



# Key Issues for the 2012 Legislative Session

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# State Testing Update



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# Current Statewide *Summative* (Student) Assessments

	Reading	Mathematics	Science	Writing
Grade 3	MSP	MSP		
Grade 4	MSP	MSP		MSP
Grade 5	MSP	MSP	MSP	
Grade 6	MSP	MSP		
Grade 7	MSP	MSP		MSP
Grade 8	MSP	MSP	MSP	
High School	HSPE	EOC	EOC	HSPE

MSP= Measurements of Student Progress;  
 HSPE = High School Proficiency Exams;  
 EOC= End of Course exams



# Proposed Summative Assessments in 2014–15

	English/LA	Mathematics	Science
Grade 3	SBAC	SBAC	
Grade 4	SBAC	SBAC	
Grade 5	SBAC	SBAC	MSP
Grade 6	SBAC	SBAC	
Grade 7	SBAC	SBAC	
Grade 8	SBAC	SBAC	MSP
Grade 10	???	EOC Algebra/Geometry	EOC
Grade 11	SBAC	SBAC	

SBAC=SMARTER Balanced Assessment Consortium  
MSP= Measurements of Student Progress  
EOC= End of Course exams



# Current Testing Requirements for High School Graduation by Class

	Reading HSPE	Writing HSPE	Algebra EOC	Geometry EOC	Biology EOC
Class of 2012	X	X			
Class of 2013 and 2014	X	X	X (Either Algebra or Geometry)		
Class of 2015 and Beyond	X	X	X	X	X



# Federal Rules and State Testing

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- ▶ Only reading and math for Grades 3–8 and high school, plus Grades 5, 8, and 10 for Science are required by USEd.
- ▶ USEd does not require a link between high school exams and graduation but about half of the states require some form of exit exams.
- ▶ We currently spend \$43/student in testing (federal and state funds)—more than most states.



# ASSESSMENT DOLLARS

## COMPARED WITH TOTAL EDUCATION SPENDING

(Average dollars spent per student in seven representative states)



State

**TOTAL PER-PUPIL  
EXPENDITURE**  
**COST OF TESTING**

Florida

**\$8,578**

**\$21**

Massachusetts

**\$13,055**

**\$28**

Rhode Island

**\$15,024**

**\$15**

California

**\$8,955**

**\$14**

Illinois

**\$11,197**

**\$13**

Ohio

**\$10,500**

**\$38**

Washington

**\$9,928**

**\$47**

SOURCE: Chart provided by author based on data from state budgets and departments of education; most recent year available.

