

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
Preliminary cut scores
are established.

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

FIELD-TESTING:
March 25
- June 6

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.

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

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.

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

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

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

Fall 2015
Diagnostic
assessments
available.

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

Fall 2016
Colleges and universities
begin to use test results to
inform placement into entry-
level, credit-bearing courses.

SOURCES: Partnership
for Assessment of
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Balanced Assessment
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