

STATE ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE 2017-2018

Smarter Balanced Assessments

	Grades	Subjects	Requirement/Availability	Testing Window
Fall 2017 (retake)	11 & 12	English Language	Available to students in the class of 2019 or earlier who have not yet passed the high school ELA assessment.	ONLINE: October 23 – November 17 PAPER/PENCIL: October 30 – November 17 <i>(Paper testing is available to support large print, braille, and standard print forms for students whose IEP states paper)</i>
	12	Arts and Mathematics	Available to students who previously tested on the ELA and/or mathematics assessment and would like to attempt a higher score.	
Spring 2018	3-8	English Language Arts and Mathematics	Required for federal and state accountability	ONLINE: March 5 – June 8 <i>(administered within the last 12 weeks of the school year, but no later than June 8)</i> PAPER/PENCIL: April 16 – May 25 <i>(Paper testing is available only to support large print, braille, and standard print forms for students whose IEP states paper)</i> For example, if the last day of school is June 9, the testing window will be March 19 – May 18
	10	English Language Arts	Required for federal and state accountability for all students in grade 10.	ONLINE: March 5 – June 8 <i>(administered within the last 12 weeks of the school year, but no later than June 8)</i> PAPER/PENCIL: May 4 – May 25 <i>(Paper testing is available only to support large print, braille, and standard print forms for students whose IEP states paper)</i> For example, if the last day of school is May 29, the testing window will be May 8 – May 25
	10	Mathematics	Required for federal and state accountability for all students in grade 10.	ONLINE: March 5 – June 8 <i>(administered within the last 12 weeks of the school year, but no later than June 8)</i> PAPER/PENCIL: May 4 – May 25 <i>(Paper testing is available only to support large print, braille, and standard print forms for students whose IEP states paper)</i> For example, if the last day of school is May 29, the testing window will be May 8 – May 25
	11 & 12	English Language Arts and Mathematics	Available to students who have not yet passed the ELA and/or mathematics assessment or who previously tested and would like to attempt a higher score.	ONLINE: March 5 – June 8 <i>(administered within the last 12 weeks of the school year, but no later than June 8)</i> For example, if the last day of school is June 4, the testing window will be March 12 – June 4 PAPER/PENCIL: May 4 – May 25 <i>(Paper testing is available only to support large print, braille, and standard print forms for students whose IEP states paper)</i>

Washington Comprehensive Assessment of Science

	Grades	Subject	Requirement/Availability	Testing Window
Spring 2018	5 & 8	Science	Required for federal and state accountability	ONLINE: April 16 – June 8 PAPER/PENCIL: April 16 – May 25 <i>(Paper testing is available only to support large print, braille, and standard print forms for students whose IEP states paper)</i>
	11	Science	Required for federal accountability	ONLINE: May 4 – June 8 PAPER/PENCIL: May 4 – May 25 <i>(Paper testing is available only to support large print, braille, and standard print forms for students whose IEP states paper)</i>

End-of-Course (EOC) Exams

	Grades	Subjects	Requirement/Availability	Testing Window
Winter 2018	12	Mathematics	Can be used for graduation for the classes of 2013 through 2018; available to students in classes of 2016 through 2018 who have not yet met the mathematics assessment graduation requirement.	ONLINE: not available PAPER/PENCIL: January 2 – February 2
Spring 2018	12	Mathematics	Can be used for graduation for classes of 2013 through 2018; available to students in classes of 2016 through 2018 who have not yet met the graduation requirement. This is the final administration of the Mathematics EOCs.	ONLINE: not available PAPER/PENCIL: May 7 – June 8 <i>(administered within the last three weeks of the school year, when possible, but no later than June 8)</i>

Off-Grade Level Graduation Alternatives

	Grades	Subjects	Requirement/Availability	Testing Window
Fall 2017 (retake) (Off Grade Level)	11 & 12	English Language Arts and Mathematics	Off grade testing is a graduation alternative, specific for students pursuing a CIA.	ONLINE: October 23 – November 17 PAPER/PENCIL: October 30 – November 17 <i>(Paper testing for the fall administration is available only to support large print, braille, and standard print forms for students whose IEP states paper)</i>
Spring 2018 (Off Grade Level)	10 – 12	English Language Arts and Mathematics	Off grade testing is a graduation alternative, specific for students pursuing a CIA.	ONLINE: March 5 – June 8 PAPER/PENCIL: March 5 – May 18 <i>(Paper testing for the spring administration is available only to support large print, braille, and standard print forms for students whose IEP states paper)</i>

English Language Proficiency Assessment for the 21st Century (ELPA21)

	Grades	Subjects	Requirement/Availability	Testing Window
Spring Annual 2018	K-12	Writing, Reading, Listening, and Speaking	Required for federal and state accountability for EL students who qualify for the State Transitional Bilingual Program.	ONLINE: TBD <i>(Paper testing for the spring administration is available to support large print, braille, and standard print forms for students whose IEP states paper)</i>



Planning to Go to College?

Smarter Balanced and your 12th-grade coursework choices can help

College leaders in eight states believe students who score well on Smarter Balanced tests and take challenging courses throughout high school will enter college ready to succeed. More than 220 colleges, universities, and community and technical colleges in these states have agreed to allow students who score a 3 or 4 on Smarter Balanced tests to enroll directly in entry-level credit-bearing courses once they are admitted.

NOTE: All of Washington's public higher education institutions accept Smarter Balanced scores as an indicator of college readiness.

How can I use my Smarter Balanced scores?

- Use scores to help you choose which English and math courses to take in 12th grade to prepare you for life after high school.
- Apply to and meet admissions requirements of the college or university of your choice. If you are accepted, and that school has agreed to accept Smarter Balanced scores, a score of 3 or 4 will allow you to avoid further placement testing and costly remedial classes. You may enter directly into entry-level credit-bearing courses if you enroll the year you graduate from high school.

