



# McAlister Intermediate School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am writing to you today to inform you of McAlister's upcoming Smarter Balanced assessments (SBAC), and the Grade 5 only Science Connecticut Mastery Test. These assessments target the areas of reading, math, and science, and provide us with additional and useful information about your child's academic performance. These assessments are aligned to the Common Core State Standards and are designed to encompass a wide variety of question formats including multiple choice, short answer, and open ended questions, as well as a real-world inspired performance task requiring students to apply their understanding of math skills and concepts.

McAlister's Smarter Balanced and Science CMT assessments will occur according to the below schedule. Each day of our test administration there will be an hour long testing block that occurs between approximately 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. Please be sure to have your child arrive promptly at school (by 8:35 a.m.) to ensure they do not have to participate in makeup testing. Additionally, note that after each day's testing administration, we will return to our regular daily schedule of classroom learning and activities.

Finally, for the duration of the test administration, all students will need a set of headphones or earbuds. If your child would like to bring in their own, please send your child's headphones or earbuds to school on Monday, April 17. Know that the district will provide headphones for students if they do not bring them in.

As always, please be sure to contact either myself or Mr. Ferraro if you have any questions relative to our Smarter Balanced test administration.

Sincerely,

Karen Carpenter-Snow  
Principal

<b>Grade 5 Science CMT</b>	<b>Smarter Balance English Language Arts</b>	<b>Smarter Balance Mathematics</b>
<b>Wednesday, April 19 10:45-12:00</b>	<b>April 26-27 9:00-10:30</b>	<b>May 1, 3-4 9:00-10:30</b>