

# New Assessment Coordinator Workshop #3 Using Assessment to Enhance Instruction

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# First Contacts for Support

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- Beth Schiltz – Accommodations
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- Amanda Thronson – SD Math & ELA Assessments
- **Amanda Thronson** – Interim & Formative Assessments
- Chris Booth – Home School
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# SD Interim Assessments

# Interim Assessments Top 10

- Aligned to SD Content Standards
- Different options available to give you exactly what you want
- Part of the **complete** Smarter Balanced assessment system
- Interims are practice and predictors for summative
- Students benefit from taking interims
- Interims can be used formatively to know where kids are at
- Interims can be used to inform where to go next
- Use interim assessment data to improve instruction
- Instructional resources are available to guide next steps
- Free of charge!

Our interim assessments are from the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium.

There are three types of Interim assessments- ICAs, IABs, and FIABs

## INTERIM ASSESSMENTS AT A GLANCE

### Interim Comprehensive Assessments



Assess the full range of targets, similar to the summative.

*Examples:*

- Grade 3 ELA
- Grade 3 Math

### Interim Assessment Blocks



Assess 3–8 targets in Math or ELA/literacy.

*Examples:*

- Grade 3 ELA, Reading Literary Texts
- Grade 3 Math, Operations and Algebraic Thinking

### Focused Interim Assessment Blocks



Assess 1–3 targets in Math or ELA/literacy.

*Examples:*

- Grade 3 ELA, Text Analysis (Literary)
- Grade 3 Math: Multiply and Divide Within 100

- ICAs should only be given if you don't have a new student's complete educational record or as a mid-year check on progress of your students.
- IABs and FIABs are shorter tests that measure just a few targets. These are linked to the Tools for Teachers resources that is available from Smarter Balanced.

- Interims are fixed form assessments.
- They are available for grades 3-11.
- You can go out of grade for the interim assessments if needed on a student-by-student basis.
- Each interim can be given twice a year to each student. It is reset every summer.



- The scores will be available in the reporting system.
- Most interim assessment items will be automatically (AI) scored for the 2020-2021 school year
- Teachers will have an override option for some items.
- The hand scoring rubrics will still be available to help guide teachers in their teaching.

# Science Interims

- Each interim focuses on a specific standard
  - Short; comparable to a cluster on summative
- Available for grades 5, 8, and 11
  - Grade spans of Grades 3-5 for 5<sup>th</sup> grade
  - Grade spans of Grades 6-8 for 8<sup>th</sup> grade
  - All high school standards for 11<sup>th</sup> grade
- Students can test off grade as long as properly set in TIDE
  - Limited number, so you wouldn't want to have them used on same students each year

# Tools for Teachers

Amanda Thronson

- Tools for Teachers is new from Smarter Balanced.
- It is replacing the Digital Library which was decommissioned at the end of May 2020.

# What is it?

Tools for Teachers is an easy-to-search website featuring lessons and activities designed to save teachers time. Check out a few of the features:

- interactive Connections Playlists you can use with interim assessments,
- high-quality resources aligned to learning standards,
- formative assessment strategies embedded in every resource, and
- accessibility instructional strategies.

- Connections Playlists link interim assessment results to instructional resources, so educators can tailor teaching and learning to students' needs.

- Tools for Teachers is accessed through the Assessment Gateway.
- The password you use to access the gateway is the same for Tools for Teachers in 2020.



Students & Families



Educators



Technology Coordinators

### Recent Announcements

**new! We need your feedback to improve the South Dakota Assessment Gateway!**

Cambium Assessment Inc. is in the process of evaluating what it is like to use the **South Dakota Gateway**. We want to know what is working well and what can be better. We are looking for feedback from district assessment coordinators, school assessment coordinators, test administrators, teachers, proctors, and parents, and students.

Click on this link to complete the survey:

**<https://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/5612885/State-Assessment-Portal-Feedback-Survey>**

The survey should take about seven to ten minutes. Please complete the survey by June 30th.

If you have any questions regarding the survey or need assistance, contact the Cambium Assessment Portal Survey Help Desk at 877-206-7039.