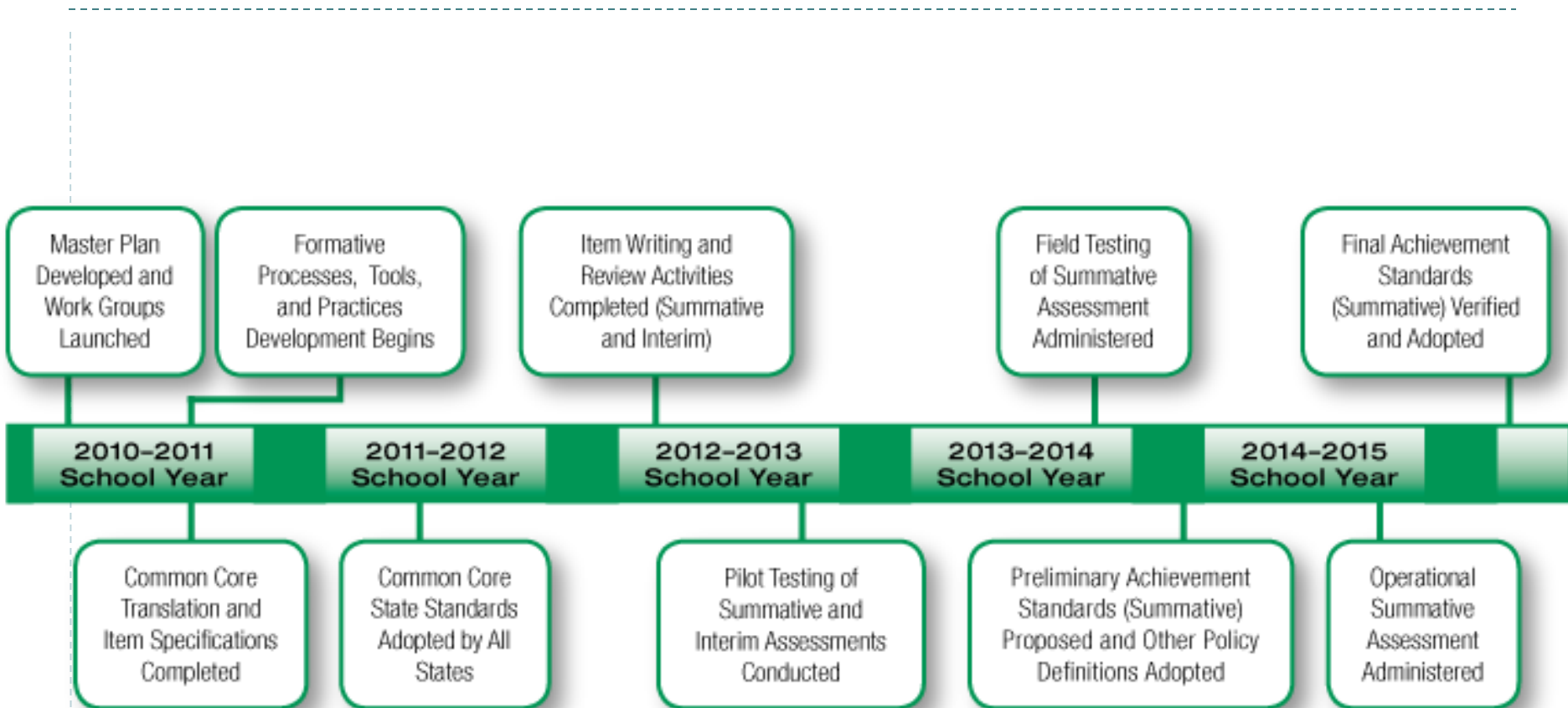
Education Week, October 2011

The Truth About Testing Costs

By Bill Tucker



# SBAC Timeline



# Current Testing System

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- ▶ Reading and Math: Grades 3–8 and 10
- ▶ Science: Grades 5, 8, 10
- ▶ Writing: Grades 4, 7, 10
- ▶ Cost: \$43/student/year

## SBAC / CCSS Testing System

- ▶ English/Language Arts and Math: Grade 3–8 and 11\*
- ▶ Cost: \$20/student/year
  - ▶ NOTE: Science exams are required under ESEA but are not included in SBAC

\* 11<sup>th</sup> grade to measure college and career readiness. We are working with higher ed to explore the possible use of these measures as an alternative for college placement (or entrance).

*(Slide updated on 12/12/11)*



# Potential Assessment Cost Reductions

	2011-12	2012-13
<b>Eliminate Writing Grades 4 and 7</b>	<b>\$900K</b>	<b>\$900K</b>
<b>Suspend Graduation Requirements*</b>	<b>\$5.4M</b>	<b>\$7.5M</b>

\*Eliminate Year 2 Math EOC, HS Writing, and all retesting and alternatives



# General Assessment Issues

- ▶ Biology EOC Contrasting Groups—Please participate
- ▶ Electronic Collection of Evidence (eCOE) Submission required for Reading and Writing in 2012–13
  - Math eCOE available but not required in 2012–13
- ▶ SBAC
  - Involved in multiple work groups
  - Soon will be collecting technology readiness information
  - Considering what interim assessments will look like
- ▶ Online testing—Encouraging participation
- ▶ Teacher Principal Evaluation Project (TPEP) and Growth Model





# ESEA Flexibility Update



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# AYP Waiver

## Basic Elements for Waiver:

- College and Career Ready Program (Common Core)
- Teacher/Principal Evaluation System (TPEP)
  - Possible problem with “significant” use of student data
- Accountability (see next slide)
- October 12 "letter of intent" to apply was sent to USEd
- Two initial submission deadlines (November 15 and mid-February); more may follow



# Washington's Accountability Models

Adequate  
Yearly Progress  
(AYP)

School  
Improvement  
Grants (SIG)

State Board of  
Education  
Achievement  
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Promoting  
Actual Student  
Success (PASS)

- All of these current models are at the school and district level.
- None of these incorporate an individual student growth model, nor individual student growth over time.
- But some do incorporate school/district growth over multiple years.

