INSTRUCTIONS FOR PRACTICING A “SMARTER BALANCED” COMMON CORE STATE TEST.

- Go to http://sbac.portal.airast.org/practice-test/
- Select the tab at the bottom of the page that says “Student Interface Practice and Training Tests” that look like this:

- Do the “Click here if you are a California student“ that’s in the top right of the page and looks like this:

- The login will default to ‘guest.’ Do not change anything in any box and do not follow the “For Students” directions. You will be signing in as a guest. Just click the “Sign in” button.
- You should now see a screen that says “Is This You?” If you’re there, then
  1. Select a grade, then
  2. Click ‘yes’
- You should now see a screen that says “Your Tests.” If you’re there, then click on the middle left box that says, “Start CaliforniaPTG (your grade level) Math Practice Test.”
- You will now see a page that says “Choose Settings.” Don’t. Just click “Select” at the bottom.
- Same thing on the next page, which says, “Is This Your Test?” Just go to the bottom and click on “Yes, Start My Test.”
- Now you’ll see “Test Instructions and Help.” Don’t skip this! The website (and the state test) isn’t easy to navigate and use, so viewing these instructions will help you a lot. Scroll down in the middle window to read through the overview and instructions.
- When you finish the Test Instructions and Help, click on “Begin Test Now."
- Do at least 15 problems (you will have to show your scratch work for these problems to earn credit for this assignment—look at the bottom of this paper). The whole test is approximately 30 questions in length. You do not have to do all the problems (you’re welcome to do more than 15 if you want).
- You will see many different types of problems, and the way to answer the problems may be confusing. A parent should go through the questions with you. Just do the best you can.
- When the test is finished, it does not give you the answers or a score…it just shuts off. Thus, this practice is primarily to get used to the system of testing that you’ll see near the end of the school year (late May).
- TO TURN IN: You must turn in your scratch paper where you figured out the answers to the 15 problems you did. If a problem doesn’t require written work, you must write an explanation (1 or 2 sentences) of how you figured out the answer. Other details:
  (1) Your turned-in scratch work can be 1 piece of paper or even 3 or 4.
  (2) Number the scratch work/explanations.
  (3) Number them in order.
  (4) You do not have to write out the problems from the test; just show your work or explanation.
  (5) Put this at the back of packet of work when you turn it in.