

Tools for Teachers Launching Soon!

Just in time for summer planning, Smarter Balanced is pleased to release Tools for Teachers. Tools for Teachers will be launching a preview available June 16, 2020. An even more expansive set of resources will be available September 2020. This website can be used in lieu of the Digital Library, which is now retired.

Created by educators, Tools for Teachers is an easy-to-use website, featuring lessons and activities to enhance instruction, saves time creating lessons, and prepares students for college or a career. Tools for Teachers was created with a commitment to accessibility and supporting students. The website makes it easier for educators to find the strategies that work for students with diverse needs. Tools for Teachers' resources can help teachers plan instruction, including lessons, activities, instructional strategies, and links to sample test questions. The Tools for Teachers website links to additional Smarter Balanced resources to facilitate seamless access to relevant content across other websites and applications.

Tools for Teachers also provides access to a variety of resources that teachers can use to support student learning, including:

- Lessons and activities that can help teachers reach all students.
- Meaningful descriptions of grade-level expectations to help teachers monitor progress between assessment events.

• Assessment strategies to help teachers identify where students are in their learning, where they are going, and how they will get there.

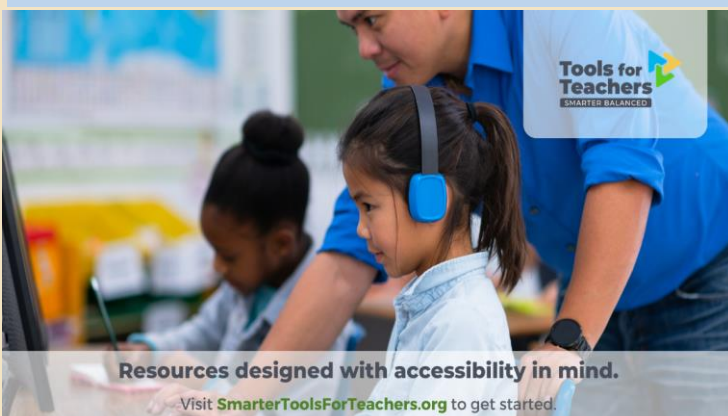
Access to this site will be attainable through the Single Sign-on through Delaware Department of Education or visit SmarterToolsForTeachers.org to get started!

For more information visit:

Tools for Teacher

- <https://www.smarterbalanced.org/tools-for-teachers/>
- What is Tools for Teachers - https://youtu.be/YI6bM_3qCos
- Tools for Teachers – Demonstration – <https://youtu.be/jPSTH7vM37s>
- How Tools for Teachers Supports Educators - <https://youtu.be/Slq0YZL8-LI>

Are you interested in learning more about Tools for Teachers? We are looking for educators to be part of the Train the Trainer. This is a virtual training on July 21 from 10:30 to 2:30 with an hour break for lunch. This will be a valuable training given by Smarter Balanced, which you will be able to share with your colleagues. This will be first come first serve for educators in all grades and content areas. Please email Gina Voges at gina.voges@laurel.k12.de.us by June 28th if you would like to participate or have any questions.



Resources designed with accessibility in mind.

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Remote Learning Webinar

Please join Smarter Balanced for a two-part webinar series on June 17 and July 23 from 2:30 p.m.- 3:30 p.m. called “Formative Assessment in Remote Learning: A Driver for Improving Instruction of Diverse Learners.” The sessions are provided by Stanford Graduate School of Education’s Understanding Language Initiative.

The two webinar sessions will focus on formative assessment practices with multilingual learners in remote learning environments and will include:

- A holistic approach to remote learning and reopening schools,
- Formative assessment process as a part of acceleration, and
- Examples of classroom activities that can support the simultaneous development of content and language.

The meeting information is below:

Link: <https://ucsc-extension.zoom.us/j/93011855323?pwd=bDZqRlNkYWMrN3paZkcvUFVTcitOQT09>

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The webinars will be recorded and made available on Tools for Teachers following the sessions.

Upcoming Events

- June 16th Train the Trainer Tools for Teachers Preview Launch
- June 17th Part 1 Formative Assessment in Remote Learning: A Driver for Improving Instruction of Diverse Learners
- July 23rd Part 2 Formative Assessment in Remote Learning: A Driver for Improving Instruction of Diverse Learners
- September 2020- Grand Opening Tools for Teachers (subject to change due to external factors)



Formative Assessment Process:

<https://youtu.be/wpwZCqvt70U>

What is an SNE?

<https://youtu.be/bC0PJ4NIHFE>

Using data from the ICA or IABs

<https://youtu.be/9D5jdlTrx3c>

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