



Accessing DC CAPE Next Non-Summative Resources

Access to Smarter Balanced interim assessments and aligned instructional resources is available at no cost to District of Columbia educators. These resources are managed across two platforms:

1. **Tools for Teachers** is the home for educator-created lessons, activities, strategies, and professional learning to help tailor instruction and boost learning. DC educator access to Tools for Teachers for the 2026-27 school year is anticipated in **mid-July 2026**.
2. The Assessment Delivery and Management (**ADAM**) platform is where users manage test administration tasks, participate in teacher hand scoring, and access student performance reports. Access to ADAM for the 2026-27 school year is anticipated in **early October 2026**.

LaunchPad is the single-sign-on landing portal that users will enter to access either ADAM or Tools for Teachers. LaunchPad accounts will be created for educators with specific roles within the Office of the State Superintendent of Education's (OSSE's) All Staff Collection. Educators will be assigned one of three roles in LaunchPad:

- **LEA Test Coordinator** – able to access information for all schools and students within assigned local education agency (LEA)
- **School Test Coordinator** – able to access information for all students within assigned school(s)
- **Teacher** – able to access information only for students assigned to them through classes



Identifying Educators to Access LaunchPad

Users with the All Staff designations listed below will feed into LaunchPad and receive accounts. LaunchPad accounts cannot be created manually; **LEAs and schools must assign one of the listed All Staff roles to any staff member they wish to have access to Tools for Teachers and ADAM**. Instructions for updating All Staff designations can be found in the [Faculty and Staff Application User Guide](#).

All Staff Collection Role	LaunchPad Role
LEA Assessment Manager (<i>Point of Contact [POC] role</i>)	LEA Test Coordinator
DC CAPE Assessments Coordinator (<i>POC role</i>)	LEA Test Coordinator
LEA Administrator	LEA Test Coordinator
School Administrator - Principal/School Leader	School Test Coordinator
School Administrator - Other	School Test Coordinator
Instructional Coordinator and Supervisor	School Test Coordinator
Teacher, Elementary (grades 1-6)	Teacher
Teacher, Secondary (grades 7-12)	Teacher
Teacher, Adult	Teacher
Paraprofessional – General Education	Teacher
Paraprofessional – Special Education	Teacher



Users who have multiple role designations will be given permissions associated with the highest corresponding role in LaunchPad. For example, if an individual is designated as both an *Instructional Coordinator and Supervisor* and a *Teacher, Elementary*, they will be assigned to the **School Test Coordinator** role.

Accessing Tools for Teachers

Tools for Teachers can be accessed in two ways:

1. Access through [LaunchPad](#); log in and select the “Tools for Teachers (DC)” tile
2. Access through Smarter Balanced [Tools for Teachers](#) website; selecting “Log in” will take you to LaunchPad to authenticate

For More Information

The resources linked below provide information for LEAs and educators to become more familiar with the non-summative resources that are available through Smarter Balanced.

- [Introduction to Formative Resources](#): This document includes links to resources that provide an overview of Tools for Teachers and other non-summative resources.
- [DC CAPE Next System Overview](#): This overview document provides information and recommendations for local education agencies (LEAs) to support the transition to the DC CAPE Next assessments.
- OSSE [DC CAPE Next webpage](#): This webpage houses information and resources about the assessment transition

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