Getting Students Ready for the Field Test: Information on Item and Response Types

Item and Response Types

As students engage with the Smarter Balanced Field Test, they will be asked test questions that require them to respond in several ways, some of which may be new to students.

Smarter Balanced has produced several resources that teachers and students can use to get ready for the Field Test, including a Practice Test and a Training Test.   As pointed out in the *Smarter Balanced Test Administration Manual*, "it is **highly recommended** that **ALL** students access the Training Test Site before taking the Field Test" (p. 27.) Doing so will provide students an opportunity to view and practice each of the item types.

The Practice Tests and Training Tests are available at http://sbac.portal.airast.org

Summary of item Types and How to Provide Responses

This table lists the different "Item Types" and briefly describes each one. (It is important to note that not all tests will necessarily include all item types.)

Content Area	Type of Item	Brief Description of How to Respond
ELA and MATH	Multiple Choice, single correct response	Four-option multiple choice
	Multiple Choice, multiple correct responses	Multiple-option multiple choice
	Matching Tables (with a variation True/False or Yes/No)	Table format, click entry
	Short text	Keyboard alphanumeric entry
Math Only	Drag-and-Drop	Drag-and-Drop single or multiple elements
	Hot Spot	Select text

Math Only	Table Fill in	Table format, click entry
	Graphing	Plot points and or draw lines
	Equation/numeric	Enter equation or numeric response
ELA Only	Two-part multiple-choice, with evidence-based response	Two part, multiple choice
	Hot Text	Select and order text
	Essay	Keyboard alphanumeric entry

The following table catalogues each specific item type, and briefly describes the student actions necessary to provide a response. It also includes where examples of each type can be found on the Practice Test and/or Training Test.

Content Area	Item Type	How Student Responds	Practice Test Examples	Training Test Examples
ELA and Math	Multiple choice - Single correct response; radio button	Select an option by clicking on its lettered radio button • To deselect an option, select a different radio button • Only one option can be selected	G3 ELA, Question 2 G3 Math, Question 3 G4 ELA, Question 1 G4 Math, Question 6 G5 ELA, Question 1 G5 Math, Question 4 G6 ELA, Question 2 G6 Math, Question 21 G7 ELA, Question 3 G7 Math, Question 21 G8 ELA, Question 8 G8 Math, Question 12 G11 ELA, Question 1 G11 Math, Question 22	G3-5 ELA, Question 2, Part A G3-5 Math, Question 1 G6-8, ELA, Question 4 G6-8 Math, Question 7 High School ELA, Question 4

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ELA and Math	Multiple choice - Single correct response; highlighted text	Options are lettered; select an option by clicking anywhere within the text • Only one option can be selected • To deselect an option, select a different option	G3 ELA, Question 1 G4 ELA, Question 5 G5 ELA, Question 5 G6 ELA, Question 3 G7 ELA, Question 1 G8 ELA, Question 9 G11 ELA, Question 2	
ELA and Math	Multiple choice - Multiple correct responses; checkboxes	Mark checkbox corresponding to an option • One or more options can be selected • To deselect an option, click on the checkbox that is already marked	G3 Math, Question 2 G4 Math, Question 8 G7 Math, Question 14 G8 Math, Question 25	G3-5 ELA, Question 2, Part B G3-5 Math, Question 6 G6-8 Math, Question 4 High School Math, Question 6
ELA and Math	Multiple choice - Multiple correct responses; highlighted text	Select among multiple lettered options by clicking anywhere within the text • One or more options can be selected • To deselect an option, click on the previously highlighted option	G3 ELA, Question 21 G4 ELA, Question 18 (Highlight sentences in a paragraph) G5 ELA, Question 4 G6 ELA, Question 4 G7 ELA, Question 19 G8 ELA, Question 5 G11 ELA, Question 7	
ELA and Math	Matching Tables (a variation using True/False or Yes/No format)	Select checkbox corresponding to an option in a table cell • To deselect an option, select a checkbox that is already marked	G4 ELA, Question 25 G5 ELA, Question 13 G7 ELA, Question 27 G11 ELA, Question 37	G3-5 ELA, Question 6 G3-5 Math, Question 4 G6-8 ELA, Question 5 G6-8 Math, Question 6 High School ELA, Question 6 High School Math, Question 3
ELA and Math	Short Text	Use keyboard to enter text into a multi-line text box • Text formatting not provided	G3 ELA, Question 7 G3 Math, Question 12 G4 ELA, Question 3 G4 Math, Question 3 G5 ELA, Question 6 G6 ELA, Question 1 G6 Math, Question 11 G7 ELA, Question 7 G8 ELA, Question 12 G8 Math, Question 3 G11 ELA, Question 3	G3-5 ELA, Question 1 G3-5 Math, Question 8 G6-8 ELA, Question 1 High School ELA, Question 1 High School Math, Question 2

