



**February / March Webinars:**

**February 2015**

Date	Time	
	2:00pm	4:00pm
2/12/2014	Technology Requirements	TIDE/TA Interface/THSS
2/19/2014	TIDE/TA Interface/THSS	Technology Requirements
3/5/2014	ORS	ORS

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*Missed the training?* Click [here](#) to view the power point presentation located on our VT-SBAC portal.

**VT-SBAC Newsletter**

**Message from the Director**

*“The Test Information Distribution Engine (TIDE) can now be accessed by District Test Administrators through the [Vermont Smarter Balanced Assessment Portal](#). When you log into TIDE, the first thing you’ll notice is that the student information has not been loaded, yet. We anticipate having the files pre-populated for you by midweek. In the meantime, we recommend that you create user rolls and passwords so that your school coordinators can help you review the student data once the Agency’s download is complete. You’ll find TIDE under “Test Administrators and Teachers” card on the portal. If you have any difficulties with TIDE, please contact our Helpdesk ([vthelpdesk@air.org](mailto:vthelpdesk@air.org) / 844-218-1184).”* **Michael Hock, Director of Assessments**

**Recommended Training Modules: Located in the VT-SBAC Portal**

**Anyone administering the Smarter Balanced Assessment: [TA/TE Certification](#)**

**Teachers**

Test Administration Overview (*coming soon*)

Performance Task Test Administration

Embedded Universal Tools

TA Interface & Student Interface

Teacher Hand Scoring System (THSS) (*coming soon*)

**Technology Coordinators**

Technology Overview

**All District and School Administrators & Coordinators**

Test Administration Overview (*coming soon*)

Test Information Distribution Engine (TIDE) Guide available now—module coming soon

**Special Educators / ELL Specialists**

Accessibility and Accommodations

Embedded Universal Tools



**Can my students use their personal computers?**

**Yes.** This question came up during the training, and upon further research, it was deemed that students may use their own device. However, it is imperative that you test the device using the Practice Test with the secure browser.

**Digital Library: Understanding the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment.**



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