

Smarter Summative Assessment Parent Guide

Higher Standards, Better Assessments

The Smarter Summative Assessment is part of the comprehensive system of assessments to provide evidence of student mastery of the Nevada Academic Content Standards. The standards provide clear expectations for what content should be achieved at each grade level. Student reports display assessment scores to determine progress towards college- and career-readiness.



The Smarter Summative Assessments allow students to demonstrate knowledge in different ways:

1. Students have the opportunity to think critically and solve problems using real-world examples.
2. The assessment determines if students are below, at/near, or above standards.
3. The assessment provides all students, regardless of disability or primary language, the opportunity to engage fully with the content and demonstrate what they know.

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Students take the Smarter Summative Assessments each spring in Grades 3-8 in the areas of English Language Arts/Literacy and Mathematics.
- Students who score Achievement Level 3 or 4 on the new assessments are considered on track to graduate college- and career-ready.
- The Smarter Summative Assessment is one of many assessments which provide a comprehensive understanding of student performance.



WHAT THE RESULTS MEAN

Student summative assessment scores provide a baseline for performance in meeting grade level content standards.

Resources on reading Student Score Reports can be found on the CCSD Assessment Department website at aarsi.ccsd.net/assessment/.