



Welcome
MontCAS
Montana Comprehensive Assessment System

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Agenda

- Introduction/background information
- ART and Passwords
- Results and Reports

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Training and Communication

- **Next Steps: Assessment and Data Conferences**
 - Missoula, January 11-12, 2016
 - Billings, January 21-22, 2016
 - **Webinars—Save the Dates**
 - 3:30 – 4:30 pm
 - Wednesday, October 28—MontCAS Overview
 - Wednesday, November 4—Preparing for 2015 Smarter Results
 - Wednesday, November 11--TBA
 - Wednesday, November 18--TBA
- **Jump Newsletters**



MontCAS



WIDA: Access for ELLs and Alternate
 English Language Proficiency (ELP), Grades K-12
 Reading, writing, speaking, listening
 December – January



Measured Progress
 Science CRT and CRT-Alt grades 4, 8, and 10
 Spring



NCSC Alternate: English Language Arts (ELA) and math, grades 3-8 and 11
 Spring



UCLA/CRESST and Measured Progress
 English Language Arts (ELA) and math, grades 3-8 and 11
 Spring



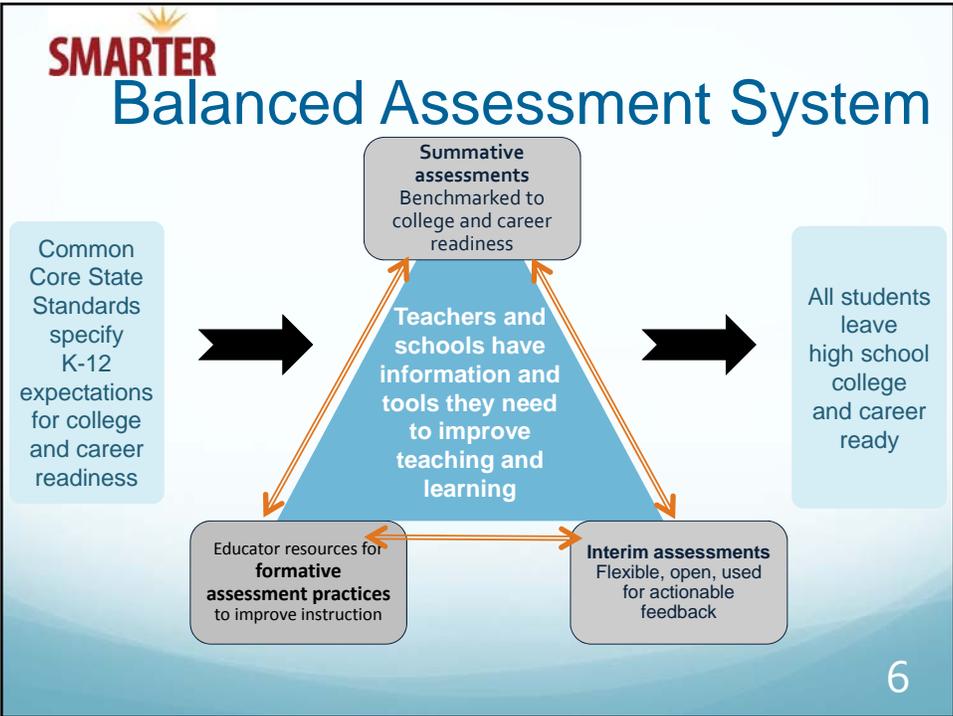
ACT Plus Writing
 Public high school juniors
 April/May



Participation Smarter and NCSC

- Grades 3-8 and 11: English Language Arts and Mathematics
- Montana Accredited Schools
- BIE Schools
- Not included in participation
 - First year in United States school LEP students do not participate in the English Language Arts
 - Home school students
 - Private non-accredited schools
 - Treatment Centers:
 - Part time enrolled students test in resident school
 - Montana Youth Challenge Academy
 - Job Corps

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ART Timeline

Administration and Reporting Tool

November 4, 2015	Webinar with password instructions and information about ART and the Smarter Online Reporting System.
November 5, 2015	ART open to System Superintendents and Test Coordinators to update School Principals. Once School Principals are updated, they can update school test coordinators.

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Username and Passwords

- You must have an authorized username and password in order to access the secure portion of the Portal.
- Access to the Reporting application within the Smarter Balanced application suite is based on your assigned *role* and *permissions*.
- Your login information is private and should not be shared with anyone else.



