

## Summary of Changes in Oregon Smarter Balanced ELA Blueprint

The Oregon Department of Education will implement a streamlined Smarter Balanced test blueprint at grades 3-8 and high school beginning this school year (2017 – 18). The purpose of streamlining the ELA/Literacy test blueprint is to reduce the testing time while retaining comparable validity and reliability of the full test. Testing times are projected to reduce by approximately 1 hour for ELA in all grades.

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Test Component	Reporting Categories	Number of Items		Changes
		2016-17	2017-18	
CAT	Claim 1 Reading	14–16	14–16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Removal of all <a href="#">Brief Write</a> items in the ELA (CAT).<sup>1</sup></li> </ul>
	Claim 2 Writing <sup>2</sup>	10	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Replacement of <a href="#">Brief Write</a> items with machine-scored items: <a href="#">evidence-based selected response</a>, <a href="#">hot text</a>, <a href="#">multiple choice</a>, and <a href="#">multi-select</a>.</li> </ul>
	Claim 3 Listening	8–9	8–9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No change.</li> </ul>
	Claim 4 Research	6	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Addition of two (Claim 4 Research) items to the ELA CAT to compensate for reduction of research items from the ELA PT.</li> </ul>
PT	Segment 1 (Claim 4 Research)	2–3	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduction in Research items to one item in Segment 1.</li> <li>ELA PT Segment 1 will consist of either a <a href="#">Matching Table</a> item or a <a href="#">Short Answer</a> response item.</li> </ul>
	Segment 2 (Full Write)	1	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No change.</li> </ul>

The [Oregon Smarter Balanced blueprint](#) provides more detailed information about the number of items and depth of knowledge for each assessed target.

<sup>1</sup> *Brief Write items are also known as [short answer](#) or constructed response items.*

<sup>2</sup> *Claim 2 Writing 1a/3a/6a: [Write Brief Texts](#) (DOK 3) will not be assessed in the ELA (CAT).*