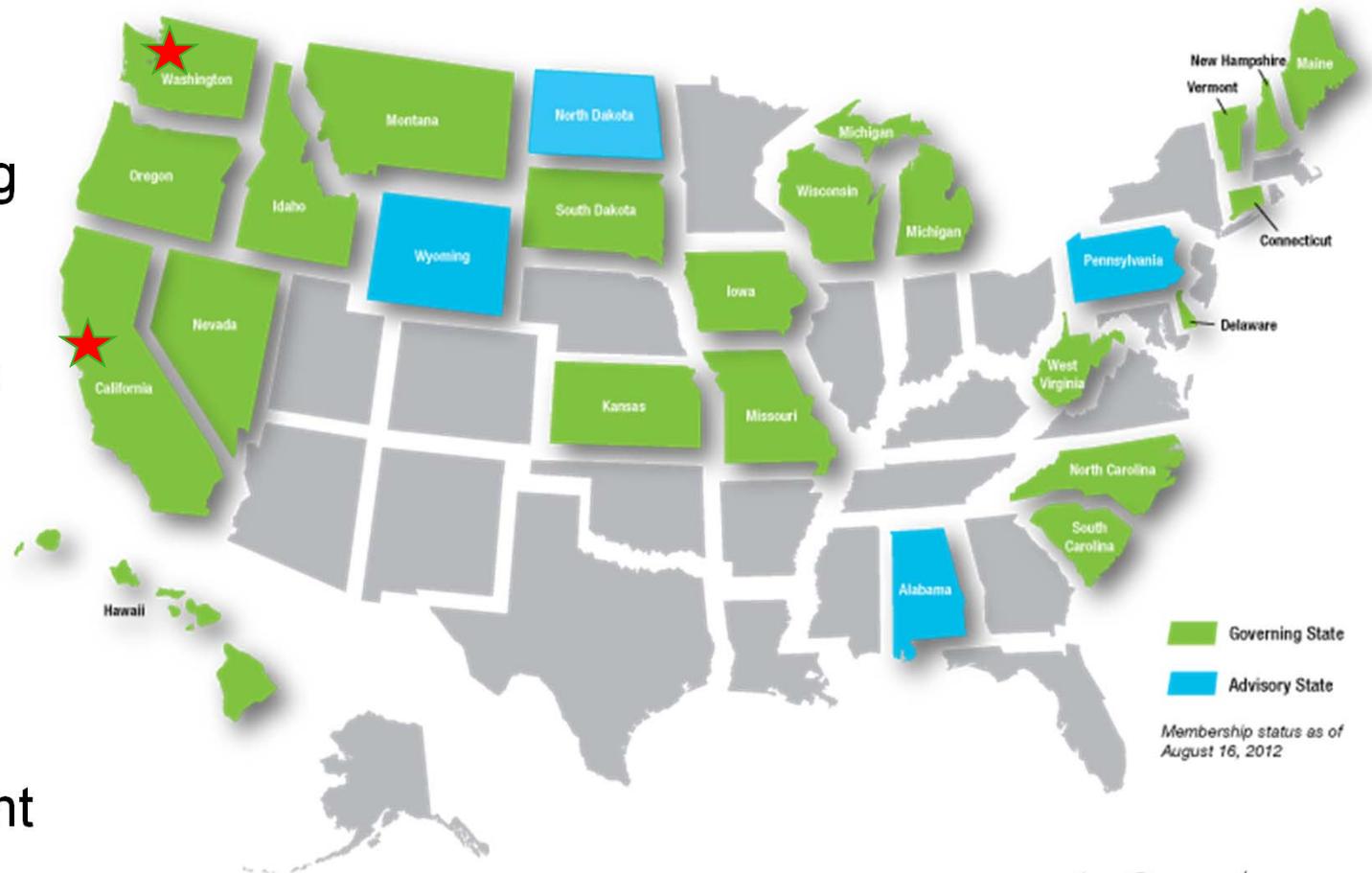


# Overview: Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium



# A National Consortium of States

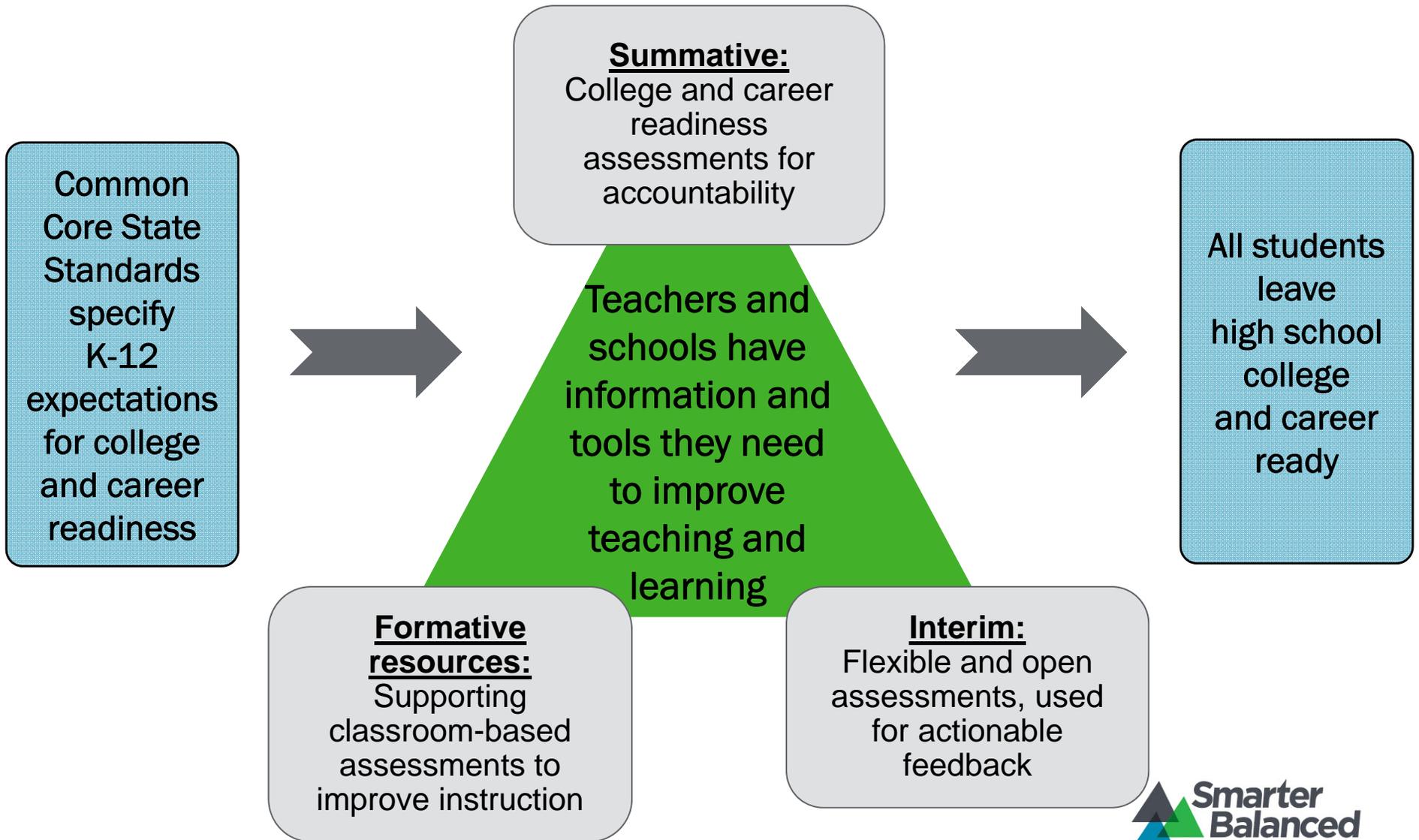
- 25 member states  
21 governing  
4 advisory
- Washington is fiscal agent
- WestEd provides project management services



# Next-Generation Assessments

- Rigorous assessments of progress toward “college and career readiness”
- Common cut scores across all Consortium states
- Information about grade-level achievement and growth
- Valid, reliable, and fair for all students (except those with “significant cognitive disabilities”)
- Administered online, using multiple measures (paper/pencil option for 3 years)
- Fully operational in 2014-15 school year

# A Balanced Assessment System



# A Smarter Solution for States

- **GOVERNANCE:** A state-led consortium with equal representation across member states
- **ECONOMIES OF SCALE:** High-quality assessments beyond what any single state can afford
- **APPLES-to-APPLES:** Equivalent levels of rigor across all member states
- **STATE FLEXIBILITY:** Different packages of “core” and “optional” services available to meet state needs

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The screenshot shows the website's header with the logo, navigation links (Home, Contact Us, Member States Login), and a search bar. Below the header is a navigation menu with categories: ABOUT, SMARTER BALANCED ASSESSMENTS, K-12 EDUCATION, HIGHER EDUCATION, PARENTS & STUDENTS, and RESOURCES & EVENTS. The main content area features a large banner for a 'Smarter Balanced Assessment System Presentation' video, with a thumbnail showing a man speaking. Below the banner are two columns