



Montana Comprehensive Assessment System

2013 MASS Fall Conference

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CRT&ALT

Math and Reading, Grades 3-8 and 10
Science, Grades 4, 8, and 10— **Science will continue through Spring 2016**

ELP

English Language Proficiency
Reading, writing, speaking, listening
Grades K-12

ACT

ACT Plus Writing
All Public High School Juniors

SMARTER

English Language Arts and Math, Grades 3-8 and 11
Field Test in Spring 2014; Full implementation, Spring 2015.

Bright Ideas



Connecting with the
Common Core

Alternate, English Language Arts and Math, Grades 3-8 and 11, **NCSC—Beginning in Spring 2015**

Montana Comprehensive Assessment System (MontCAS)

2013-2014 Statewide Assessment Schedule: September 16, 2013

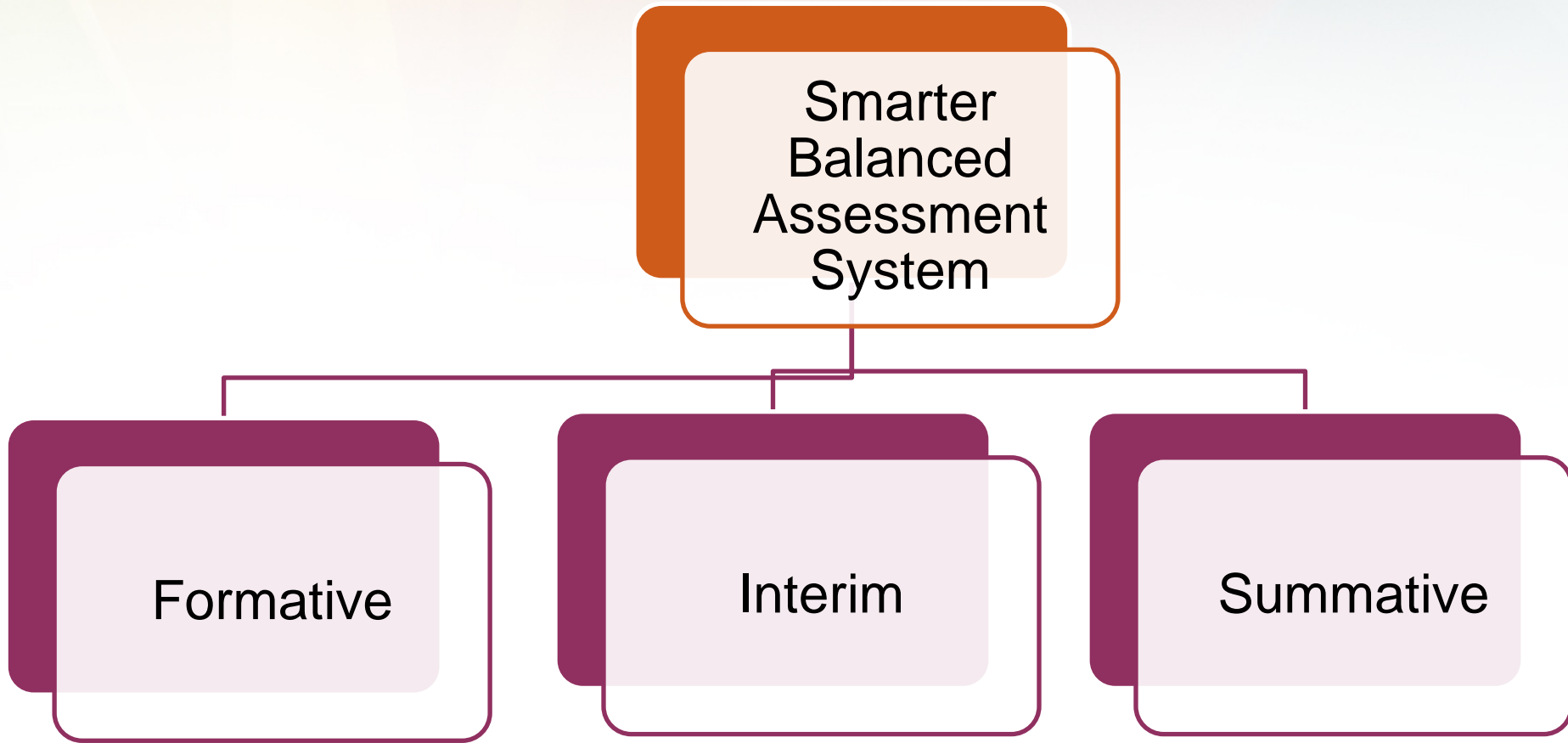
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Smarter Balanced Assessment System



