

Subject: Smarter Balanced Assessment Testing Window

RSA 193-C: Statewide Education Improvement And Assessment Program

Spring 2016 Smarter Balanced Assessment Administration Testing Window

The Smarter Balanced Assessment Testing Window will open statewide on Tuesday, March 15, 2016. The window is 12 calendar weeks and will end on Friday, June 10, 2016. All assessments should be administered by grade span within the 12 week window. However, should there be extenuating circumstances that prevent you from testing within a grade span, please contact Donna Dubey at the NH Department of Education.

Grade spans within the 12 week window are:

- Grades 3 & 4 during weeks 1-6
- Grades 5 & 6 during weeks 3-8
- Grades 7 & 8 during weeks 5-12

Makeup assessments should be made during the appropriate grade band testing window. Each school district will determine, based on their calendar, their testing schedule. It is important, however, that grades 3-8 have completed at least 66% of instructional days prior to beginning testing.

Additionally, districts need to let Donna Dubey know by February 1, 2016 if they have no option but to administer the paper and pencil version of the Smarter Balanced Assessment.

If you have any questions please contact Donna Dubey., NH Department Of Education, at Donna.Dubey@doe.nh.gov or (603) 271-3759.

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