

**All Things SBA
Q and A**

Q: Regarding individual student privacy, what student information is being collected as a part of the Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) testing?

A link to the Department of Education website describing student data that can and cannot be collected is found here: <http://www.ed.gov/k-12reforms/standards>

Q: What is the date range in Bristol for the SBA field testing?

The SBA pilot is scheduled to be administered in all Bristol Schools beginning on March 18th and ending on Friday April 11th. Please note: Make up testing and school schedule interruptions may change this schedule.

Q: If we opt our child out of the SBA field test, what will our kids do during the testing times?

Schools will provide academic activities for students not taking the SBA field (practice) test.

Q: Has the BOE had time to review the Common Core curriculum in Bristol? How does our local Board of Education feel about it? Are they in favor of the curriculum it will offer?

The Bristol Board of Education has reviewed and has voted to approve all district curriculum documents.

Q: Why did Bristol choose the SBA when CMT is available for one more year?

Students in grades 5, 8 and 10 will continue to take the CMT Science test this year. The CMT test, with the exception of Science, will no longer be administered beginning in 2014-15. The decision to participate in the SBA field (practice) test this year was based upon the need for all students and staff to become familiar with the format and content of the actual SBA test. The first formal administration of the SBA test is scheduled to occur next year in 2014-15.

Q: Does the SBA have accommodations for Special Education students including ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) requirements?

Based on the student's IEP or 504 requirements, all required testing accommodations will be made.