

# Availability of Consortium Resources to Non-members

Consistent with the priorities of its member states, the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium is committed to maintaining the value of Consortium membership while creating opportunities for students in non-member states to benefit from the Smarter Balanced Assessment System.

## Value Proposition of Consortium Membership

Governing members in the Consortium have control over:

- **Cost drivers for assessment implementation:** Members control the length of the test, the emphasis of content on the test, and the types of items that will be presented to students.
- **The operational budget:** Members develop and approve the Consortium's membership fees and expenditures.
- **The scope of services:** Members are able to ensure that the Consortium provides the services that their members and stakeholders require.

## Value Proposition for Maintaining and Enhancing the Assessment System

Consortium governing members will work together to maintain and enhance the usefulness and value of the system by:

- Developing and calibrating additional secure assessment items to better measure the depth and breadth of College and Career Readiness Content Standards.
- Developing additional non-secure assessment items to better allow teachers to measure the progress of students throughout the school year.
- Developing additional formative tools and supports to better improve teaching and learning.
- Supporting the open source implementation of the Smarter Balanced test administration, data warehouse, item archive and authoring tool, and digital library.
- Monitoring item exposure, exposure and use of other secure and non-secure assessment resources.
- Maintaining existing and securing new copyright agreements.
- Protecting the security of Consortium materials.
- Providing communication materials and supports to service providers as required to support the system.

## Consortium Approach to Sustainability

The Consortium intends to fund services to its members and enhance the assessment system through the collection of annual membership fees to be established by the member states.

## Availability of Consortium Resources to Non-Members

The Consortium intends to make Consortium resources available to non-members under the following conditions:

- Non-members will not have the privileges of membership including but not limited to the:
  - Authority to contribute to or approve policy decisions.
  - Authority to approve the Consortium's annual budget. (i.e., membership fee structure and expenditures)

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- Non-members will:
  - Pay a per-student fee equal to the applicable membership fees. (This fee will provide the resources required to address the applicable distribution and management requirements of both secure and non-secure materials.)
  - Agree to maintain the security of Consortium materials and use materials appropriately based on the Consortium test administration manuals and applicable copyright agreements.
  - Agree to Consortium certification requirements if the non-member plans on reporting results on the Smarter Balanced scale.
- The Consortium reserves the right to require a security bond contingent on the Consortium's analysis of the security risks posed by non-member use of Consortium materials.