of text: 'Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium' and 'School Years'. The 'School Years' section includes a vertical list of years from 2009-2010 to 2015-2016, with 2012-2013 highlighted in blue and containing a 'What's Happening' section.

**Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium**  
Smarter Balanced is a state-led consortium developing assessments aligned to the Common Core State Standards in English language arts/literacy and mathematics that are designed to help prepare all students to graduate high school college- and career-ready. [READ MORE](#)

**Latest News**  
**Smarter Balanced Chief State School Officers Meet to Advance Assessment System Design**  
Chief state school officers from Smarter Balanced member states met in St. Louis on September 12 during the Consortium's twice-yearly Collaboration Conference. The event brought together K-12 state leads, higher education leads, work groups, and contractors to discuss the design and implementation of the assessment system. [READ MORE](#)

**Smarter Balanced Awards Test Delivery System Contract to American Institutes for Research**  
The Consortium announced today that the American Institutes for Research (AIR) will develop an open source solution for delivering the Consortium's online, computer adaptive summative and interim assessments to

**School Years**  
Smarter Balanced assessments will be implemented in the 2014-15 school year. Click below to see what's happening and when.

- 2009-2010
- 2010-2011
- 2011-2012
- 2012-2013**
  - What's Happening**  
Working with educators, Smarter Balanced will conduct a pilot test of the assessment system. [READ MORE](#)
- 2013-2014
- 2014-2015
- 2015-2016