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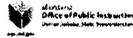


Montana Comprehensive Education System

Judy Snow, State Assessment Director

Education and Local Government Interim Committee

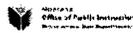
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- ✦ Statewide Testing
 - + CRT and CRT-Alternate
 - + English Language Proficiency Test
- ✦ Resources to Support Assessment
- ✦ What's New
 - + ACT Plus Writing
 - + SMARTER Balanced Assessment Consortium

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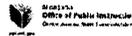
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CRT AND CRT-ALTERNATE

- × Criterion-Referenced Test
 - + General education population
- × Criterion-Referenced Test Alternate
 - + Students who are significantly cognitively delayed
- × Reading and Math
 - + Grades 3-8 and 10
- × Science
 - + Grades 4, 8, and 10

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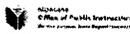


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CRT AND CRT-ALTERNATE

- × Both aligned to Montana content standards
- × Administered in March of each year
- × CRT
 - + Multiple choice items
 - + Short answer items in math
 - + Constructed response items
- × CRT-Alternate
 - + Scaffolded performance tasks
 - + Administered to students individually

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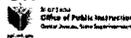


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ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY TEST

- × Grades K-12 for students identified as Limited English Proficient
- × Aligned to Montana English Language Proficiency Standards
- × Assesses social and instructional language
- × Four domains: Listening, Speaking, Reading, Writing
- × Administered in December and January of each academic year

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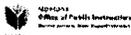


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MONTCAS PRESENTS THERE'S MORE TO ASSESSMENT THAN TESTING

- × Professional development resources to support statewide testing programs and classroom assessment and use of data
 - + Online Classes
 - + Online modules
 - + Annual assessment conference
- × Test results and data

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ACT PLUS WRITING

× \$28 Million Gear Up Grant

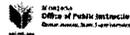
+ Opportunity for every Montana grade 11 student to take the ACT Plus Writing

- × At no charge
- × In their high schools
- × On a school day

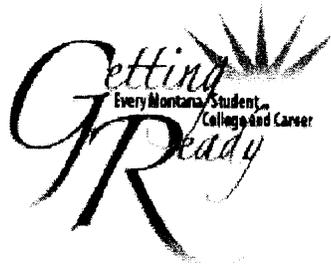
+ 7 year grant

- × Year 1: 2011-12, Implementation Pilot

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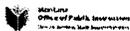


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Montana Common Core Standards and Assessments

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SMARTER

Balanced Assessment Consortium

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Montana Common Core Standards and Assessment Timeline

Planning and awareness
2011-2012

Schools/districts--
alignment
2012-2013

Schools/districts--
implementation
2013-2014

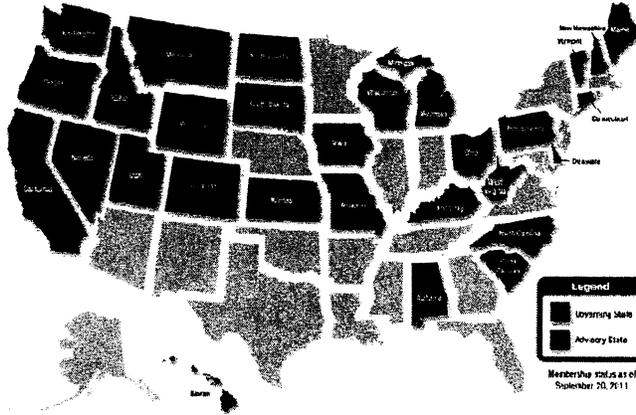
School s/districts--
Full
implementation
and integration of
SMARTER
summative
assessment
2014-2015

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A NATIONAL CONSORTIUM OF STATES

- × 29 states representing 48% of K-12 students
- × 21 governing, 8 advisory states
- × Washington state is fiscal agent



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PURPOSES OF THE CONSORTIUM

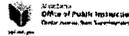
- × To develop a set of comprehensive and innovative assessments for grades 3-8 and high school in English language arts and mathematics aligned to the Common Core State Standards
- × To ensure that all students leave high school prepared for postsecondary success in college or a career through increased student learning and improved teaching.
- × The assessments shall be operational across consortium states in the 2014-15 school year.

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BENEFITS OF A MULTI-STATE CONSORTIUM

- **Less cost and more capabilities** through scope of work sharing and collaboration
- **More control** through open-source software platforms for online adaptive testing and test items/questions
- **Better service** for students with disabilities and EL students through common, agreed-upon protocols for accommodations

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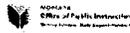


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TERMS

- × **Formative Assessment/Tools and Practices**
 - + Classroom/Part of instruction/During learning
- × **Interim Assessment**
 - + Classroom/ At end of a segment of learning
- × **Summative**
 - + After learning

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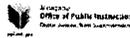


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MORE TERMS

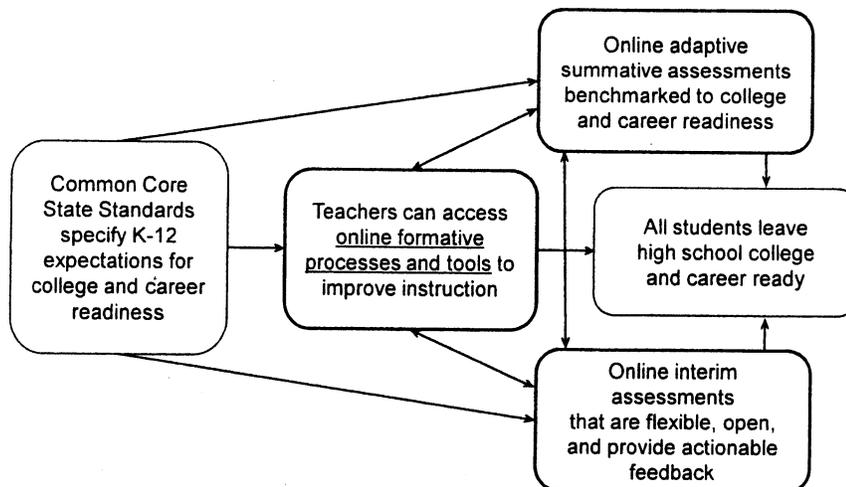
- × Adaptive Online Assessment (Computer Adaptive)
 - + Adapts to individual student responses
 - + Facilitates accommodations
- × Balanced Assessment System
 - + Assessment components are aligned to the same standards
 - + Instruction is aligned to the same standards

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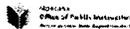


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ASSESSMENT SYSTEM COMPONENTS



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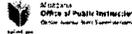


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TO LEARN MORE

- SMARTER
www.k12.wa.us/SMARTER
- Assessment Conference: Jan. 18-20, 2012,
Helena
http://www.opi.mt.gov/curriculum/MontCAS/#p7GPc1_5

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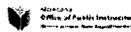
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