Math Only	Drag-and-Drop (select and move objects)	Select an object by clicking on it, then drag-and-drop it to appropriate location in the response area	G3 Math, Question 16 G4 Math, Question 2 G5 Math, Question 20 G6 Math, Question 3 G7 Math, Question 13 G8 Math, Question 6 G11 Math, Question 17	G3-5 Math, Question 3 G6-8 Math, Question 5 High School Math, Question 1
Math Only	Hot Spot	Select targeted areas in the response area	G3 Math, Question 5 G4 Math, Question 19 G5 Math, Question 18 G6 Math, Question 25 G7 Math, Question 8 G11 Math, Question 18	G3-5 Math, Question 5 G6-8 Math, Question 8 High School Math, Question 5
Math Only	Table Fill in	Use keyboard to enter text into table cells, <u>or</u> Select an object by clicking on it, then drag-and-drop it to a table cell	G8 Math, Question 11 G11 Math, Question 15	G3-5 Math, Question 9 G6-8 Math, Question 3 High School Math, Question 7
Math Only	Graphing	Using the Add Point icon • Click in the Question response area to create a new point. • To remove the point, select the Delete icon; click on the point to be deleted Using the Connect Line icon • Click in the Question response area where the line is to start • Click and drag to the area where the line is to end • To remove the line, select the Delete icon; click on the line to be deleted	G3 Math, Question 1 G5 Math, Question 2 G6 Math, Question 13 G7 Math, Question 15 G8 Math, Question 1 G11 Math, Question 19	G3-5 Math, Question 7 G6-8 Math, Question 1 High School Math, Question 8
Math Only	Equation/numeric	Select buttons representing numbers and mathematic symbols to create a numeric response or equation	G3 Math, Question 9 G4 Math, Question 12 G5 Math, Question 17 G6 Math, Question 7 G7 Math, Question 18 G8 Math, Question 2 G11 Math, Question 23	G3-5 Math, Question 2 G6-8 Math, Question 2 High School Math, Question 4

ELA Only	Two-part multiple-choice (evidence-based multiple choice)	Part 1 Response: Select an option by clicking on its lettered radio button; Part 2 Response (to provide evidence in support of the response to Part 1): Click on an option (highlights it) • Responses to both Part 1 and Part 2 can be changed	G3 ELA, Question 1 G4 ELA, Question 5 G7 ELA, Question 1 G11 ELA, Question 4	G3-5 ELA, Question 2 G6-8 ELA, Question 3 High School ELA, Question 2
ELA Only	Hot Text (select and move text)	Select text by clicking on it, then drag-and-drop it to new area	G3 ELA, Question 4	
ELA Only	Listening Tasks	Start an audio clip • Pause/re-start; fast-forward/rewind; and move-to options are provided	G3 ELA, Question 19 G4 ELA, Question 19 G5 ELA, Question 20 G6 ELA, Question 20 G7 ELA, Question 18 G8 ELA, Question 22 G11 ELA, Question 27	G3-5 ELA, Question 5 G6-8 ELA, Question 4 High School ELA, Question 5
ELA Only	Essay	Use keyboard to enter text into a multi-line text box • Text formatting tools are provided	ELA Performance Tasks	

Accessibility Tools

Smarter Balanced is committed to producing an assessment that is accessible to all students. A number of resources that have been developed to build students' and educators' familiarity with the various question types and interface features.

Embedded Tools

In addition to the Training Tests and Practice Tests a training module, called *Let's Talk Universal Tools,* is available on the Field Test Portal to acquaint students and teachers with the online, universal tools available in the Smarter Balanced assessments for all students. A separate training module also is available on the Field Test Portal with a focus on designated supports and accommodations. Both modules will help teachers learn how to find and use the tools correctly and can be accessed at http://sbac.portal.airast.org/field-test/resources/#training.

To access some of the embedded resources such as strikethrough, highlighter, American Sign Language videos, and text-to-speech, students will need to access the **"right-click context menu"**. Please note the method to access the menu is dependent on the student's device type.

Device Type	Description on Displaying Right-Click Context Menu
Windows-based desktop or laptop (two-button mouse)	Click on right-mouse button
Mac OS-based desktop or laptop (one-button mouse)	Hold down Control key on keyboard, then click mouse button
iPad tablet (touchscreen)	Tap on menu in upper left corner of Secure Browser app
Android-based tablet (touchscreen)	Tap on menu in upper left corner of Secure Browser app
Chromebook (trackpad)	Hold down Alt key on keyboard, and tap the trackpad