



Assessment News

March 16, 2018

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General Information

1. AIR Systems Scheduled Downtime

The AIR Systems will be offline for scheduled maintenance from 6:00 p.m. Friday, March 23, 2018 to 6:00 a.m. Monday, March 26, 2018.

Smarter Balanced

2. Multi-Track Testing Window

The Smarter Balanced testing window for Red, Green, and Blue tracks at multi-track schools will open on Monday, March 19, 2018 and will close on Friday, June 22, 2018. Test coordinators should ensure that secure browsers are installed and test devices have been properly configured for testing. Technology coordinators may reference the documents in the [Technology](#) section of alohahsap.org for system requirements. Test coordinators should also ensure that test administrators have been trained and certified to administer the assessment.

3. Digital Library

The Smarter Balanced Digital Library is recruiting teachers and/or schools that have successfully used the Smarter Balanced Digital Library in the following ways: 1) to locate resources through the Connections Playlist after administering the Interim Assessment Blocks; 2) for professional development resources for whole school PD activities or PLCs; and/or 3) for instructional resources to enhance the classroom formative process. Smarter Balanced will be creating a three minute video for each member state to be used to spread the word about how the Digital Library is used. Interested schools or teachers that meet the description above should contact Carol Anton at carol_anton@notes.k12.hi.us.

HSA-Alt

4. HSA-Alt Manual Adjustments to Text-to-Speech Speed on Field-test Items

For field-test items only, HSA-Alt test administrators may need to manually slow down the current Text-to-Speech delivery speed. In addition, test administrators are asked to demonstrate to students how to click the small ear icon under each answer option to hear them for a second time. Field-test navigation instructions can be found on pages 34 and 44 of the [Spring 2018 Guide to Navigating the Online HSA-Alt](#).

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The ACT

5. ACT Makeup Test Date

The window for ordering both standard and accommodated test makeup materials is now open. The ACT Makeup test date is *April 3, 2018*.

WIDA ACCESS for ELLs Online

6. Material Return Documents

The test window for the ACCESS for ELLs Online and Paper/Pencil assessments has closed. Schools should make sure all missing materials were found and sent back to WIDA. To check to make sure DRC has received your materials, go to WIDA AMS/Materials/Return Materials Receipt Report. The column under "Qty Not Received" should have all "0's." Thank you to all school staff who worked tirelessly to make sure the assessment went smoothly and successfully for the students. Please send any input to school RTs regarding the ACCESS for ELL's assessment, as feedback from this is valuable in evaluating how things could be improved next year.

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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