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ART

Administration and Reporting Tool



- Accessed by password through the MP portal: For assigning roles and permissions.
- System superintendents and test coordinators already have roles assigned.
 - Currently everything is locked down.
- Two steps to passwords
 - Password activation for system superintendents and test coordinators by OPI and Measured Progress.
 - Password activation for school principals and test coordinators by system staff.

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Portal

- Navigate to: <https://mtsmarter.measuredprogress.org/portal/>

The screenshot shows the Montana Comprehensive Assessment System (MontCAS) Portal page. At the top left is the Smarter Balanced logo. In the center, it says "Montana Comprehensive Assessment System (MontCAS)". On the top right, there is a "SIGN IN" button with a globe icon. Below the header, there is a "Links and Tips" section with four bullet points:

- Bookmark this page or put a shortcut on your desktop for faster access to the page!
- To access documentation including Training Materials and the Administrative Manual, click [here](#).
- To download secure browsers, click [here](#).
- To download classroom activities, click [here](#).

 To the right of this section is a "Welcome to the Montana Comprehensive Assessment System (MontCAS) Portal page" message. Below the welcome message is a "What's new?" box with a red exclamation mark icon, containing the text: "Smarter Reports will be coming soon. Please wait for further information from OPI." Below this is a paragraph of text: "Working with Measured Progress, Montana educators and the Office of Public Instruction (OPI) have developed criterion-referenced tests (CRT) in reading, mathematics, and science. These assessments are a piece of Montana's Comprehensive Assessment System (MontCAS), which has been designed to provide parents and teachers valid, useful information to help all students succeed." Below that is another paragraph: "MontCAS' goal is to provide the necessary support and training that test administrators and their teams need to successfully administer the Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) in addition to all other statewide assessments." At the bottom, it says: "Please visit <http://opi.mt.gov/curriculum/MontCAS/> for more information on other Montana assessments."

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Reporting Roles



Data Warehouse Roles		ART USER ROLES				
Role	Role Description	System Superintendent and Coordinator	Interim Test Administrator	School Principal and Coordinator	State Coordinator	Test Administrator
General	Allows access to view aggregate reports for districts in a state, schools in a district, and grades in a school.	Phase 1	Phase 3	Phase 2	ALL	Phase 3
PII	Allows access to individual student assessment results.	Phase 1	NA	Phase 2	ALL	NA
SAREXTRACTS	Allows access to download assessment results at the aggregate and individual student report levels. Requires PII access.	Phase 1	NA	Phase 2	ALL	NA

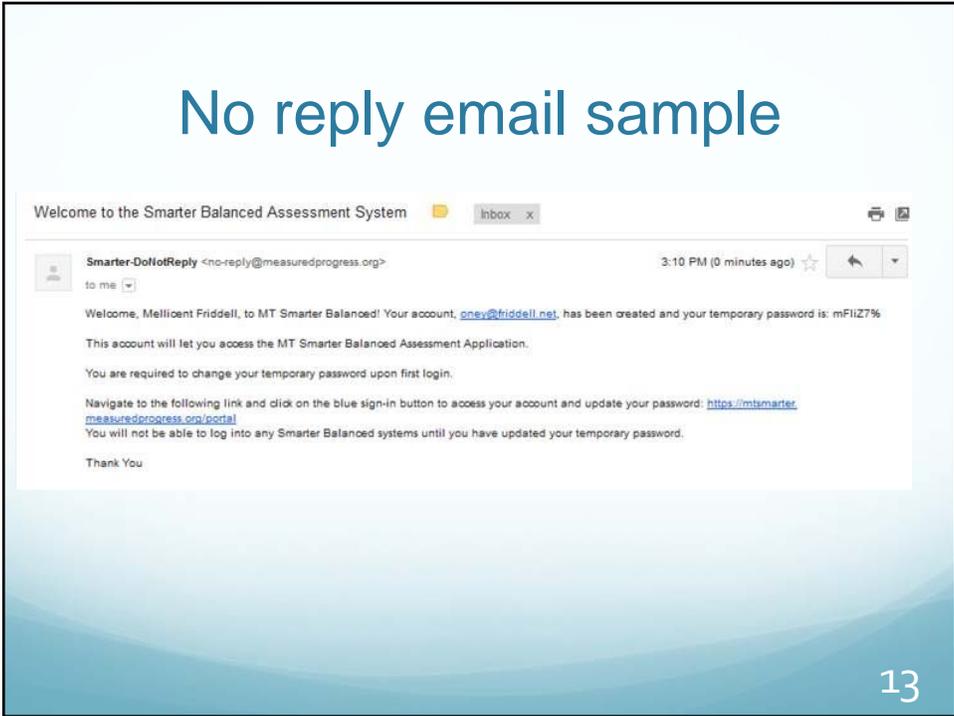
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System Passwords

- **If** you had a password last year and still have the same email address, your account and role will be unlocked on November 5 and you may begin the login process.
 - If you have forgotten your password, click “Forgot your password?”
- **If** you are a new superintendent or test coordinator (or have a new email address), you will receive a no-reply email from Measured Progress to set your password.

