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Top News This Week

Smarter Balanced

1. ORS Training Module

The updated ORS Training Module is now available in the [Training Modules](#) > Trainings and Webinars folder on alohahsap.org. This training module covers key features of the Online Reporting System (ORS), including how to retrieve student scores for the Interim, HSA Science, HSA-Alt, end-of-course, and Smarter Balanced assessments.

2. Assessment Section Office Hour

The Assessment Section will hold the monthly Office Hour [webinar](#) on Thursday, September 21, 2017 to cover any questions that test coordinators may have regarding any of the Hawaii State Assessment Program assessments. Webinars will be recorded and posted to the [Resources](#) > Trainings and Webinars folder on the alohahsap.org website.

3. Smarter Balanced Interim Assessments

The Smarter Balanced Interim Comprehensive Assessments (ICAs) will be revised to be consistent with the revised Smarter Balanced blueprints on October 16, 2017. Any paused tests (CAT or PT) including those that are not hand-scored and submitted by that date will be deleted and not be able to be scored. Test coordinators should inform teachers administering the ICAs that they need to complete hand scoring using the Teacher Hand Scoring System ([THSS](#)) and submit the results or no scores will be recorded for these assessments. There will be no changes to the Interim Assessment Blocks (IAB).

4. Smarter Balanced Interim Assessment Scoring

Test coordinators should inform teachers that both the CAT and PT sections of the ELA/Literacy ICAs must be completed and hand scored for a student to receive results. The Math ICAs will only include the CAT after October 16th and will be completely machine-scored. The Math ICA results will be available immediately in the ORS.

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HSA-Alt

5. HSA-Alt Guidelines and Documentation

The HSA-Alt Participation Guidelines, Decision Making Questions and Examples, and Decision Making Flow Chart are now available in the [Resources](#) > Students and Families folder in the HSA-Alt section of alohahsap.org. These documents provide information for use by an IEP team when making decisions regarding alternate assessment participation. These documents outline the four participation criteria that must be met, provide examples of typical educational situations and provide a series of questions and answers that should be considered.

6. HSA-Alt Cognitive Lab Study

The Assessment Section is looking for teachers who are interested in participating in a Cognitive Lab Study of HSA-Alt students. The requirements for participation include:

- teach HSA-Alt eligible student(s) in grade: 3-8, 1,
- available for 1-2 hour session in September or October,
- willing to have student video recorded (student confidentiality will be preserved) taking twelve HSA-Alt practice test items, and
- able to schedule follow-up review session immediately following student practice test session.

Interested staff should contact Susan Forbes at the Assessment Section via phone at 808-733-4100 or by email at Susan_Forbes@notes.k12.hi.us

HSA Science

7. HSA Science and EOC Assessments Test Administration Manual

The HSA Science and EOC Assessments TAM includes information about policies and procedures for test administrators, test coordinators, and others involved in the administration of the HSA Science Bridge and Biology EOC Bridge assessments. Test coordinators should review this manual and share with others involved in the test administration process prior to the start of testing.

ACCESS for ELLs Online

8. ACCESS for ELLs Online Software

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

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testing. The Technology User Guide is available in the [Technology](#) section of the wida.us website.

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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