Dear Parent/Guardian of a current SOTA 10th Grader,

This month, your 10th grade student will take the Smarter Balanced tests in math and/or English language arts. These test results are used for state and federal accountability, as well as for assessment graduation requirements.

This is the fifth year our state will administer the Smarter Balanced tests. The results from the Smarter Balanced tests will provide a more accurate picture of whether students across the state are on track to be ready for career or college.

Our school will have access to the Smarter Balanced test scores a few weeks after students complete the online tests.

Our school is scheduled to take the tests

ELA for 10th Graders: Monday, May 20-23 in Humanities classes.
Math for 10th Graders: May 29, 30 and Monday and Tuesday, June 3rd and 4th during Math classes.

For more information about the Smarter Balanced tests, visit www.k12.wa.us/smarter.
To try out an online Smarter Balanced practice test, visit https://wa.portal.airast.org/training-tests.stml.

Please call or email Rachel Pardur, SOTA Testing Coordinator, rpardur@tacoma.k12.wa.us if you have questions about state testing. Students will be required to make up testing if they are absent.

Thank you for continuing to work with us to make sure your child is successful. We appreciate your support in making sure they get to school on time and are well rested. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to better support your child. We want your child to leave us with a solid foundation of skills and a future full of opportunities.

Appreciate your partnership,

Renee L. Froembling  
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