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No reply email sample



Logging In

The login form is contained within a grey rectangular box. It features two input fields: "Username" with the subtext "Enter your email address" and "Password" with the subtext "minimum 6 characters, including one number". Below the password field is a red link that says "Forgot Your Password?". At the bottom of the form is a dark grey button labeled "Log In". Three orange arrows point from the right side of the form towards the Username field, the Password field, and the Log In button.

Portal: <https://mtsmarter.measuredprogress.org/portal/>

ART Registration



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System Staff Update School Principals

- Log into ART
- Delete, create, or unlock system principals.
- If unlock, send informal email that email address (user name) and password from last year are now active.
- Principals can now log in, go in and delete, create, or unlock school coordinators.
- If previous users, the principals should send an email advising of the activation.
- Newly created users will receive a no reply email.

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Delete or Add Users

Search New

Export Search Results to Excel Export Search Results to CSV Export Current Page to Excel Export Current Page to CSV

First Name	Last Name	Email Address	Telephone Number	Role Associations				
				Role	Associated Entity Name	Responsible Entity Type	State Abbreviation	
Demo	Prindpal	demoprindpal@demo.edu		School Coordinator	DEMO	INSTITUTION	MT	
Demo	Prindpal	demoprindpal@demo.edu		Test Administrator	DEMO	INSTITUTION	MT	
Demo	School Coordinator	demoschoolcoord@demo.edu		School Coordinator	DEMO	INSTITUTION	MT	
Demo	Test Administrator	demotestadmin@demo.edu		Test Administrator	DEMO	INSTITUTION	MT	
Mellioent	Fiddell	fiddell.mellioent@measureprogress.org		State Coordinator	MONTANA	STATE	MT	
				GENERAL	MONTANA	STATE	MT	
				Pii	MONTANA	STATE	MT	
				SAREXTRACTS	MONTANA	STATE	MT	
testadmin1	Institution1	institution1.testadmin1@measureprogress.org		School Coordinator	DEMO	INSTITUTION	MT	



UABT Users that are #Filtered with your Custom

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Unlock Users

Warning: You have unsaved changes

* Indicates required field

Edit User Information

* First Name: * Last Name:

* Email Address: Telephone Number:

Role Associations

* Role	* Responsible Entity Type	* Associated Entity Id	State	
School Coordinator	INSTITUTION	0001 - DEMO (MT)	MT	

Save Cancel

User Actions

Sync Reset Password Lock User Unlock User



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Access to Tools on Measured Progress Portal

- ART, Interim, Proctor, Reports:
- RECOMMENDATION: Keep access at the system and school administration level to ART until test results are available. At that time, system staff and/or school administrators may return to ART to delete, create, or unlock school staff that needs to view results or use the other tools.

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Smarter Online Reporting System (MARS II Maybe)

- Interactive, online reporting platform that provides a range of reports on the Smarter Balanced summative and interim assessments.
- Aggregate score data at the state, district, school, and grade level.
 - Viewed onscreen or downloaded as csv files
 - Individual Student Reports can be downloaded as pdf files.
- Access by password and role through the Measured Progress Portal

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Reporting Access ART

- Reporting views for student data are limited by role.
- Once passwords are activated and/or unlocked and results are ready, another active icon will appear on ART.
- No student information can be edited locally. An updated student file for the 2015-2016 year will be uploaded from AIM.



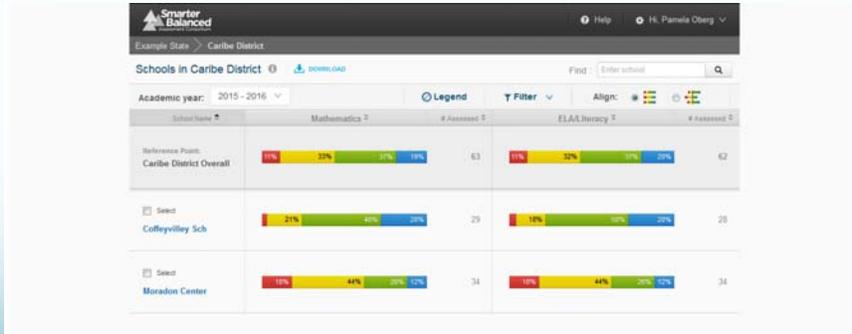
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Getting Into Reporting

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System View

- At logon, a system-level user will see the following page, which displays all of the systems in the state. Use the Find search option or scroll down the list to select your system.



