



I-SMART Pilot Recruitment

The Center for Accessible Teaching, Learning, and Assessment Systems (ATLAS) at the University of Kansas is seeking districts and educators from partner states to participate in the Innovations in Science Map, Assessment, and Report Technologies (I-SMART) pilot study from January 22 until March 1, 2019. I-SMART is a research and development project designed to complement operational Dynamic Learning Maps® (DLM®) science alternate assessments.

What is I-SMART?

I-SMART is a federally-funded grant project that is creating innovative science assessments for students with significant cognitive disabilities and students who are performing significantly below grade level. Partner states include Maryland, Missouri, New York, New Jersey, and Oklahoma.

Your participation in the pilot will provide current students with extra practice with science assessment content and provide future students with improved instruction and assessment. Pilot results may also inform decisions by DLM science states to guide future assessment designs. **However, participation in the I-SMART pilot is voluntary and does not replace the DLM alternate assessment.**

Sounds great! How can I help?

Data managers are critical to initiating the pilot testing process.

Data managers in participating districts should upload DLM educator and student data as well as create rosters for science in Educator Portal as soon as possible.

Educators simply assess each student on two pilot testlets, then complete a survey about their experience.

Two pilot testlets will be automatically assigned to each student in Kite® Student Portal. To prepare, educators need to ensure their students' First Contact survey and Personal Needs and Preferences (PNP) Profile are complete. When ready, the educator will assess their student using the pilot's science testlets.

After the student completes the I-SMART testlets, the educator completes a survey that collects information about their student's science academic skills, opportunity to learn science content, and overall experience with the I-SMART testlets. The survey also includes questions about the educator's basic background demographics.

We anticipate that administering the testlets and completing the survey will take approximately 60 minutes. All results and information obtained through the assessment and survey are strictly confidential.

How do I begin?

If interested, educators should consult their principal, district contact, or the ismart.works/pilot website. Participating data managers simply need to ensure their DLM data is entered in Educator Portal as soon as possible.