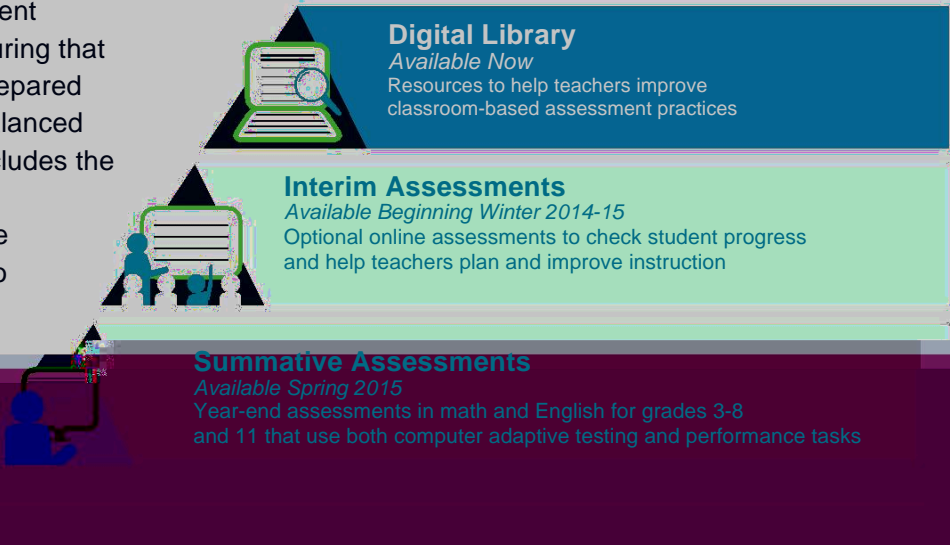


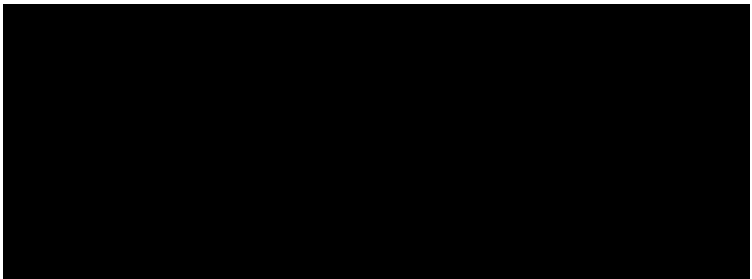
A Balanced Assessment System

The Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium is committed to ensuring that all students leave high school prepared for postsecondary success. A balanced assessment system — which includes the formative assessment process as well as interim and summative assessments — provides tools to improve teaching and learning. The formative assessment process is an essential component of a balanced assessment system.



Digital Library

The Digital Library is an online collection of instructional and



Key Features of the Digital Library

Innovative Digital Library Design Features

Educators may use state-of-the-art tagging, filtering, and search features to locate, view, download, and rate resources to:

- ! Differentiate instruction for diverse learners
- ! Increase educator understanding of assessment
- ! Engage students in their own learning
- ! Design professional development opportunities
- ! Access materials for Professional Learning Communities

The Digital Library includes innovative collaboration features that promote collegial conversations across the country. These features:

- ! Encourage educators to rate resources
- ! Promote how the resources may be used
- ! Provide online forums for educators to share their expertise with and pose questions to colleagues

K-12 Instructional and Professional Learning Resources

These resources are:

- ! Contributed by educators for educators
- ! Vetted against a set of quality criteria
- ! Supported by research and evidence
- ! Annotated with common information such as learning goals, success criteria, and connection to the formative assessment process

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