

## Pause Rule Information and Test Inactivity Information for the Summative Assessments

### ***General Overview***

There are different reasons why a test may need to be paused:

- A student may become ill
- A student may need to be excused to the restroom
- A student may need to change workstations (low battery/workstation technical issues)
- A classroom may need to take a scheduled lunch break

Tests will also be paused in the event of a technical issue. Student work will not be lost. Students must log back in with a new TA-generated Session ID in order to continue testing in the event of a technical issue. A student can individually pause their test or a TA can pause an entire test session for the student group. If an entire test session is paused, the TA may start a new test session and provide this new session ID to students so that they can log back in.

### ***Smarter Balanced – Computer Adaptive Tests (CAT) Pause Rule***

As long as the 20 minute pause period has not been exceeded, individual students may return to the existing session and continue testing after a test is paused. If an entire session is paused, the TA may start a new session and generate a new Session ID within the 20 minute period. Students will be able to resume testing and move freely through the test.

**Note that highlighted text and global notes will not be preserved when tests are paused for the CAT assessments.**

If a CAT is paused for **more** than 20 minutes, the student is:

Presented with the test page containing the test item he or she was last working on (if the page contains at least 1 unanswered item) OR Presented with the next test page (if all items on the previous test page were answered) Not permitted to review or change any test items on previous test pages.

If a CAT is paused for **less** than 20 minutes, the student is:

Presented with the test item or passage he or she was working on when the test was paused. Student is permitted to answer previously shown items within a segment.

### ***Smarter Balanced – Performance Tasks Pause Rule***

During the performance task portion of the assessment there are no pause restrictions. If a test is paused for twenty minutes or more, the student can return to the section and continue entering his or her responses.

In the Performance Task, Global notes from the 1<sup>st</sup> section will be available to the student when they proceed into the 2<sup>nd</sup> section (for ELA).

### ***Smarter Balanced – CAT and Performance Task Test Inactivity***

Test Timeout due to inactivity is distinctly different from pausing a test. Why pause a test if an inactivity logout also exists after 30 minutes? Answer: why would you want to leave a workstation open with a student test on it? Pausing a test is something that occurs proactively based on the circumstances we reviewed above – the inactivity timeout is a passive safeguard to ensure that test security is being maintained.

Students and TAs are logged out of their respective interfaces after 30 minutes of inactivity as a security measure. Activity is defined as selecting an answer, or using the navigational features on the page. Merely moving the mouse around on a page does not count as activity registered by the system. Student progress is saved in the event of a test timeout, but a student must log back in and be approved by the TA in order to resume testing.

TAs can monitor student progress in the **Tests In Your Session** status bar. Students lagging behind significantly their peers may indicate a lack of activity at the specific student workstation. Students are never passively logged out of their tests – a popup notification always provides a student with an opportunity to remain in the test.

TAs can also be logged out if there are no students present in a session (actively testing) and the TA Interface has been idle for 30 minutes.

### ***Science Summative Assessments***

This will be provided soon after confirmation from OSPI.