



## I-SMART Fall Pilot

The Center for Accessible Teaching, Learning, and Assessment Systems (ATLAS) at the University of Kansas is seeking districts and educators from DLM states to participate in the Innovations in Science Map, Assessment, and Report Technologies (I-SMART) pilot study from November 5 until December 20, 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.

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?

**Contact Gail Tiemann (ismart@ku.edu) for more information on how to get started.**

We can provide all the logistical information you may need to participate. Data managers in participating states/districts will upload DLM educator and student data as well as create rosters for science in Educator Portal as soon as possible. We will take care of the rest!

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

Once the data is in the system, 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. 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.

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