

SMARTER BALANCED TESTING... WHY IT MATTERS



It is very beneficial for our students to take the SBAC test. While many debate the value of standardized tests and question the Common Core State Standards, we remain committed to assessing our students because of the value it provides the students for their future, and also the value it provides HBHS in guiding instruction.

REASONS TO DO WELL ON THE SBAC...



EAP Results

The SBAC tests contains a portion of questions called the EAP (Early Assessment Program). This determines if students are ready for college. All CSUs and CA Community Colleges use this to place students in English and Math classes. If not taken during the SBAC, it can cost students time and money taking placement tests and remediation classes in college.



College & Career Readiness

The SBAC results will tell you if your student is ready for college. This is helpful information regardless of where or if they may be attending college. Knowing academic strengths and weaknesses can be very beneficial. In addition, test-taking skills are a part of life and will come in handy during college and when seeking careers. Finally, the results also help determine which English class students take senior year.



HBHS Rigor

HBHS teachers use the results of the SBAC to help guide instruction for future years. Being able to see how well our students did allows the teachers to assess their own strengths and areas for growth. The data from the SBAC allows teachers and staff to assess their teaching and make improvements if needed.



Critical Thinking

The SBAC test assesses critical and creative thinking, skills that most major employers list as very important when hiring new employees. Not only does the SBAC assess college readiness, but it also tests our students' ability to problem solve.

*Students working towards a Seal of Biliteracy must take and pass the SBAC exam to be eligible.