



10th Grade Smarter Balanced Assessment Statement

Washington’s private nonprofit colleges and universities recognize the value of measuring a student’s educational progress and strongly support multiple high-quality pathways to a degree with an emphasis on the role and value of learning as students move through high school. To best prepare for college, students should take full advantage of the comprehensive options available to them throughout their high school career by pursuing the most rigorous curriculum for which they are ready and qualified to undertake.

Washington’s 10th grade Smarter Balanced Assessment provides students and families the opportunity to determine whether a student is meeting educational expectations that align with their educational goals. It also provides families and students an early indication of whether a student is on a path towards college preparation and what to do to be prepared for college after high school graduation. This opportunity allows students and schools to take responsibility for next steps to ensure that a student is successful.

Level 3 or 4 on the 10th grade Smarter Balanced Assessment in mathematics and/or English language arts

Students who earn a Level 3 or 4 on the 10th grade Smarter Balanced Assessment in mathematics and/or English language arts indicates that a student is on a path towards college preparation. To prepare for college after high school graduation, students should complete the minimum admission standards for Washington’s baccalaureate institutions, which include but are not limited to, the following mathematics & English requirements:

Mathematics	English language arts
Three years of mathematics to include at a <u>minimum</u> : - Algebra II or higher We strongly encourage math-based quantitative course in the 12 th grade	Four years of English to include at a <u>minimum</u> : - Three credits of college preparatory coursework including literature and composition - One credit of elective English

Level 1 or 2 on the 10th grade Smarter Balanced Assessment in mathematics and/or English language arts

A Level 1 or 2 on the 10th grade Smarter Balanced Assessment in mathematics and/or English language arts indicates that a student may need additional work on certain skills and knowledge to be on a path towards college preparation. To prepare for college after high school graduation, students should work with teachers and counselors to identify gaps and develop a plan to meet the student’s educational goals.

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