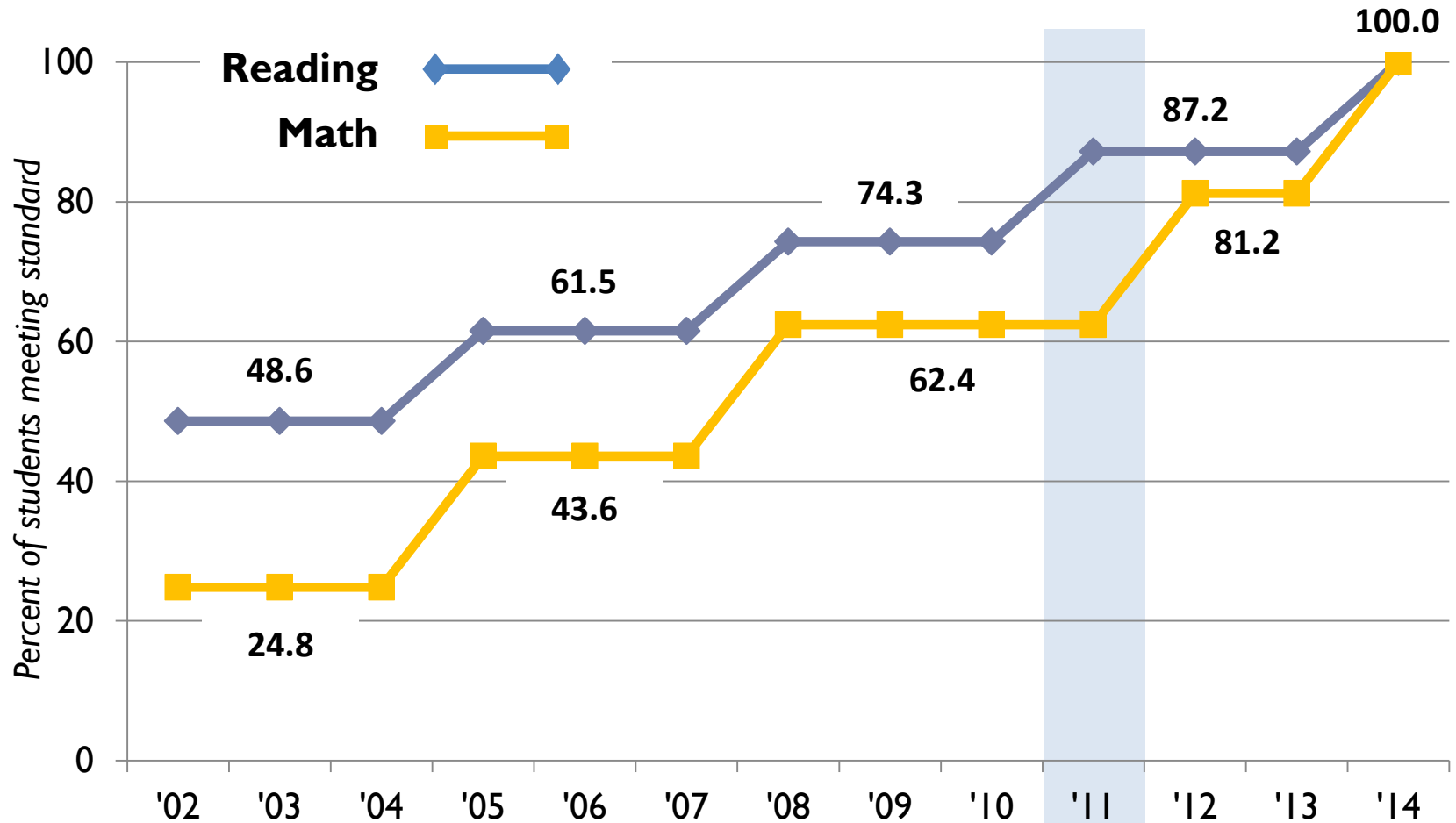


# Benefits of AYP Waiver

- Likely freezing of AYP “steps” (*see next slide*)
- Flexibility in spending Title I set-aside funds
  - 20% for supplemental services and school choice
  - 10% for professional development
- Acceptance of a WA-produced accountability system

# ESEA requirements

Minimum percentages needed to meet AYP, Grade 10





# Questions?



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**Thank you!**