The Smarter Balanced Practice Tests provide an early look at sets of assessment questions aligned to the Common Core for grades 3-8 and 11 in both English language arts/literacy and mathematics. The Smarter Balanced Practice Tests allow teachers, students, parents and other interested parties to experience the features of online testing and gain insight into how Smarter Balanced will assess students’ mastery of the Common Core.

Step One: Student Interface

- Go to: http://sbac.portal.airast.org/ca/practice-test-ca/
- Click on bottom right icon labeled “Student Interface Practice and Training Tests”

Step Two: Sign In

- An individual user account is not required to take the Practice Tests. Use the GUEST login and click [Sign In].

Step Three: Verification

- Select a grade from the drop-down menu
- Select [Yes] to continue

Step Four: Choose a Test

- Select [Start Grade Mathematics], [Start Grade ELA], or [Start Grade ELA Performance Task].
  - There are approximately 20 to 25 items for each assessment.
Step Five: Choose Settings
- Select test settings for background color, print size, word list/glossary and text to speech—or click [Select] for default setting of black on white.

Step Six: Verify Test
- Confirm selected test and settings. Click [Yes, Start My Test] to proceed.

Step Seven: Navigation and Help Instructions
- Review the information on the Test Instructions and Help screen. Click [Begin Test Now] to begin the practice test.
- To access the Help Menu at anytime during testing click the ? Located in the upper left corner.

NOTES:
- Assessments include several different item types such as selected-response, technology-enhanced and constructed-response. You may also select a performance task.
- You cannot skip items.
- The Practice and Training Tests provide a preview of the Smarter Balanced assessments, but they do not encompass the full range of content that students will encounter on the 2015 summative assessment.
- Students and teachers will not receive reports or scores from the Practice and Training Tests.
- The Practice and Training Tests can be taken multiple times.