

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, May 4, 2020

Top News This Week

HSA-Alt

1. Google Hangout Support: HSA-Alt TA Survey of Student Math Skills

HSA-Alt TAs who need assistance in completing this year's TA survey can receive assistance during a Google Hangout session that will be held on *Tuesday, May 5* from *10:00 - 11:00* am. All HSA-Alt TAs who completed TA training this year have been invited. Simply click the Google Hangout link to join at the time of the meeting.

Information on how to access student test scores, interpret survey skill descriptors, and complete and submit one or multiple surveys will be shared. The Assessment Section is asking all teachers who work directly with HSA-Alt identified students to share their specific knowledge of their students' math skills. This year's HSA-Alt TA Survey of Student Math Skills is located at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AAMATH>. If you have any questions about the survey, please join the Tuesday hangout or contact Susan Forbes via email at Susan.Forbes@k12.hi.us.

HSA-Science (NGSS)

2. Reporting HSA Science (NGSS) and Biology EOC Results for SY 2019-2020

School Year 2019-2020 was the first year the Hawaii Department of Education administered operational science tests based on the Next Generation Science Standards. Under ordinary circumstances, after all testing was completed, a group of community members, teachers, and other stakeholders would have met to identify achievement standards and set Hawaii's performance level cut scores for the respective assessments. This year testing was not completed due to COVID-19, and there is not sufficient data to conduct standard setting.

Individual Student Reports (ISRs) for HSA Science tests and the Biology EOC this year will not be generated. The tests of high school students who completed the Biology EOC this year will be scored and ISRs will be generated in Summer 2021 when Hawaii's cut scores have been determined.

The ACT

3. ACT SPRING 2021 TEST SCHEDULE

The Department will continue to implement The ACT in SY 2020-21. This college admissions assessment is to be administered to all students enrolled in grade 11 (as defined by credit count in the Student Information System) who have not been administered the test in a prior year (i.e., students repeating grade 11 who have taken the test in a previous year are not expected to be administered the assessment). Schools have the option of administering The ACT on the statewide administration date, *Tuesday, February 23, 2021*, in a paper/pencil mode or online mode on the dates in the table below.

The ACT Administration

Assessment	Grade	Mode	Test Window	
			Open	Close
The ACT	11	Paper	Administration Date: 02/23/21	Make Up Testing Date: 03/23/21
The ACT Online (incl. Accommodations)		Online (Tu, W, Th only)	02/23/21	03/04/21
The ACT w/ Accommodations (Paper)		Paper	02/23/21	03/05/21

WIDA ACCESS for ELLs

4. WIDA Assessment Management System (AMS) Navigation Changes Webinar

Please join WIDA and DRC for a webinar highlighting upcoming changes to WIDA AMS on *Wednesday, May 6 at 8:00-9:00 am* HST. On June 25, users will experience a new look and feel to the AMS site navigation, and will see an updated layout on the Central Office Services Device Toolkit. Login details can be found on the [WIDA Q&A Webinar Schedule](#). For those unable to attend the live webinar, a recording will be posted to the Secure Portal [Download Library](#) approximately one week after the presentation.

Technology Coordinators

5. Cambium Secure Browser Availability

The Cambium (formerly AIR) Secure Browser for Smarter Balanced assessments will be available for download from alohahsap.org on July 24, 2020. Technology coordinators should also consult the updated [Operating System Support Plan](#) document when available.

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