



Assessment News

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Top News This Week

General

1. CCSSO/HIDOE Accessibility Manual

The [CCSSO/HIDOE Accessibility Manual](#) is now available in the Accessibility and Accommodations folder in the Resources section on the alohahsap.org website. This manual provides guidelines for educators in Hawaii to use for the selection, administration, and evaluation of accessibility supports for instruction and assessment of all students, including students with disabilities, English language learners (ELLs), ELLs with disabilities, and students without an identified disability or status.

Smarter Balanced

2. Smarter Balanced - Revised Blueprints

The [Smarter Balanced-Revised English Language Arts/literacy Blueprint](#) is now available on the alohahsap.org website. This document describes the content of the ELA summative assessment in grade 3-8 and 11 and how that content will be assessed to reflect the depth and breadth of the performance expectations for the Hawaii Common Core Standards.

The [Smarter Balanced-Revised Mathematics Blueprint](#) is also now available on the alohahsap.org website. This document describes the content of the mathematics summative assessment in grade 3-8 and 11, and how that content will be assessed to reflect the depth and breadth of the performance expectations for the Hawaii Common Core Standards.

HSA Science

3. HSA Science and EOC Exams Test Administration Manual

The HSA Science and EOC Exams TAM is now available in the [Test Administration](#) folder for Science and EOC Exams on alohahsap.org. This manual includes information about policies and procedures for test administrators, test coordinators, and others involved in test administration of the HSA Science Bridge assessments and the Biology EOC Exam Bridge assessment. Test coordinators should review this manual and share with others involved in the test administrative process prior to the start of testing.

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ACCESS for ELLs Online

4. ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Software Updates

The INSIGHT secure browser 8.0 and Testing Site Manager 9.2 are now available for download in the wida-ams.us website (login required for technology coordinators). On *September 29*, all Testing Site Managers (TSM) that are online *with auto update turned on* will be prompted for an update. The secure browser will prompt for an update when launched. Technology coordinators at schools who have conducted online testing last year, and who still have their TSM and INSIGHT secure browsers installed should turn their TSM and student test devices on, and allow them to auto-update on September 29. If the browsers are not updated, the students will not be able to test until the updates have been applied. Technology coordinators should update student test devices and verify connectivity to the TSM prior to testing.

Technology coordinators at schools that are *new* to ACCESS online testing this school year, or who have previously *uninstalled* the TSM and INSIGHT secure browsers should download and install the TSM *first*, then download and configure the secure browser onto test devices. Technology coordinators should verify that the test devices are connecting to the TSM prior to the start of testing (instructions available at wida-ams.us).

5. WIDA Updated Website

WIDA is releasing a one-stop shop for all resources related to WIDA AMS, the [WIDA Assessment Management System](#). Test coordinators and technology coordinators can access this new webpage by hovering over "Assessment" and then clicking WIDA AMS at the bottom of the menu. The WIDA AMS User Guide and short how-to videos will be available on September 8, 2017.

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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