Smarter Balanced Materials and Resources

These materials have been assembled to support school-based and district level educators in helping others understand Common Core State Standards and new assessment routines.

**Sprint Toolbox of Resources:**

- **Communications Tips 2015:** A slide deck for teachers about communicating with parents about testing. Includes sample items for math and ELA.

- **Connecting Learning to Life:** A handout that summarizes the Communications Tips 2015 slide deck above. This is directed at parents and is intended for students to take home.

- **How to Edit Parent:** A formatting guide for customizing the Connecting Learning for Life handout.

- **New Future, New Test:** A slide deck making the case for Common Core tests, including sample items. This is pitched at a higher level than the communications tips powerpoint.

- **Principal Newsletter Blurbs:** A series of blurbs pitched for elementary, middle, and high school about the upcoming tests, as well as for when scores come in. Includes links for parents to practice tests.

- **Roadmaps:** A timeline graphic for when and to whom to present these materials on a "sprint schedule."

- **Role Play Cards:** A scenario training module in which teachers can role-play discussing the upcoming tests with parents. Includes talking points for each card scenario.

**Annual Materials:**

There are materials organized by month, all newsletter-style blurbs about particular topics emerging by month (e.g. curriculum planning, midyear planning, testing calendar, score interpretation).

All Smarter Balanced materials are available to those in member states and can be accessed by logging into the portal at [http://www.smarterbalanced.org/](http://www.smarterbalanced.org/).