

# Since last school year two more states dropped the SBAC, so for 2018 we are down to only:

- **12 SBAC states (initially 20)**

<http://educationnext.org/the-politics-of-common-core-assessments-parcc-smarter-balanced/>  
<http://www.smarterbalanced.org/about/members/>

- **PARCC 5 for 2018, by next school year will likely be down to 3 states year IF both IL and NJ drop (initially 12)**

<http://www.parcconline.org/about/states>  
<http://www.chalkbeat.org/posts/co/2017/06/14/colorado-will-no-longer-give-parcc-english-and-math-tests-forging-its-own-path/>  
<http://www.dailyherald.com/news/20180208/report-illinois-to-drop-unpopular-parcc-exams>  
[http://www.nj.com/politics/index.ssf/2018/01/murphy\\_says\\_nj\\_will\\_soon\\_end\\_parcc\\_testing.html](http://www.nj.com/politics/index.ssf/2018/01/murphy_says_nj_will_soon_end_parcc_testing.html)

# SBAC test

## (Handout – Sparks Teacher and NH Teachers)

<https://nebula.wsimg.com/173780155c6d2e3f9f41c7ee4891859a?AccessKeyId=C3981F8CAAAD55AAC083&disposition=0&alloworigin=1>



**The SBAC test is a:  
Secret  
10 Hour  
Computer Adaptive Test  
That is more of a  
STUDENT DATA MINING tool  
For third parties, than a criterion referenced test!**

# Dr. Peg Luksik – One of the problems with the SBAC test is that it's Computer Adaptive

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aY4iMwlarNA&feature=youtu.be&t=73>



# **Student Data Mining via SBAC**

# Per SBAC's contract with the U.S. Department of Education

**“The SBAC is required to ‘provide timely and complete access to any and all data collected at the state level’ to the federal government DoE (Dept. of Education), or its designated program monitors, technical assistance providers, or researcher partners, and to GAO (Government Accountability Office)...”**

N – 6, Appendix F 5 – B,

<http://www2.ed.gov/programs/racetothetop-assessment/sbac-cooperative-agreement.pdf>

<http://truthinamericaneducation.com/uncategorized/federal-government-to-have-access-to-your-childs-data-via-common-core-assessments/>

**In addition to whomever the SBAC shares test data with here are some of the entities that get up to 10 hours of raw SBAC\* data:**

- **American Institute for Research (AIR)**
- **Data Recognition Corporation (DRC) \***
- **eMetric (eMetric) \***
- **National Center for Analysis of Longitudinal Data in Education Research (CALDER)**
- **National Center for Research on Evaluation, Standards, and Student Testing (CRESST)**
- **\* Paid directly by state of Nevada**

# American Institute for Research (AIR)

- Per SBAC's website: "AIR will develop an open source solution for delivering the Consortium's online, computer adaptive...assessments to students."

<http://www.air.org/resource/air-partners-smarter-balanced-assessment-consortium-create-online-test-delivery-system>

<http://www.smarterbalanced.org/news/smarter-balanced-awards-test-delivery-system-contract-to-american-institutes-for-research/>

<http://www.ode.state.or.us/news/announcements/announcement.aspx?ID=8531&TypeID=4>

- AIR History - In 1946 John Flanagan founded AIR – Prior to that, he was the chief psychologist involved in Eugenic experiments via the Pioneer Fund in the late 1930's and early 40's. The stated purpose of the Pioneer Fund was to, "increase the birth rate among superior groups."

<http://www.air.org/page/air-history>

<http://www.wsj.com/articles/SB934843314555163550>

<http://www.air.org/news/press-release/calder-relocates-american-institutes-research>

<http://www.thefreelibrary.com/%22The+American+breed%22%3a+Nazi+eugenics+and+the+origins+of+the+Pioneer...-a086064877>

- Per AIR's website today they claim to be: "one of the world's largest behavioral and social science research and evaluation organizations."

<http://www.air.org/about-us>



# Data Recognition Corporation (DRC)

- **DRC is the company Nevada pays about \$13 Million per year** to administer the SBAC test (and I think the End of Course exams)

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/DRC/CTB>

<https://www.reviewjournal.com/news/nevada-board-approves-student-testing-contract/>

- **From DRC's website: PSYCHOMETRIC SERVICES**  
**“DRC's Psychometric Services team is staffed with highly-credentialed psychometricians and measurement professionals that design programs to meet the expanding psychometric requirements of next-generation assessments.”**

<http://www.datarecognitioncorp.com/education-services/psychometric-services/Pages/default.aspx>

