

Dear BHS Parent/Guardian,

During the week of May 5-9, 2025, all students in grade 10 and some students in grade 11 at Bainbridge High School will be taking Washington State Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBA).

These tests are required at 10th grade for state and federal accountability, and passage of the SBA Math and ELA assessments meets the [state graduation pathway requirement](#) (this is required to graduate from high school). The tests also provide important information regarding your student's achievement levels that will help your student and BHS staff to design an academic program that best prepares students for college and career success. Our school will have access to SBA scores a few weeks after students complete the tests.

The assessments are administered over multiple days, so it is important for testing students to attend all assigned sessions. Please read the following information carefully, to ensure that your student understands the testing dates that are required for them:

Math (SBA) Tuesday, May 6th

- **All current 10th grade students**
- Students in the 11th grade who have not yet taken or passed the Math SBA.
- Please note that students who are scheduled for a concurrent AP will complete any missed SBA sessions during the Friday, May 9th testing session.

English Language Arts (SBA) Wednesday May 7th and Thursday, May 8th (Both days required)

- **All current 10th grade students**
- Students in 11th grade who have not yet taken or passed the ELA SBA.
- Please note that students who are scheduled for a concurrent AP will complete any missed SBA sessions during the Friday, May 9th testing session.

Make-Up Testing (SBA) Friday, May 9th

- Any student with an unavoidable conflict on any of their scheduled SBA testing days
- Any student with an AP test scheduled concurrently with an SBA test
- If a student was not able to complete all of the scheduled tests on the first three testing days, they will be scheduled to finish testing on this day.

NOTE: All test sessions below run from 8:45-11:15 in the BHS 300 building each day. Students who are not testing will be on a late start schedule, arriving at 12:05. See the modified schedule below.

Students should bring to each testing session:

- a fully-charged, district-provided Chromebook
- two pencils
- a book, in case of early completion (students do not have full access to Chromebooks/internet during testing)

USB headphones will be provided, unless students have their own they would like to bring.

Wireless headphones, cell phones, or other electronic devices are not permitted in the testing environment during the entire testing session. **This means that students will not have access to their cell phones from 8:45 to 11:15 on May 5-9.**

Please reach out to your student's counselor if you have any questions about the tests or your students' participation in them.

Thank you!

Amalia Gonzalez-Kahn

BHS Associate Principal/SBA Coordinator

(206) 780-1280, agonzalezkahn@bisd303.org

SBA Math and ELA Test: Frequently Asked Questions

Who will be testing? *All 10th grade students, unless informed otherwise by an IEP case manager. Also, 11th grade students who still need to take and/or pass the SBA to meet their Pathway requirement will test during these testing dates. 11th grade students who should plan to take the SBA will be informed by ParentSquare in April.*

What if I have a conflicting AP test on SBA testing dates? *Prioritize your AP test. You will be provided with an alternate date to complete the SBA test.*

Is there a modified bus schedule? *Buses are running at their regular times. The library will be available to students in the morning who are on campus, but not testing.*

Is lunch still available at school? *Yes, school lunch will be available to students, whether they are testing or not, at 11:15 on each of the testing days. Please note that all students will have the same lunch period.*

Where will I be testing? *All testing will occur in the 300 building. Classroom assignments will be posted the morning of testing in the entryway, near the elevators.*

Can I use a non-district computer for my test? *District-issued Chromebooks have the needed software for testing. If you don't have a BISD Chromebook checked out to you, a Chromebook will be reserved for you at the testing site.*

Can I leave after testing? *Students must remain in the classroom until the testing session has ended. In the case of an unavoidable scheduling conflict requiring students to leave early, we ask that parents contact Amalia Gonzalez-Kahn at 206-780-1280 or agonzalezkahn@bisd303.org to determine next steps.*

UPDATED: Can I practice for the assessments?

Yes, you can access practice tests [here](#) from a browser.

- Guest User and Guest Session toggles should both be set to "ON" before clicking "Sign In"
- Select your grade level
- Select Smarter Balanced **Practice Tests**
- Choose the relevant test at the 10th grade level. You will likely want to try **both** the CAT and PT for each assessment area you will be taking.
- Click Select, then follow the directions to begin the practice test.

OR, if you are using your BISD Chromebook, you can follow the directions in [this document](#).

Smarter Balance Testing Adjusted Bell Schedule 2025

Monday, May 5 Periods 1-6 No SBA Testing

8:45 - 9:25	Period 1	40 minutes
9:30 - 10:10	Period 2	40 minutes
10:15 - 10:55	Period 3	40 minutes
11:00 - 11:30	1st Lunch	30 minutes
11:35 - 12:15	Period 4 (1st lunch students)	40 minutes
11:00 - 11:40	Period 4 (2nd lunch students)	40 minutes
11:45 - 12:15	2nd lunch	30 minutes
12:20 - 1:00	Period 5	40 minutes
1:05 - 1:45	Period 6	40 minutes

Tuesday, May 6- Friday, May 9

8:45 - 11:10	Smarter Balance Exam • Tuesday: Math CAT and PT • Wednesday: ELA CAT • Thursday: ELA PT • Friday: Make-up	
11:00 - 11:50	Zero period (for students NOT taking SBA) <i>*no scheduled lunch for zero period students</i>	
11:15 - 11:55	Lunch	
60 min. classes	Tuesday/Thursday	Wednesday/Friday
12:05 - 1:05	1st period	2nd period
1:10 - 2:10	3rd period	4th period
2:15 - 3:15	5th period	6th period