



# Interim Connections Playlists

The Smarter way to enhance instruction!

With Interim Connections Playlists, you can match student performance on Smarter Balanced Interim Assessment Blocks to specific topics and find related instructional resources to use in the classroom the very same day. It's like having a "menu of options" to choose from to help students. They can also be used as part of an observational tool, to support student goal setting, or provide guidance on various differentiation needs.



## How will they help me?

- **Support Students:** Use performance progressions to identify where students are at in their learning process and how they can progress to the next level.
- **Dive Deeper Into the Content:** Review grade-level knowledge and skill expectations for students within a specific block of content.
- **Plan Instruction:** Use student performance data to inform and plan instructional next steps.
- **Take Action:** Access teacher-created instructional resources to support student learning.

### Start Using Playlists

Interim Connections Playlists are available exclusively on Tools for Teachers. Login to access resources.

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## How can I use Playlists?



### Prepare for Instruction

Review the content standards and *Things to Consider* section on the playlist to better understand the content expectations before giving an interim assessment block.



### Observational Tool

Use the student performance progressions as a tool to formatively check where students are at in their learning during instruction.



### Check Student Learning

When used after giving an interim block, the playlist performance progressions describe what students are likely to know and be able to do for below, near, and above grade-level expectations.



### Set Goals

Empower students to engage in their own learning progress! Use performance progressions to set, monitor, and adjust student learning goals.

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## Sample Playlists

Access these samples without needing to log into the site.

[Geometry](#)

Grade 4 | Math

[Listen/Interpret](#)

Grade 4 | ELA

## Dive Deeper

Check out these additional resources to learn more about Playlists.

- [Understanding Smarter Balanced Interim Assessments](#)
- [Understanding Smarter Balanced Reporting System for Educators](#)
- [Interim Assessments Overview \(PDF\)](#)