

Attention Public School Principals, Public Charter School Directors, VPs (involved with testing), Test Coordinators, Technology Coordinators, Student Services Coordinators, and Curriculum Coordinators

(This message is also being sent to Complex Area Superintendents, Complex Area Support Team Leaders, and Information Technology Managers.)

Assessment News

Monday, April 20, 2020

Top News This Week

General Information

1. Cancellation of ALL Statewide Summative Assessments for SY 2019-2020

All federally-mandated assessments are officially canceled for the remainder of this school year. These assessments include the Smarter Balanced Assessments in English Language Arts/Literacy and Mathematics, the Hawaii State Science Assessments (NGSS) Grades 5 and 8, the Biology 1 End-of-Course Exam, the Hawaii State Alternate Assessments, and the Kaiapuni Assessment of Educational Outcomes (KĀ‘EO). The U.S. Department of Education has approved the Hawaii Department of Education’s request for a waiver for flexibility regarding assessments, accountability and school identification, and reporting requirements pursuant to section 8401(b) of the Elementary and Secondary Act of 1965, as amended. The Hawaii Board of Education members approved the HIDOE to proceed with the waiver.

ACT / SAT / AP Exams

2. ACT, SAT, and AP Scam Calls

It has come to the attention of the Assessment Section that parents of students are receiving calls from a person claiming to be part of the ACT and College Board, requesting that parents make a deposit so that students may participate in online testing in their homes.

We have confirmed with the ACT and College Board that this is a scam call, and they have alerted their Customer Service staff so that they may assist concerned parents and schools. This College Board has provided additional information that may be helpful when communicating with parents about this telemarketing scam:

<https://about.collegeboard.org/important-information-about-telemarketing-internet-scams>.

The College Board will be sending emails directly to all students enrolled in an AP course on April 28, 2020. The email coming from collegeboard@e.collegeboard.org will have important information about the online AP exams that will be taken at home

beginning May 8, 2020. For further details go to:

<https://apcoronavirusupdates.collegeboard.org/>

If you receive calls or inquiries, please inform callers that these calls are scam calls and to hang up immediately, as neither ACT nor College Board will contact parents by phone to request deposits or personal information.

ACT

3. Spring 2020 ACT Makeup Test Options

A memo has been posted titled “Spring 2020 ACT Makeup Test Options” dated April 20, 2020, that addresses the cancellation of the spring ACT make-up dates. Schools will have options for the make-up that includes vouchers, or selecting alternate make-up test dates of September 22, October 6, and/or October 20, 2020 to administer the test. The memo provides pertinent details, considerations, and due dates for schools to select the best option for their students.

HSA-Alt

4. Voluntary Spring 2020 HSA-Alt Test Administrator Survey

The voluntary Spring 2020 HSA-Alt Test Administrator Survey is available and open for HSA-Alt Test Administrator input. All HSA-Alt Test Administrators will be informed of the survey window opening via email. The direct link to this survey can be found here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AAMATH>.

The Assessment Section is asking all HSA-Alt Test Administrators who work directly with HSA-Alt students to complete the ten-minute survey. This year’s survey is collecting information on the numeracy, computation, and math skills of students with significant cognitive disabilities. Test Administrators who work directly with alternate-identified students will select one student in their classroom to provide information on. If Test administrators wish to complete the survey for more than one student in their class, they have the option to complete multiple surveys.

Information from this survey will be used to inform the alternate test design. The Assessment Section would like to thank, in advance, all HSA-Alt Test Administrators who complete this survey on behalf of one or more of their students. Your feedback is appreciated and is an essential component for increasing the accessibility of the HSA-Alt mathematics assessment. If you have any questions about this survey, please contact Susan Forbes at Susan.Forbes@k12.hi.us.

"Intelligence plus character-that is the goal of true education." – Martin Luther King Jr.

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