



LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MEMORANDUM

TITLE: Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment
 Earphones

NUMBER: MEM-6571

ISSUER: Cynthia Lim, Executive Director
 Office of Data and Accountability

DATE: September 14, 2015

ROUTING
 Local District Administration
 Principals
 Assistant Principals, SCS
 Testing Coordinators

PURPOSE: The purpose of this memorandum is to inform schools of the availability of earphones for students taking Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments.

MAJOR CHANGES: None.

GUIDELINES: I. BACKGROUND

All students in grades 3-8 and grade 11 are required to take part in the *California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP)* testing program. A key component of CAASPP is the computer-adapted Smarter Balanced Assessments. Earphones are required to administer the Smarter Balanced English-language arts/Literacy Summative Assessment as well as for students taking the Smarter Balanced Mathematics Summative Assessment using the text to speech function.

II. EARPHONES FOR SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENTS

The Student Testing Branch will provide schools that are not participating in the iPad 1-to-1 program with earphones for the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment. Schools will receive earphones to accommodate their student enrollment in grades 3-8 and 11 two to six weeks prior to the opening of their Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment testing window.

A portion of the District’s CAASPP apportionment is being used to purchase these earphones. Consequently, co-located independently-funded charter schools will be responsible to purchase their own earphones as they will receive their own apportionment.

The earphones will come individually wrapped. Students are to be provided with their own earphone. Schools need to label the earphones and keep track of them until students have finished testing the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments. Students may keep their earphones at the end of testing.



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III. EARPHONES OR HEADSETS FOR INTERIM ASSESSMENTS

The earphones are being provided to ensure schools are prepared to administer the Spring CAASPP Smarter Balanced Summative testing. Schools administering one of the various computer-based assessments that include audio/listening components may purchase earphones and headsets directly from LAUSD's Store Catalog using their own school funds. The following are available:

Head Bud, Headphone, In-Ear, 3.5mm Stereo, SKU: 204-68-00203, \$1.65

Headset, SKU: 803-40-38950, \$9.38

ASSISTANCE:

For assistance or further information, please contact the Student Testing Branch at (213) 241-4104.