



YOUR **NO-COST** MICHIGAN INTERIM ASSESSMENT OPTION

THE **SMARTER BALANCED** INTERIM ASSESSMENTS AND **TOOLS FOR TEACHERS**

The Smarter Balanced Interim Assessments are available at no cost to Michigan districts, and fulfill the requirement to assess students within the first nine weeks of school as required by the Public Act 149 Legislation—Return to Learn.

The shorter, Focused Interim Assessment Blocks (IABs) can be administered in one class period to meet the requirements of the Return to Learn legislation.

If you're familiar with the M-STEP, you'll be very comfortable using the Smarter Balanced Interim Assessments. When you select the Smarter Balanced option, your students and teachers will benefit from assessments that are:

 **Approved by the Michigan Department of Education**

 **No cost and high quality**

 **Easy to access and ready to use**

- Already loaded to your district and school systems
- Delivered on the same DRC INSIGHT™ online testing platform and administration portal as the M-STEP, giving you a common, cohesive system that is reliable and proven
- No technology learning curve and less training needed during these difficult times
- Ease of data transfer to regional data hubs and MDE
- Access to [Tools for Teachers](#), which links interim assessment results to instructional resources

- Other key advantages of choosing the Smarter Balanced Interim Assessments include:
 - Available to use remotely in support of distance learning
 - Aligned to Michigan academic standards for English language arts/literacy and math
 - Aligned to the M-STEP—same scale, achievement levels, item types, and student tools
 - Accessible and equitable, with built-in accommodations and accessibility tools to support all students' needs

Districts that select the Smarter Balanced Interim Assessments will also have access to the new [Tools for Teachers](#)—a collection of lessons and activities created by educators to save time, enhance instruction, and prepare students for college or a career.



[Click here](#) to watch a short video on how to access Michigan's Tools for Teachers through the DRC INSIGHT Portal.

Ready to get started with the Smarter Balanced Interim Assessments and Tools for Teachers?

The assessments are already loaded in your system and ready to use. Contact Christi Linton or Ryan Nelson to complete your setup today!

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Learn more about the Smarter Balanced Interim Assessments at www.drcsmarterinterim.com.