Contact individual colleges or universities to find out their process for receiving the scores.

What if I don't get a 3 or 4?

You do not need to receive a score of 3 or 4 to graduate from high school or get into college. But lower scores may indicate that there are certain skills and knowledge you need to work on before leaving high school.

Work with your teachers and counselors to identify gaps and make a plan for boosting your skills before arriving at college.

"Bridge-to-College" courses are 12th-grade English and math courses designed for students who score a 2 on the Smarter Balanced high school tests.

Students who earn a "B" or better in Bridge courses are eligible for entry-level credit-bearing coursework in community and technical colleges.

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College Course Placement

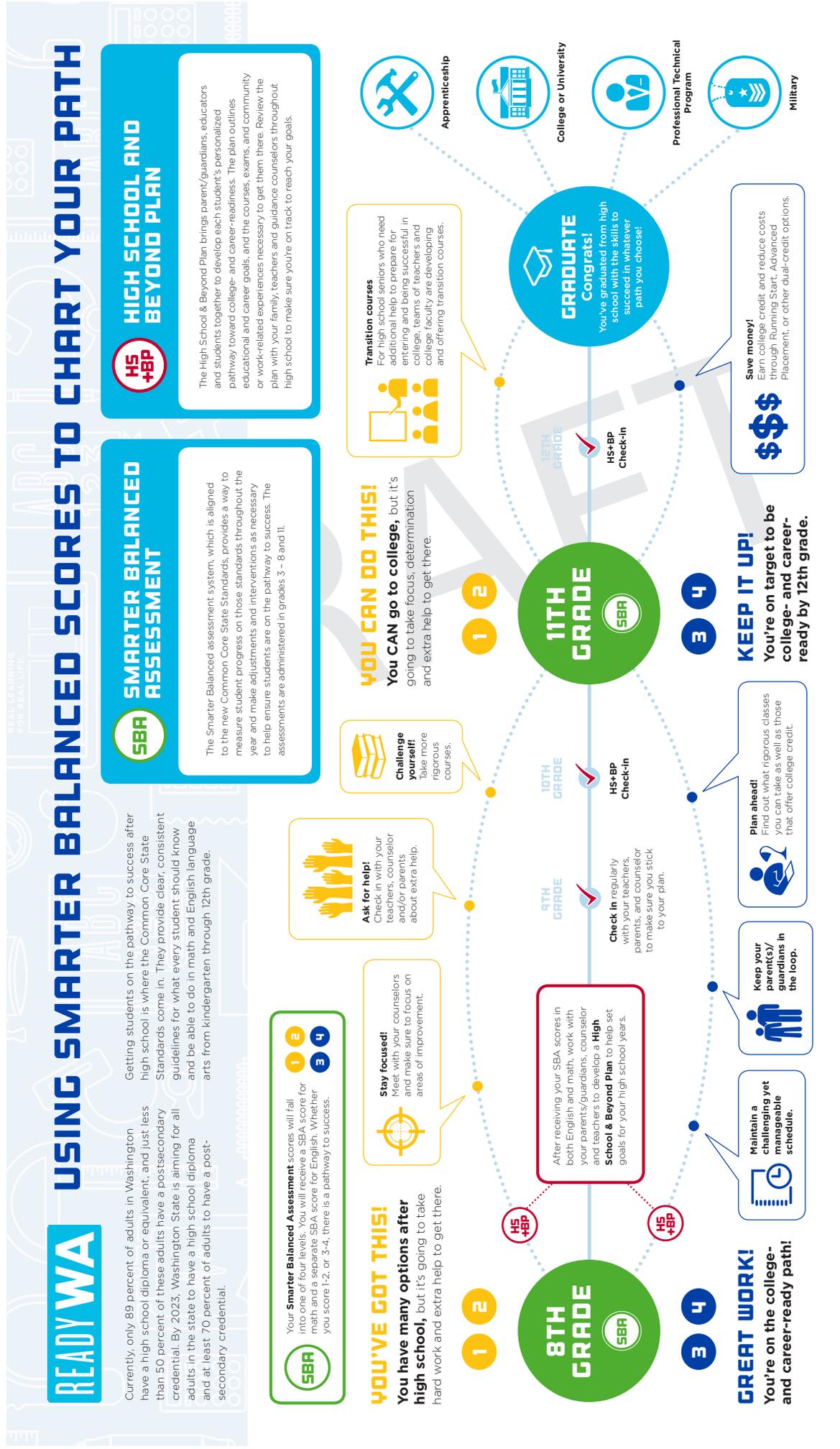
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www.wsac.wa.gov/college-readiness

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Bridge-to-College Courses

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To see a **video** that explains this graphic and how students can use Smarter Balanced scores and High School & Beyond Plan to chart their path to success after high school, visit <http://bit.ly/SB-scores>.



HS+BP HIGH SCHOOL AND BEYOND PLAN

The High School & Beyond Plan brings parent/guardians, educators and students together to develop each student's personalized pathway toward college- and career-readiness. The plan outlines educational and career goals, and the courses, exams, and community or work-related experiences necessary to get them there. Review the plan with your family, teachers and guidance counselors throughout high school to make sure you're on track to reach your goals.

SBA SMARTER BALANCED ASSESSMENT

The Smarter-Balanced assessment system, which is aligned to the new Common Core State Standards, provides a way to measure student progress on those standards throughout the year and make adjustments and interventions as necessary to help ensure students are on the pathway to success. The assessments are administered in grades 3 - 8 and 11.

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Ready, Set, Grad. Interactive college planning website: www.readysetgrad.org

Graduation Requirements: www.sbe.wa.gov/graduation.php

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