FAPPL

- Formative Assessment Practices/ Professional Learning
 - Digital Library Resources
 - Formative Assessment
 - Assessment Literacy
- State Leadership Teams (SLT)
- State Network of Educators (SNE)

- **Same grade levels as summative**
- Repository of items and performance tasks for assessing the common core state standards
- **Non-secure item bank**
- Two methods for use
 - **Comparable blueprint to summative**
 - Focus on a smaller set of standards—educators can select content clusters to develop assessment
- **Scoring**
 - Test delivery system
 - **Ability to include human scored constructed response and performance tasks**

Summative

Last 12 weeks of the school year

Computer adaptive

Performance tasks

More efficient

More secure

More accurate

Receive results in weeks not months

What can your school/district do right now to prepare for the Smarter assessments?

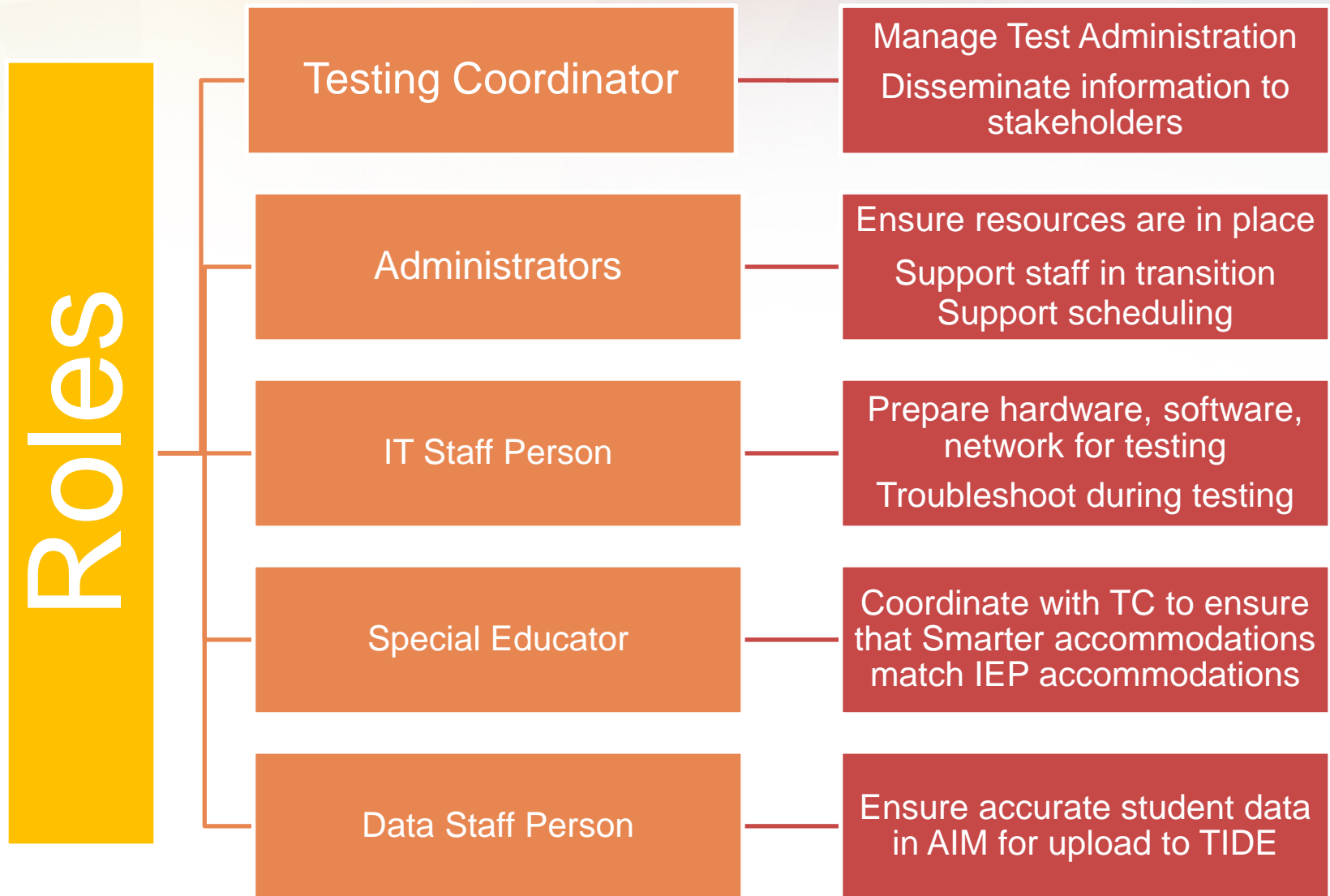
Build a District/School Smarter Team

- Administration
- **Test Coordinator**
- IT staff
- Special Needs
- Data staff

Use technology readiness tools

Use online practice tests

Smarter School/District Team Roles



Technology Readiness

- **Smarter Technology Readiness Tool**
 - New version including a “scenario calculator” to estimate number of days and network bandwidth needed
 - Training videos—see September JUMP newsletter
- **Montana School Speed Test Month**
 - Partnership with Education Superhighway
 - Data will assist in planning and support
 - Starting October 1, from a school network, take a School Speed Test: <http://partners.schoolspeedtest.org/montana.html>
 - Memo to District IT Coordinators and Educational Technologists
- **Colet Bartow, OPI Technology Readiness Coordinator**
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Schools need to provide headphones for:

- ELA Assessment: ALL students will need headphones for the audio portion of the ELA assessment.
- Accommodations: Students with the text read-aloud as part of the mathematics assessment.
 - Note: the text read-aloud accommodation also requires voice packs to be pre-installed prior to testing

Technology Requirements

- USB headphones recommended, standard headphones will suffice
- Keyboards required if testing with tablets
- Test all headphones and keyboards prior to testing

More information

- [SBAC Technology Strategy Framework](#)

ACCESSING the ONLINE PRACTICE TESTS

Links in September JUMP Newsletter

- Practice Test Fact Sheet
- Practice Test Scoring Guides
- Smarter Balanced Parent Fact Sheet

