



Middletown Public Schools

Patricia Charles, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

This spring students across Connecticut in grades 3-8 will participate in the 2016 Connecticut Summative Assessments. Middletown pupils will take the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) test in both mathematics and English language arts/literacy. Students will not participate in the Connecticut Mastery Test (CMT) and Connecticut Academic Performance Test (CAPT) for these content areas. Please note that students in Grade 5, 8, and 10 are required to take the CMT or CAPT Science test. Grade 11 students will be required to take the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT). Students assessed with the Science CMT/CAPT Skills Checklist will continue to be assessed with the Science CMT/CAPT Skills Checklist in addition to the Connecticut Alternate Assessment.

Our schools plan to administer the Connecticut Assessments in March through May. Your child's school will provide the specific testing window for your student.

- The tests are not timed; however, it will take approximately 3 to 4 hours to complete each content area test.
- Testing may be scheduled over multiple sessions of about 45 minutes each, but may be scheduled in shorter or longer sessions as appropriate for the students in the school.

Please note that Smarter Balanced will adhere to all federal and state privacy laws, including but not limited to Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). Information from the Connecticut Assessments will be used to provide teachers and families with information on how your child is progressing with their learning of the Connecticut Core Standards.

Please visit the Smarter Balanced website at ct.portal.aircast.org for more information and resources to support your child with the assessment at home. If you have any questions regarding this assessment, please contact your child's principal or Enza Macri, Ed. D., Associate Superintendent, at 860-638-1430.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Patricia Charles'.

Patricia Charles, Ed.D.

Superintendent