

Deadline for Spring 2014 Smarter Balanced Field Test Application Extended for Michigan

In September, Michigan schools received information through the Bureau of Assessment and Accountability (BAA) eblast and website about an opportunity to register to indicate their interest in being a part of the Smarter Balanced Field Testing that will occur during Spring 2014. The original deadline to register a school's interest in being a part of the Smarter Balanced Field Test in Spring 2014 was October 15th. However, in light of the legislative activity which occurred during October in Michigan, **the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium has agreed to extend the deadline for Michigan schools to register to indicate interest in participating in the Spring 2014 Field Testing to November 8, 2013.**

Information regarding the Spring 2014 Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium Field Test, including contact information if you have questions, can be found under the "What's New" section on any of the following web pages:

www.michigan.gov/meap

www.michigan.gov/mi-access

www.michigan.gov/mme

The Smarter Balanced Field Test is an excellent opportunity for schools to participate in a computer adaptive assessment, which measures the breadth of the English Language Arts and Mathematics Common Core State Standards using rich item types. Additionally, the Smarter Balanced Field Test provides schools and districts a valuable opportunity to assess their technology readiness for online testing. While there is a need for all grade levels to participate in the Spring 2014 Smarter Balanced Field Test, there is particular need for 11th grade students from Michigan.

If your school is interested in participating in the Spring 2014 Smarter Balanced Field Test, please go to <http://www.formstack.com/forms/fieldtest-recruitment> and complete the registration information. Please submit your school's interest in participating in the Smarter Balanced Field Test by the new Michigan deadline of **Friday, November 8, 2013.**