



# Assessment News

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## Top News This Week

### 1. Smarter Balanced Interim Assessments Test Administration Guide

The [Smarter Balanced Interim Assessments Test Administration Guide 2016-17](#) for Interim Comprehensive Assessments (ICAs) and Interim Assessment Blocks (IABs) is available in the [Resources](#) section of the TIDE website. This guide provides an overview of how to prepare for and administer the Smarter Balanced Interim Assessments. The Interim Assessment results may be used to inform instruction and are an excellent way to prepare and familiarize students with the test format and embedded supports available in the secure browser. Interim Assessments are administered by a certified Test Administrator (TA) and students access the assessments using the [secure browser](#).

### 2. Accessibility and Accommodations Webinar

The Assessment Section will host an [Accessibility and Accommodations Office Hour](#) webinar on **Thursday, October 27, 2016, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.** Assessment Section staff members will provide updates related to accommodations and accessibility features of the statewide assessments and answer questions.

### 3. HSA-ALT Field Test for Writing

The testing window for the HSA-Alt Independent Field Test for Writing will close at the end of the day (4:30 pm) on **Friday, October 28, 2016**. This test is to be administered to students in grades 4-9 and 12 who are eligible to take the HSA-Alt. Test Coordinators should collect and securely dispose (shred) all testing materials at the end of the test window.

### 4. End-of-Course Exam Fall Test Window

The End-of-Course (EOC) exams test window for schools on a block schedule is **November 29 - December 16, 2016**. Test Coordinators should work with Technology Coordinators to ensure that the latest version of the [secure browser](#) has been installed on all testing devices. When scheduling these exams, be sure to leave some extra time at the end of the window to administer makeup tests. The Biology 1 and *optional* Algebra I, Algebra II, and U.S. History EOC Exams are to be administered at the end of instruction in the semester the course is taken and not the following semester. EOC Exam eligibility will be uploaded to TIDE on November 7, 2016 after which time Test Coordinators may verify and revise EOC exam eligibility.

### 5. WIDA ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Accommodations

Test Coordinators should communicate with the appropriate school personnel to ensure that accommodations are entered into the source system (eCSSS) by **November 28, 2016** so that this information will be included in

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the initial upload of data to the WIDA-AMS system. A second upload is scheduled for **January 11, 2017** to account for any new or updated IEPs, or students that have arrived after the initial upload. Any new students arriving or changes to IEP or 504 Plans after January 11, 2017 will not be captured in WIDA and will need to be entered manually into the [WIDA-AMS](#) website. Please also be sure to make all changes to accommodations in eCSSS, as changes made in the [WIDA-AMS](#) system will not be incorporated into eCSSS.

## 6. WIDA ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Online Technology Webinars

In November there will be a series of webinars for Test Coordinators and Technology Coordinators designed to assist with preparing schools for the WIDA ACCESS for ELL Online assessment. On Thursday, November 3, there will be a [Pre-Testing: Software Updates & Technology Readiness Checklist](#) webinar and on Thursday, November 10, there will be a [Pre-Testing: Technology Coordinator Support for Test Administration](#) webinar. Both Test Coordinators and Technology Coordinators are encouraged to attend these webinars as they will highlight ways in which Test Coordinators and Technology Coordinators can work together to support the administration of this assessment. If you or your Technology Coordinator are unable to attend, recordings of the webinars will be posted [here](#).

## 7. ACT Aspire New Class Roster Report

The New Class Roster report will inform educators of their incoming classes' previous test scores. Insight to past performance will allow for targeted instruction. The ACT Aspire Hawaii Avocet website includes resources for test coordination, administration and reporting. Click [here](#) for instructions to be directed to the "R" section of Avocet, then select Reporting and How to Access the New Class Roster Report.

## 8. In the News

- [Hawaii Schools Make Noteable Improvements in Annual Strive HI Performance System Update](#) (hawaiipublicschools.org)
- [Results of More Rigorous Test Show Progress in Academic Achievement and College Pathways](#) (hawaiipublicschools.org)
- [Schools Chief Torlakson Reports Across-the-Board Progress Toward Career and College Readiness in CAASPP Results](#) (California Department of Education)

**Please contact the Assessment Section at (808) 733-4100 if you have any questions about the information included in this Assessment News.**

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