NOTE! The practice test can ONLY be opened in the following browsers:

- Mozilla Firefox
- Google Chrome
- Microsoft Internet Explorer 10
- Apple Safari
- <http://sbac.portal.airast.org/practice-test/>

Accommodations

Usability, Accessibility and Accommodations Guidelines

- Universal accessibility tools available to all students
 - Such as digital notepad and scratch paper
- Designated supports available to all students for whom a need has been identified by educators familiar with each student's needs and testing resources
 - Such as a translated pop-up glossary
- Accommodations for students with a documented need in an IEP or 504 plan.
 - Such as Braille and close captioning

http://www.smarterbalanced.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/SmarterBalanced_Guidelines_091113.pdf

Smarter Student Information Tool

- **TIDE (in concert with AIM)**

Contractors :

- **ETS—Educational Testing Service**
- **AIR—American Institute for Research**
- **CTB-McGraw Hill**

School Improvement Plans



September 19, 2013 information from Teri Wing, OPI Accreditation Specialist:

- Deadline extended to November 1
- Recommend using other local assessment data for goals

Other Transitions



Spring 2015

- From CRT Alternate in Reading and Math to NCSC Alternate in ELA and Math
- Information in September JUMP, online, and at MCASE on Thursday, September 19
- Pilot sample in 2013-14



2015-16

- To version 2.0 of WIDA Access for ELLs
- To new version of W-Apt, online screener

Jump

http://opi.mt.gov/curriculum/MontCAS/#p7GPc1_3

OPI Transitions

http://opi.mt.gov/Curriculum/montCAS/MCCS/index.php?gpm=1_6

Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium

<http://www.smarterbalanced.org/>

NCSC—National Center and State Collaborative (alternate)

<http://www.ncscpartners.org/>

WIDA—World Class Instructional Design and Assessment (ELP)

<http://www.wida.us/>

Test Coordinator Monthly Webinars

New Test Coordinator Academy

- First Tuesdays, 3:30-4:30
 - In-depth look at deadlines, tasks, and general information test coordinators may need to know each month.

Test Coordinator Monthly Updates

- First Wednesdays, 3:30-4:00
 - Quick overview of deadlines and tasks due during the month.

ELP Updates

- Second Tuesdays, 3:30-4:30
 - A look at deadlines, tasks, and general information about the ELP.

NCSC Updates

- Final Mondays, 3:30-4:30
 - This is a monthly webinar to help systems stay up-to-date about the progress of the NCSC alternate assessment development.

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