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Using Filters



- Select a school or schools using the checkboxes, and then click the Apply Filter button to limit a lengthy list.
- Select Show All Schools to remove filter.



NOTE: The checkboxes also allow the user to determine which data is included in a download.

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Download Options

The screenshot displays the Smarter Balanced assessment system interface. At the top, the title is "Smarter Balanced" with a logo. Below it, the navigation path is "Example State > Caribe District". The main heading is "Schools in Caribe District" with a "DOWNLOAD" button highlighted by an orange arrow. The interface shows a table of schools with their performance metrics for Mathematics. A "Download" popup window is open, showing three options: "Current view", "Student assessment results", and "Printable student reports".

School Name	Mathematics
Reference Point: Caribe District Overall	11% 57% 10% 19%
Select Coffeyville Sch	21% 49% 20%
Select Moradon Center	16% 44% 36% 12%

Download

- Current view**
Download the current view as a CSV
- Student assessment results**
Download assessment results for all students in this district.
- Printable student reports**
Not available. Click into a school to download individual student reports.

Note: The downloads above will reflect any selections you have made, including academic year, assessment, and filters.

[Download](#)

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Individual Student Reports

- **Legend:** The legend provides a key to visual elements of the student report.
- **Printing:** The printed report contains all visible content from the report, as well as content presented in popup windows.
 - Printed cum folder labels and paper reports will be sent to systems for distribution.
 - PDF copies in the online system.

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Smarter Summative ELA Report Draft

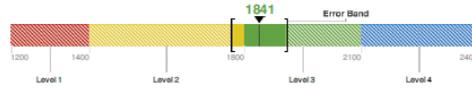
ELA/Literacy

Summative 2014 - 2015 Effective Date: 4/16/2015

Overall Score

1841 Level 3

The student has met the achievement standard and demonstrates progress.



Reading

At/Near Standard

Students can read closely and analytically to comprehend a range of increasingly complex literary and informational texts.

Writing

At/Near Standard

Students can produce effective and well-grounded writing for a range of purposes and audiences.

Listening

At/Near Standard

Students can employ effective speaking and listening skills for a range of purposes and audiences.

Research & Inquiry

At/Near Standard

Students can engage in research and inquiry to investigate topics and to analyze, integrate, and present information.

Accommodations

The following accommodations were made available:

- Alternative Response
- American Sign Language
- Braille
- Noise Buffer
- Printed Items
- Printed passages/stimuli
- Read aloud
- Scribe
- Streamline Mode
- Text-to-speech

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Smarter Summative Math Report Draft

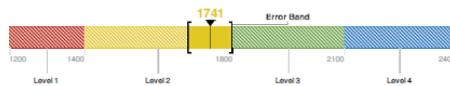
Mathematics

Summative 2014 - 2015 Effective Date: 4/16/2015

Overall Score

1741 Level 2

The student has nearly met the achievement standard and may require further development.



π Concepts & Procedures

At/Near Standard

Students can explain and apply mathematical concepts and carry out mathematical procedures with precision and fluency.

Problem Solving and Modeling & Data Analysis

At/Near Standard

Students can solve a range of complex, well-posed problems in pure and applied mathematics, making productive use of knowledge and problem-solving strategies. Students can analyze complex, real-world scenarios and can construct and use mathematical models to interpret and solve problems.

Communicating Reasoning

Below Standard

Students can clearly and precisely construct viable arguments to support their own reasoning and to critique the reasoning of others.

Accommodations

The following accommodations were made available:

- Abacus
- American Sign Language
- Braille
- Calculator
- Multiplication Table
- Streamline Mode

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Additional Resources

- A Reporting Quick Start Guide is available for download from the Portal.
- A highly detailed view of the Reporting application, the Reporting User Guide, is also available for download from the Portal.

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MT Smarter Balanced Support

- <https://mtsmarter.measuredprogress.org/portal/> is home for all online Smarter Balanced assessment administration information.
- For questions regarding the online testing system, please contact:
 - MT Help Desk at 888-792-2741 or
 - montanahelpdesk@measuredprogress.org.

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