



Assessment News

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Top News This Week

Smarter Balanced

1. Revised Smarter Balanced Summative TAM Posted

A revised version of the Smarter Balanced Test Administration Manual (TAM) has been posted in the Resources > [Test Administration](#) section on alohahsap.org. The text on page 54 has been corrected so the instructions and script are consistent, and both state "five minutes" now. Test coordinators who have already distributed copies of the scripts/excerpts from the TAM should inform their test administrators of this correction to avoid confusion during testing.

2. Focused Interim Assessment Blocks Survey

Teachers who have administered Interim Assessment Blocks (IABs) are invited to provide additional input about the development of the proposed, new form of IABs, the Focused Target IABs. The Focused Target IABs will provide more items for each of the assessment targets in order to provide better information about what students know and can do. Teachers may access the ELA/L survey [here](#) or the Math survey [here](#).

HSA-Alt

3. 2018-19 HSA-Alt Science Content Updates

The 2018-19 HSA-Alt Science Assessments for Grades 4, 8, and 11 will be Bridge Assessments as part of the transition to NGSS-linked HSA-Alt Science Assessments in SY 2019-20. The Bridge Assessments will only measure the knowledge and skills found in both HCPS III and NGSS. As a result, some of the benchmarks that were previously included on the tests, i.e. food chains and the parts of cells in Grade 4, will not be tested at that level this year. Detailed information regarding the changes can be found in the [HSA-Alt Science Bridge Test Specifications](#) in Resources > Test Administration > Online Administration on alohahsap.org.

HSA Science

4. 2018-19 HSA Science Bridge Assessments, Practice Tests, and Interim "Testlets"

Hawai'i science assessments for SY 2018-19 will once again be Bridge Assessments as Hawai'i moves

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toward fully-NGSS Assessments in SY 2019-20. NGSS Practice Tests and Interim “Testlets” will be available at alohahsap.org by the end of October as part of ongoing efforts to prepare for the NGSS assessments next year.

- The Practice Tests and Interim "Testlets" will contain two types of NGSS assessment items: 1) Item Clusters, which present a phenomenon and a series of four to six questions related to it, and 2) Stand-Alone Items, which generally have one two-part question.
- The Practice Tests will be “public” and the Interim “Testlets” will be non-secure and non-public. The “Testlets” can be used in the same ways as the Smarter Balanced ELA/L and Math Interim Assessments. They are both intended to familiarize students, teachers, and community members with the content and format of the NGSS assessments beginning in SY 2019-20.

The Assessment Section will be hosting a webinar on *Thursday, November 15, 2018* from 2:30 - 3:30 PM to provide more detailed information on these tests and their use.

The ACT

5. Published Reports in PANext

Beginning on *Saturday, November 3, 2018*, access to the Spring 2018 administration, including the published reports, will no longer be available. Test coordinators should save reports locally before they are removed. For directions, see the "How to Access Published Reports" instructions in the [PearsonAccess Next User Guide for the ACT](#).

6. Upcoming ACT Webinars

The schedule for 2018-19 ACT Webinars has just been released. Links to the webinars will be posted when available in the Assessment News.

- Accommodations/TAA – *Thursday, November 29, 2018* from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Test Administration #1 – *Tuesday, December 18, 2018* from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Test Administration #2 – *Thursday, January 24, 2019* from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

WIDA ACCESS for ELLs

7. ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Writing Field Test Reminder

As a reminder, schools may administer the ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Writing Field Test to Tier A and B/C ELL students in Grades 1-12. Students in grades 1-3 may be administered the field test from *November 14, 2018* to *January 11, 2019*. Students in grades 4-12 may be administered the field test

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from *December 3, 2018* to *January 11, 2019*. The field test requires a maximum of 30 minutes per test session. Grades 1-3 responses are handwritten, and Grades 4-12 responses are keyboarded. This field test can be administered before the operational ACCESS for ELLs 2.0.

All schools that participate in the ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Writing Field Test with 25 or more students will receive \$100 to be used for school supplies. **This is an excellent opportunity for students and test administrators to practice for ACCESS for ELLs 2.0.** Please direct any questions about participation to Alex Bauer at alex.bauer@wisc.edu or 608-265-0601.

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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