

In 2010 Rob Saxton said the OAKS computerized tests of math and English cost the state a modest \$3.5 million annually. But the 2014 ODE-AIR contract showed but the new test, Smarter Balanced, cost \$27.5 million biannually, a jump of \$10 million annually over OAKS. (Note, the state still required OAKS Science, (Social Studies for a while), the ELPA and kindergarten exams. Districts added others like DIBELS, contributing to more than 120 standardized tests per student over the course of their entire schooling.) At the same time, the ODE’s Race to the Top grant showed Smarter Balanced required \$202 million over four years for new ODE personnel, training and infrastructure, or \$51 million annually. In addition, administrators and the state Smarter Balanced Audit reported that school districts also needed their own extra hardware, software, technicians and even substitutes as proctors. Attached are ODE records from Representative Sue McLain’s office for those school district budget items pre- and post- Smarter Balanced. A comparison shows in addition to state increases, districts increased their standardized test-related spending by \$86 million over four years, or \$22 million annually. There are no figures for the plethora of test coordinators and data managers that popped up all over districts and schools like mushrooms after an Oregon rain.

By contrast, the state increased key student services by a paltry half million! Prorated over four years, that’s 25 cents per pupil per year! Psychological services, Title I and Talented and Gifted dropped \$7 million, while teacher professional development unrelated to testing dropped \$11 million. The SBAC increased testing costs by \$83 million, corresponding with disinvestment in quality instruction and valuable student services.

Budget items for key student services:

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| 1113 – Elementary extra-curricular | \$50,059 |
| 1122 – Middle school extra-curricular | \$3912 |
| 1132 – High school extra-curricular | \$160,875 |
| 1140 – Pre- K | \$226,488 |
| 1210 – Talented and Gifted | - \$196,181 loss |
| 1220 – Restrictive programs for disabled | \$442,655 |
| 1250 – Less restrictive programs for disabled | \$1,006,129 |
| 1260 – Early Intervention (SPED) | \$974,795 |
| 1271 – Remediation | \$518,935 |
| 1272 – Title I | -\$6,228,523 loss |
| 1291 – English Language Learners | \$467,229 |
| 1400 – Summer school | \$4120 |
| 2130 – Health services | \$691,049 |
| 2120 – Guidance services | \$1,560,981 |
| 2140 – Psychological services | - \$376,844 loss |
| 2150 – Speech pathology and audiology | \$919,983 |
| 2190 – Services Directions and Student Support | \$285,341 |

Statewide gain 2010-14: \$505,003

Budget items for districts’ test expenditures

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| 2210 – Improvement of instruction – typically PD for SBAC | \$4,084,000 |
| 2660 – Technology services – now typically for testing | \$14,430,357 |
| 2240 – Staff development (paid) typically for testing | \$982,613 |
| 2630 – Information Services - manage increased SB data | \$1,500,554 |
| 2230 – Assessment and testing - beyond state mandated tests | \$614,948 |
| 2670 – Records management | \$93,225 |
| 121 – Substitutes-licensed – act as proctors | \$3,887,787 |
| 122 – Substitutes-classified – prepare and proctor tests | \$2,594,894 |
| 470 – Computer software – system updates for testing | \$26,804,376 |
| 480 – Computer hardware - additional computers | - \$1,095,277 (offset by grants) |
| 380 – Technical services - typically for testing | \$8,262,137 |
| 390 – Other tech. services - typically for testing | \$23,896,065 |
| 310 – Professional development not SBAC-related | -\$10,830,571 loss |

Statewide gain 2010-14: \$86,055,679

- ✓ ODE Contract with AIR for administering SBAC \$ 10 million annual increase
- ✓ ODE Grant for SBAC personnel, training, infrastructure \$ 51 million “
- ✓ Districts’ increased test-related expenditures \$ 22 million “
- ✓ FTE for new testing personnel, data managers ? _____
- ✓ **Total increased spending with SBAC \$83+ million TOTAL ANNUAL INCREASE**