



# JUMP SMARTER

## February 12, 2014

Welcome to *JUMP Smarter*, the OPI online assessment newsletter. *JUMP Smarter* will be published on Wednesdays up to and throughout the Smarter Balanced Field Test window which ends May 14, 2014. *JUMP Smarter* will include updates and links to resources related to the Practice, Training, and Field Tests.

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### 2014 Smarter Field Test Important Dates

Week of February 17, 2014	OPI will begin assigning TIDE passwords to District Administrators and Test Coordinators.
March 18, 2014- May 14, 2014	Montana Smarter Balanced Field Test Montana Window for English Language Arts and Math, Grades 3-8 and 11- All Schools

### ★ OPI Practice and Training Test Website

[http://opi.mt.gov/curriculum/MontCAS/#gpm1\\_8](http://opi.mt.gov/curriculum/MontCAS/#gpm1_8)

### ★ OPI Field Test Website

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### ★ Administration News

**Test Administration Manual (TAM) Checklists** – Checklists are included in the TAM on the following pages:

**Pg. 69 – District Test Coordinator Checklist**

**Pg. 72 – School Test Coordinator Checklist**

**Pg. 77 – Test Administrator Checklist**

**Training Requirements** – All Test Coordinators, Test Administrators, and school administrative staff who will be involved in the Smarter balanced assessment administration must complete the trainings outlined in their respective checklists.

**OPI Recommendation** – After TC's, TA's, and school administrative staff complete the training requirements, testing staff should meet as a group to review and discuss local context specifics and logistics.

- **Training Log** – A training log has been added under administration. Schools may use this log to track the training of assessment staff.

### ✦ **Accessibility News**

Two documents added under training

OPI Pre-recorded Webinar on Accessibility Guidelines

Smarter Accessibility Module

### ✦ **Technology—News**

OPI SBAC Ready Montana

- META website: [www.metasbac.org](http://www.metasbac.org)

**Digital Media Blast** – Weekly 20-minute information blast on Montana Common Core Standards implementation & professional development.

Register at [www.mdpln.org](http://www.mdpln.org). For more information contact:

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**Microphones** – Q. Will all students need microphones in addition to headphones?

A. No. Only students who require the speech-to-text accommodation need microphones as well as a voice pack.

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### ✦ **Data—Recent Documents Posted**

Data/TIDE Quick Facts, February

MT User Template

MT Student Template File  
MT Student Setting Template

## ✦ Training—Recent Documents Posted

### OPI

- Accessibility Overview

### Smarter

- Accessibility & Accommodations
- Test Administrator Training
- Test Administrator Interface for Online Testing

## One Step at a Time!

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