



Assessment News

August 25, 2017

Top News This Week

Smarter Balanced

1. TA Certification Course

Test administrators are required to complete the online TA Certification Course for the 2017-18 school year in order to administer statewide assessments, including the Smarter Balanced Interim Assessments. Test coordinators, test administrators, and teachers may log in and access the course by clicking [here](#) (login required), or by clicking on the Online TA Certification Course button found on the [Training Sites](#) section of the alohahsap.org portal.

2. Hawaii Common Core Item Authoring Training Registration

Registration is now open for the Fall 2017 Hawaii Common Core Item Authoring Training. Please click the button on the right-hand side of the [Smarter Balanced home page](#) to access the online registration form, or click [here](#) to access the form directly. Additional information about the training can be found in the official HIDOE announcement memo [here](#).

3. School Contacts List

The deadline for updating the [School Contacts List](#) on the HIDOE Intranet is *August 25, 2017*. Principals and test coordinators should review their [School Contacts List](#) on the HIDOE Intranet (login required) and update any changes as needed (test coordinators, ACCESS for ELLs test coordinators, technology coordinators, etc.). Staff members who are no longer in these roles should be deleted from this list so they do not receive emails that no longer apply to them. Updating this list will ensure that the appropriate people will get the Assessment News, email updates, and other statewide testing communications in a timely fashion.

HSA-Alt

4. HSA-Alt Student Scores

Student scores for the HSA-Alt Spring 2017 ELA and Mathematics operational assessments are available in the Online Reporting System (ORS). The updated cut scores for all HSA-Alt assessments are available [here](#) and the updated Performance Level Descriptors (PLDs) for the ELA and Math assessments are available [here](#) for ELA and [here](#) for Math. State Aggregates will be displayed once they have been calculated.

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HSA Science

5. HSA Science and Biology EOC Exam Bridge Assessments

The August 14, 2017 DOE memo "[Bridge Assessments for the Hawaii State Science Assessments in Grades 4 and 8 and the Biology 1 End-of-Course \(EOC\) Exam](#)" describes the HSA Science and Biology EOC Bridge Assessments for School Years 2017-18 and 2018-19. It also explains the new NGSS Assessments which will begin in SY 2019-20. Further information and the revised [Science/Biology EOC Test Blueprints](#) can be found on the alohahsap.org website.

6. Fall 2017 NGSS Item Authoring Training

Registration is now open for the Fall 2017 NGSS Item Authoring Training. Please click the button on the right-hand side of the [HSA Science home page](#) to access the online registration form, or click [here](#) to access the form directly. Full information about the training can be found in the official HIDOE announcement memo [here](#).

End-of-Course Exams

7. Algebra 1 EOC Exam Blueprints

The Algebra 1 EOC Exam Test Blueprints have been revised to be consistent with course expectations and the new Smarter Balanced Revised 2017-18 test blueprint. Further information and the revised [Algebra 1 Blueprints](#) can be found on the alohahsap.org website.

The ACT Aspire

8. 2016-17 ACT Aspire Test Scores

The ACT Aspire portal will **close on September 30, 2017**. ACT Aspire test coordinators should access, download, and save any required reports before the portal is shut down. Once the portal closes test coordinators will no longer have access to the data and reporting resulting from the administration of ACT Aspire through the state testing program. For detailed instructions on how to access the various reports via the ACT Aspire Portal please refer to the [ACT Aspire Portal User Guide](#) (pages 109-111) or contact Customer Service at 1-888-802-7502 Monday through Friday between 2:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. HST.

ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Online

9. WIDA-AMS Updates

WIDA will be moving all users in the [WIDA-AMS](#) from the HI ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 2016-17 administration to the HI ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 2017-18. All users currently added or existing users will be moved over. All personnel who were marked as "inactive" will be deleted. Test coordinators are asked to go to WIDA-AMS and check their school list and inactivate any personnel who are no longer at their schools.

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10. WIDA Webinars

WIDA provides free webinars for test coordinators, test administrators, technology coordinators and others who have a role in the administration of the WIDA assessments. The [calendar of WIDA webinars](#) is available at the [WIDA website](#). All webinars are recorded and posted and may be viewed when convenient. The [Webinar Recordings](#) are posted within a week of the event.

11. Test Coordinator Information

[State-specific guidance](#) and other information related to coordination and administration of the ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 assessments are available by logging in to the [WIDA website](#). The ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 [Checklist](#) provides steps that need to be taken by school level staff in order to properly administer the assessments.

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

"Change is the end result of all true learning." Leo Buscaglia