



# Assessment News

December 3, 2018

## Top News This Week

### Smarter Balanced

#### 1. Phase 2 Focused Interim Assessment Blocks Survey

Smarter Balanced has released a Phase 2 survey regarding the Focused Interim Assessment Blocks (the Phase 1 survey was released in October 2018). 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 Phase 2 ELA/L survey [here](#) or the Math survey [here](#).

#### 2. Fall 2018 Testing Window for Block-Scheduled Schools

The Fall 2018 Grade 11 Summative Assessment Testing Window is now open and will close on *Friday, December 21, 2018* for students attending block-scheduled schools. Only students who are completing instruction in ELA/L or mathematics for this school year should be tested during the fall testing window. Students completing an ELA/L or mathematics course in the spring are to be tested during the spring testing window.

### HSA-Alt

#### 3. HSA-Alternate Identification Webinar

The Assessment Section will host a [webinar](#) on identification for the HSA-Alternate Assessments on *Thursday, December 6, 2018* from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. Educators who are unable to attend may view the recording on [alohahsap.org](http://alohahsap.org) when it becomes available.

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## EOC Exams

### 4. Fall 2018 Testing Window for Block-Scheduled Schools

The Fall 2018 End-of-Course exam testing window is now open and will close on *Friday, December 21, 2018* for students attending block-scheduled schools. 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.

## The ACT

### 5. School Contacts List

Schools with new ACT test coordinators should update their ACT test coordinator field in the [School Contacts](#) list in order to receive communications from the Assessment Section about important news and deadlines. If a school has designated a new test coordinator, and has not updated their School Contact list and informed the Assessment Section of this change, the new test coordinator will not receive communications from the Assessment Section and the ACT. The new test coordinator will also not be able to enter information into PANext (test management system) or enter accommodations into TAA if the ACT has not been notified and an account created.

### 6. Online Setup

Test coordinators at schools administering the ACT online should have received an email from the ACT with instructions sent on *Monday, December 3, 2018*. Test coordinators should share this email with the school technology coordinator to ensure that the mock administration is completed by *Friday, January 11, 2019*. If proctor caching and mock administration tasks are not completed by this date, schools will automatically be switched to paper administration. If a school has two designated ACT test coordinators, only one will have received this email.

### 7. PreACT Information

Test coordinators at schools administering the optional PreACT for grades 9 and 10 may find more information about creating their school account to register students, and instructions for test administration on the [PreACT page](#) on the [ACT Hawaii](#) website. Student registration works similar to the ACT process, but requires test coordinators to use a different website (available in January 2019). Links for test coordinator account registration and the PreACT ordering site will be published in the Assessment News when available.

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## WIDA ACCESS for ELLs

### 8. Test Setup Window

The [WIDA AMS](#) Test Setup window for ACCESS for ELLs and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs will begin *Monday, December 10, 2018* and end on *Tuesday, February 26, 2019*. During this window, educators will have the ability to view students in the system as well as view and modify test sessions. Educators administering ACCESS for ELLs online must make sure their students are entered in the appropriate test sessions.

### 9. Webinar Schedule

Please find below a schedule of upcoming [webinars](#) (login required) for the ACCESS for ELLs assessment.

- *Wednesday, December 5, 2018, 9:00am–10:00am HST: Alternate ACCESS for ELLs Test Administration*
- *Thursday, December 6, 2018, 7:00am–8:00am HST: During Testing: Managing Test Sessions (Online)*
- *Tuesday, December 11, 2018, 10:00am–11:00am HST: During Testing: Managing Students (Paper)*

### 10. Test Window Preparation

The WIDA ACCESS for ELLs testing window opens on *Tuesday, January 15, 2019*. To prepare for the testing window, it is recommended that:

1. There are **two** WIDA certified test administrators per school. This is to ensure coverage if one test administrator is unavailable or sick on the testing day.
2. Test coordinators document that they trained their test administrators with a sign-in sheet.
3. Test coordinators review EL/SPED and EL/504 Accommodations and Administrative Considerations with the SSC and team, and enter this information in eCSSS and WIDA AMS.
4. All test administrators successfully complete the Test Administrator Certification with 80% or more accuracy and provide the test coordinator with a copy of their certificate, which should be kept on file at the school.

## Technology Coordinators

### 11. ACT Online

Test coordinators at schools administering the ACT online should have received an email from the ACT with instructions sent on *Monday, December 3, 2018*. Technology coordinators at schools choosing online administration should check with the ACT test coordinator and request a copy of this

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email. Proctor caching and the mock administration must be completed by *Friday, January 11, 2019*. If proctor caching and mock administration tasks are not completed by this date, schools will automatically be switched to paper administration.

**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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