

## Next-Generation Assessments: Spring 2015



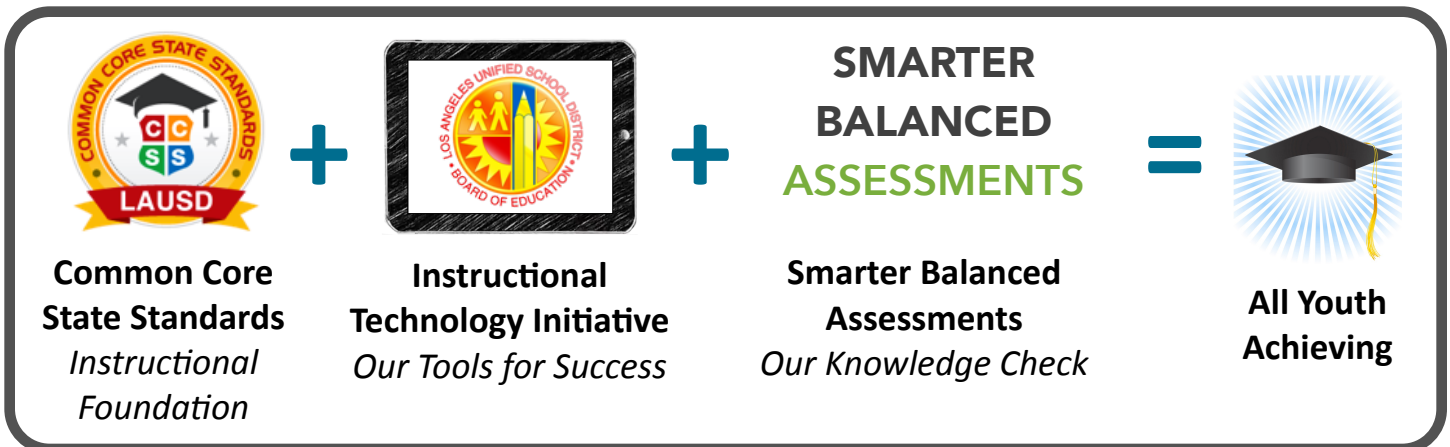
All LAUSD students deserve an education that prepares them for their next step in life — whether that's going on to college or starting their career.

To provide our students with a strong foundation of skills, the District, along with all public schools in California, has transitioned to **Common Core State Standards (CCSS)**. These new standards are designed to prepare students for real-life knowledge and 21st century skills to succeed.

The **Smarter Balanced Assessments** are new, next-generation assessments LAUSD and the state are using to measure our students' understanding of Common Core in math and English languages arts/literacy. The Smarter Balanced Assessments give parents, students and teachers accurate information about whether students are on-track to graduate college-prepared and career-ready.

Instead of the old paper-and-pencil approach, the new assessments are taken on electronic devices — allowing students to go beyond multiple-choice questions and demonstrate analytical skills and real-world problem solving.

As with any new major shift, we will **learn, grow** and **adapt** together as we move forward.



### Testing 411

**LAUSD and school districts across the country are leading the way with the new CCSS-aligned Smarter Balanced Assessments in math and English language arts!**

**Which students will be taking the new assessments this spring?**

Students in grades 3-8, and grade 11.

**When will LAUSD students take the assessments?**

Students in grades 3-8 will be testing between March 10 - June 4, 2015.

Students in grade 11 will be testing between April 15 and June 4.

*Schools will select their own testing dates during these windows, depending on the needs of their school.*

**What can students do to prepare?**

Practice, practice, practice! Take the Practice Test at: [caaspp.org/practice-and-training/index.html](http://caaspp.org/practice-and-training/index.html)