# eMetric

## Being paid by Nevada

- “eMetric **was founded** in 2000 by Dr. Huixing Tang, **a renowned psychometrician.**”

<http://www.emetric.net/company>

# National Center for Analysis of Longitudinal Data in Education Research (CALDER)

- **CALDER is now based at AIR's corporate headquarters in Washington, D.C.**  
From AIR's website: "By capitalizing on rich longitudinal data, the Center can explore a breadth of critical education issues and present research advancements of the highest quality to policymakers. Through the course of this work, CALDER makes significant technical and analytic contributions to the field as it mines growing sources of state and administrative longitudinal data with state-of-the-art econometric techniques."
- **CALDER, "strives to inform education policy development through analyses of data on individual students and teachers over time."**
- **Since its founding, CALDER has been focused on student outcomes, utilizing longitudinal databases and other data sources**

# Psychometrics

Per Wikipedia: “is a field of study concerned with the theory and technique of psychological measurement. One part of the field is concerned with the objective measurement of skills and knowledge, abilities, **attitudes**, **personality traits**, and educational achievement.”

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Psychometrics>

## **Clinical Psychologist Dr. Gary Thompson of Utah:**

- **Agrees with Dr. Luksik the SBAC “is not a valid assessment.”**
- **He also says these entities will be using the SBAC to develop psychological profiles on students.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nqdO9uluJro>

# Since 2011 SBAC has moved three times

- **Washington State**
- **UCLA**
- **2017 – UC Santa Cruz’s Silicon Valley Extension**

<http://www.smarterbalanced.org/about/>

<https://www.ucsc-extension.edu/index>

- **March, 2014 - The NDE threatened all schools in NV: “If you do not have 95% participation on the SBAC your school will automatically be a ONE STAR school.” This is why schools & districts...**
- **Incline Middle School has never had 95% participation and they still aren't a One Star school**

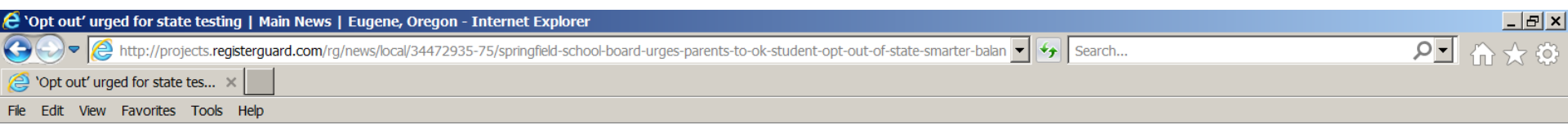
<https://www.nevadansagainstcommoncore.com/nde-forces-all-nv-students-into-cc--sbac--testing....html>

<https://nebula.wsimg.com/fe67ec941d5675ab43d3e6c8f271c534?AccessKeyId=C3981F8CAAAD55AAC083&disposition=0&alloworigin=1>

- **NY State has had about 20% opt-out STATEWIDE for fours years and they have not been penalized**

# At one of the largest school districts in OR - ALL school board members suggested parents opt their children out of the SBAC test (Handout)

<http://projects.registerguard.com/rg/news/local/34472935-75/springfield-school-board-urges-parents-to-ok-student-opt-out-of-state-smarter-balanced-tests.html.csp>



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SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT

## 'Opt out' urged for state testing

The Springfield School Board says the Smarter Balanced evaluations don't benefit students

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The Springfield School Board on Monday evening urged parents and guardians to allow their children to opt out of the state-mandated Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium test.

Calling the test an "ineffective measure of student growth and accountability," the five-member board unanimously approved a statement recommending that parents and guardians "strongly consider exercising their right" under state law to "opt out their





# SBAC SUMMARY

- Computer Adaptive test
- Students will be testing for about 10 hours, plus all the time wasted preparing for the test
- Designed to “fail” half of the students – but that can be changed at the will of the SBAC
- Will not be graded and returned to Nevada until the following school year – even then we will only NV students to students in at most 11 other states
- The results are useless to parents and (*probably educators*)
- At least during the testing window, student social media accounts will be, **monitored**, “spied on” by SBAC, on pages 102-103 SBAC instructs local districts and states on how to do the same
- [ftp://ftps.smarterbalanced.org/~sbacpublic/Public/Member\\_Procedures\\_Manual\\_10-30-2015.pdf](ftp://ftps.smarterbalanced.org/~sbacpublic/Public/Member_Procedures_Manual_10-30-2015.pdf)
- Maybe unconstitutional - MO
- The NDE has threatened every school in the state...95%
- And The WORSE thing is: the Student Data Mining and Sharing, and possible Student Psychological Profiling ALL without parent consent!