Notes on the Smarter Balanced Assessment

2-5-15
Components of the Test

- Computer Adaptive Test (CAT)
  - 1.5 hours
- Classroom Activity
  - 30 minutes
- Performance Task
  - 2 hours

HP is allocating 6 hours per student
Computer Adaptive Test

- Selected Response Questions
  - Multiple choice
  - Multiple answer responses
  - Assesses a broad range of content
  - Scoring is objective
- Constructed Response
- Requires the student to generate a response
Classroom Activity

- Teacher directed instructional opportunity
- Scripted activity given to teachers
- Prepares student for performance task
Performance Task

- Measures multiple claims
- Requires students to demonstrate ability to think and reason
- Students produce a fully developed product
HP Processes

Staff Professional Development

- Academic Vocabulary...Focus on all year
- December...Constructing Meaning
- Professional Development after all core teachers trained in the fall.
- January...The components of the test
- February...Skills needed to be successful
HP Testing Cycle

- Late February, Early March
- All students practice with testing tool in science classes.
- 8th Grade ELA (English/Language Arts)--March 10-18
- 8th Grade Math--March 30-April 7
HP Testing Cycle

- 7th Grade ELA--April 8-17
- 7th Grade Math--April 20-29
- 6th Grade ELA--April 30-May 12
- 6th Grade Math--May 13-May 22
- Finalize testing for all students--May 26-28
Sample Tests and Test Information

http://sbac.portal.airast.org/practice-test/

http://www.ode.state.or.us/search/page/?id=3298ODE
Smarter Balance Information Website
Opting Out

- Letter with explanation
  - disability
  - religious
- Sign form
- Alternative learning assignment (Parent generated)
Q&A

Do you have any questions?