

Understanding the Criterion-Referenced Tests (CRTs), Grades 3-8

A Guide for Families



The Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) provides Nevada's CRTs for ELA and Math. Each assessment is made up of two parts: 1) A computer adaptive test and 2) A performance task requiring students to think critically and explain their answer.

For more information regarding SBAC, visit <http://www.smarterbalanced.org/>



A CRT score is just a snapshot of your child's achievement. We encourage you to speak with a school counselor or teacher and discuss multiple types of assessment results to get a total picture of your child's achievement and growth.



1 What are the CRTs?



The CRTs are assessments students take at the end of the year in the spring to demonstrate their understanding of grade level standards. CRTs are a key indicator in measuring student progress towards college and career readiness.

The computer adaptive format for the ELA and mathematics tests provides a customized testing experience for each child. As a student answers questions correctly, they are challenged with harder items. If a student answers incorrectly, they are given less challenging items that are more suited to their ability.



2 Which CRTs will my child take?



ELA

Grades 3-8



Math

Grades 3-8



Science

Grades 5 & 8



Families will receive a student score report at the beginning of the next school year which shows their child's areas of strength and areas to focus on for improvement.

NEVADA Student Assessment System Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments			
Student: Student Name		State Student ID: 9999/703	District: Sample District
Grade: 4		School: Sample School	Test Date: Spring 2018
Achievement Levels			
Grade XX	Level 1: Minimal Understanding	Level 2: Partial Understanding	Level 3: Proficient
English Language Arts/ Literacy			
Mathematics			✓



Your child's participation in state-mandated testing helps CCSD and the Nevada Department of Education identify schools that need additional resources, such as additional teachers, programs, and materials, to support increased student achievement. These scores are also used to celebrate the efforts of successful schools demonstrating high levels of student achievement and growth. CRT results are one measure considered when determining a school's star rating. You can access school ratings on the Nevada Report Card website at www.nevadareportcard.com.

3 Why does my child take the CRTs?



School Year 2017-2018 Nevada School Rating for Elementary School

School Type: Regular
School Level: Elementary School
Grade Levels: PK-05
District: Clark
Website:



Total Index Score: 76
School Designation: