



Assessment News

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Top News This Week

General Information

1. Supported Operating Systems Update

School technology coordinators should go to the [Secure Browsers](#) page on alohahsap.org for a list of supported operating systems for the Secure Browser. Technology coordinators are reminded that Mac OS 13 (High Sierra) and Windows 10S are *not* supported at this time. If Mac operating systems are updated to High Sierra, users will get an unsupported software error message when a student attempts to log in to start testing.

HSA-Alt

2. HSA-Alt Test Administrator Upcoming Trainings

The Hawaii DOE Assessment Section will be conducting a series of sessions for HSA-Alt test administrators in February 2018 for those who are new and those who need a "refresher" on how to administer the alternate assessment. Test administrators who wish to attend should save the dates below for their respective training and check the Assessment News for the official memo with locations and a link to register. Molokai, Lanai and Hana participants are asked to attend either February 9 on Maui or February 13 in Honolulu. All sessions are scheduled 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Date	Session	District
February 1 (Thursday)	Online Test Administration	East Hawaii
February 2 (Friday)	Online Test Administration	West Hawaii
February 5 (Monday)	Online Test Administration	Leeward
February 6 (Tuesday)	Online Test Administration	Central
February 8 (Thursday)	Online Test Administration	Kauai
February 9 (Friday)	Online Test Administration	Maui (Molokai & Lanai)
February 12 (Monday)	Online Test Administration	Windward
February 13 (Tuesday)	Online Test Administration	Honolulu (Molokai & Lanai)
February 15 (Thursday)	<i>Paper/Pencil</i> Test Administration	All

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The ACT

3. ACT Student Data

Student data for The ACT has been loaded into [PANext](#) and is available for verification and management by ACT Test Coordinators. An email message from The ACT will be sent to test coordinators the week of December 11 with further instructions on managing students in [PANext](#).

4. Site Readiness

School ACT Test Coordinators should refer to the December 5 email message sent by the ACT detailing steps that should be taken to ensure that the test site (school, classrooms, technology) are in place prior to the administration of The ACT.

WIDA ACCESS for ELLs Online

5. Technology Downloads

Technology coordinators who are unable to access or log in to the [wida-ams.us](#) site to retrieve the downloads for the TSM or INSIGHT secure browsers should first check with the school test coordinator to verify they have an account set up for them prior to calling the Assessment Section or the DRC Customer Support desk. School test coordinators should select the "School Technology Coordinator" role from the list of available roles in [wida-ams.us](#) when creating the technology coordinator account.

6. TSM Supported Operating System

Testing Site Manager (TSM) software installed on Mac computers running OS 10.13 (High Sierra) may display an error message when attempting to launch the TSM upon installation, or when attempting to load it to update test content. DRC is aware of this issue and is working to correct it. Technology coordinators who are experiencing this may try the following workarounds until this issue is corrected:

- Instead of using localhost:8080, technology coordinators can try the secure port, i.e., <https://localhost:8443>.
- The TSM's Server Domain Name may be used as such: <https://TSMUSDN:8443>, where the actual Server Domain Name string is substituted for "TSMUSDN"

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

"The roots of education are bitter, but the fruit is sweet." Aristotle