroom activity, however, the whole-class experience can't be duplicated. Students that miss it will be at a disadvantage. Unless your student is truly sick, make sure they make it to school every day during the testing window.

Find more information about preparing for the Smarter Balanced test, including practice test links:

www.skgradguide.com/doing/state-tests

