



Assessment News

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Top News This Week

General Information

1. Guide to Navigating the Online HSAP Administration Available

The [Guide to Navigating the Online HSAP Administration 2017-2018](#) is now available at alohahsap.org. This user guide provides instructions on how to use the online system applications, including the Test Administration and Student Testing sites.

Smarter Balanced

2. Fall 2017 Testing Window for Block-Scheduled Schools

The 2017-18 Smarter Balanced testing window is now open for block-scheduled high schools to administer the Grade 11 Smarter Balanced ELA/Literacy and Mathematics assessments. Only students who are completing instruction in ELA or mathematics for this school year should be tested during the fall testing window. Students completing an ELA or mathematics course in the spring are to be tested during the spring testing window.

HSA-Alt

3. HSA-Alt Training Test

HSA-Alt test coordinators and test administrators that are interested in accessing the HSA-Alt Training Tests should download and review the [Quick Start Guide to the Online HSA-Alt](#) Training Test.

EOC Exams

4. Fall 2017 Testing Window for Block-Scheduled Schools

The End-of-Course (EOC) Exams Fall 2017 Testing Window for block-scheduled schools opened on *Monday November 27* and closes on *Thursday December 21, 2017*. The Biology 1 EOC Exam is required to be administered to all students completing the course in December (all other students enrolled in Biology 1 and completing the course in the spring semester will be administered the exam during the spring testing window). The Algebra 1 and Algebra 2 EOC Exams are optional, and the U.S. History EOC Exam is no longer offered.

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The ACT

5. ACT Test Accommodations

The window for submitting requests for accommodations for students who may require accommodations or supports for the ACT will close on *January 12, 2018*. Instructions on the process and a timeline of events were sent in an email to test coordinators from the ACT on Thursday, *November 2, 2017*. The ACT will also hold an online Question & Answer session on ACT Accommodations on *December 5, 2017* at 2:30 p.m. for test coordinators. Registration is available online [here](#). Requests are submitted through the [Test Accessibility and Accommodations](#) (TAA) system. The deadline to submit requests for the February 27 test date is *January 12, 2018*.

6. Deadline for Participation

The deadline for test coordinators to designate their school's test date, shipping date and other participation information in [PANext](#) is *December 1, 2017*. ACT test coordinators at schools who have not completed the online form by the deadline will receive a follow-up email from ACT. If a school will not be participating, test coordinators are still required to indicate this and the reason for non-participation in [PANext](#). Test coordinators should use the information in the Nov. 6, 2017 email to access the 2018 PANext website. For additional support with PANext (login or navigation assistance), test coordinators may contact the [ACT Customer Service](#) desk at 1-800-553-6244 x 2800 from Mon - Friday between 3:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. HST.

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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