*Added June 17, 2020*

**new! Goodbye, Digital Library! Hello, Tools for Teachers!**

Tools for Teachers is an easy-to-use website featuring lessons and activities designed to move students toward college and career readiness. Created with the assistance of hundreds of educators, Tools for Teachers helps educators reflect on what students know and can do, and take action on next steps to meet learning goals.

### Welcome!

School districts will be using the Cambium Assessment, Inc. services to administer the South Dakota Assessments Program. Use this site to access resources and download the secure browser.



Secure Browsers



Important Dates



FAQs



Practice & Training Tests



Tools For Teachers



Resources





TIDE



Interim &  
Summative Test Site



Reporting



Assessment Viewing  
Application



Practice & Training  
Test Site



Proctor Certification  
Course



Testing Resources



FAQs



Tools For Teachers

## Welcome Educators!

This page provides access to CAI systems, assessment manuals, training resources, and other South Dakota Assessments Program resources.

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- Here is the website for the new **Tools for Teachers**:

<https://smartertoolsforteachers.org/>



Discover **classroom resources** you can use today.

Educator-created lessons, activities, strategies, and professional development to help tailor instruction and boost learning.



# Gizmos

Chris Booth

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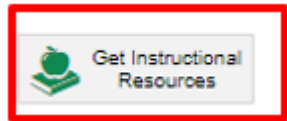
- Online Simulations and case studies for grades 3-8, and 11
- Goes online August 31
- Users will need a TE-Science account in TIDE
  - Add a role to an existing account
  - Click Users under "Preparing for Testing"
  - Click "Add Users", then input email of user to add.
    - If they already have an account, you can select to add the new role
    - If they don't have an account, you can create a new one

# Gizmos

- 3 ways to login will be available
  - Preferred methods:
    - [Educators tab](#) on Assessments Gateway



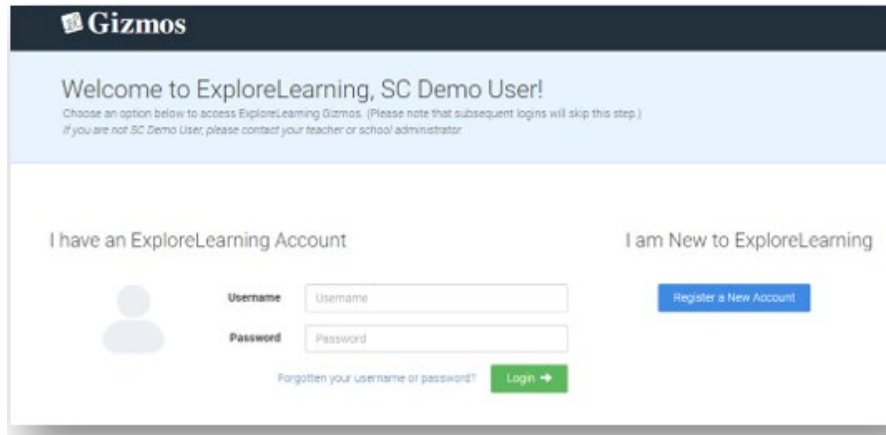
- Link in Reporting system if teacher gave science interims
  - Found on "Performance by Student" tab of specific tests



- Test Resources window pops up. Click to go to Gizmos login page

# Gizmos

- Gizmos Account Registration
  - Required first time accessing the system



The screenshot shows the Gizmos login and registration page. At the top, there is a dark header with the Gizmos logo. Below the header, a light blue banner reads "Welcome to ExploreLearning, SC Demo User!" followed by a note: "Choose an option below to access ExploreLearning Gizmos. (Please note that subsequent logins will skip this step.) If you are not SC Demo User, please contact your teacher or school administrator." The main content area is divided into two sections: "I have an ExploreLearning Account" and "I am New to ExploreLearning". The "I have an ExploreLearning Account" section features a user icon, a "Username" field, a "Password" field, and a "Login" button. A link for "Forgotten your username or password?" is also present. The "I am New to ExploreLearning" section contains a "Register a New Account" button.

- Use same login as for TIDE. Accounts will be linked with no need to register again.

# Gizmos

- Not preferred method:
  - Logging in directly to the system
    - Requires a separate login from Cambium system
- On-Demand training available from ExploreLearning

Contact the South Dakota CAI Assessments  
Help Desk for additional guidance.

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Phone: 855-838-8378