

# TIMELINE

Field-testing is an important step in designing the federally funded assessments for the common core, but other key milestones lie ahead as the two main state consortia complete their suites of tests and tools.

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**FIELD-TESTING:**  
March 24-April 11  
(performance-based component) and  
May 5-June 6  
(end-of-year component)

**March/April 2014**  
Release of first round of practice tests.

**Fall 2014**

Test-building begins. In October, research findings from field-testing are reported. Second round of practice tests released. Scheduled launch of Partnership Resource Center, an online collection of instructional tools and resources.

**Winter 2014/2015**  
Midyear/interim assessments available.

**Spring 2015**

States administer first operational summative assessments. The performance-based component occurs after about 75 percent of instruction. The end-of-year portion occurs in the last few weeks of the school year.

**September 2015**  
Cut scores are established. Results from first operational test are released by states.

**Fall 2015**  
Diagnostic assessments available.

**Fall 2016**

Colleges and universities expected to use test results for placement into entry-level, credit-bearing courses.

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**FIELD-TESTING:**  
March 25 - June 6

**Spring/Summer 2014**  
Preview of Digital Library on formative-assessment tools and practices.

**Fall 2014**

Preliminary cut scores are established.

**Fall 2014**  
Interim assessments and Digital Library ready for use by states.

**Winter 2014/2015**  
States receive a subset of results from field-testing.

**Spring 2015**  
States administer first operational summative assessments during last 12 weeks of the school year.

**Summer 2015**  
Results from first operational test released by states.

**Summer/Fall 2015**  
Cut scores for the summative assessment reviewed and possibly adjusted.

**Fall 2016**

Colleges and universities begin to use test results to inform placement into entry-level, credit-bearing courses.

SOURCES: Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers; Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium