



Smarter Balanced Assessment and Washington's Baccalaureate Colleges and Universities

Washington's four-year colleges and universities are committed to education that engages the whole student through multiple modalities, programs, services, and credentials to allow students to successfully pursue their educational and career goals throughout their lifetimes.

Together we recognize the value of measuring a student's educational progress with an emphasis on the role and value of learning as students progress through high school. To best prepare for postsecondary education, 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 current Smarter Balanced Assessment in mathematics and English provide students an opportunity to evaluate their current skills and knowledge in relation to their educational goals and then determine what steps they should take to be prepared for college.

We believe there are multiple high-quality pathways to a degree and support early assessment efforts in high school that provide students and families with information to best guide them in their choices. The Smarter Balanced Assessment provides this opportunity and allows students and schools to partner together to ensure success in meeting each student's educational goals.