

**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**

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**Top News This Week**

**Smarter Balanced**

**1. TIDE Documents**

Updated documentation for the TIDE system is now available in the [Resources](#) Section on aloha.hsa.org. The TIDE system supports complex area users, school-level test coordinators and test administrators throughout the testing process, from test preparation, to test administration, to post-administration.

**HSA Science (NGSS)**

**2. NGSS 2019-2020 Summary Reports**

Schools that conducted HSA Science and the Biology EOC testing will be receiving Summary Reports shortly after Labor Day. The instructions for accessing the reports, titled "TIDE Inbox Quick Guide," are posted at <https://hsa.alohahsap.org/resources/general-information/>. In addition, there will be a [webinar](#) at 2:30 on September 3, 2020 to discuss the content and appropriate use of these reports. The webinar will be recorded and made available at <alohahsap.org>.

**3. Hawai'i State Assessment - Science (NGSS) Interpretation and Action Guide**

The purpose of the [Hawai'i State Assessment - Science \(NGSS\) Interpretation and Action Guide](#) is to provide schools and complex areas with support to make meaning from assessment results so that they can translate data into practice for science teaching and learning and continue to build capacity to work toward the vision for NGSS. In addition to information related to reporting, the Guide contains links to instructional resources, curriculum tools, and professional learning materials that are useful to science teachers and curriculum coordinators in all schools.

## The ACT

### 4. Updated TAA Documentation

Additional information about the updated TAA system can be found on the ACT Knowledge Hub [TAA Supports page](#). Links to upcoming webinars and recordings of past webinars can be found here, as well as documentation on assigning a Test Accommodations Coordinator.

### 5. ACT Test Dates

On Thursday, August 27 2020, HIDOE extended the Learn from Home phase of distance learning for most students statewide until the end of the first quarter (October 2).

This may impact schools who were planning to administer the ACT on the statewide test date of September 22, as students may not be on campus. The two remaining test dates are October 6 (during fall break) and October 20. Test coordinators wishing to reschedule for October 20 may log in to PANext between *October 6 - 9* and order materials for the October 20 test date. *The window for ordering materials will not be available until October 6, so the October 20 test date will not appear on the drop down menu of test dates until then.*

For assistance with this, Test Coordinators should call the ACT Customer Service at (800) 553-6244 ext. 2800.

## WIDA ACCESS for ELLs

### 6. Webinar Schedule

WIDA and DRC will host webinars for test coordinators to learn about the following topics:

- **Tuesday, September 15, 1:00pm-2:00pm CT** Welcome Back: What's New This Year?
- **Thursday, September 17, 1:00pm-2:00pm CT** WIDA MODEL Overview
- **Tuesday, September 22, 1:00pm-2:00pm CT** Pre-Testing: ACCESS for ELLs for New Test Administrators
- **Thursday, September 24, 1:00pm-2:00pm CT** Pre-Testing: ACCESS for ELLs for New District Test Coordinators

More information and login details can be found on the [WIDA Q&A Webinar Schedule](#).

WIDA Q&A Webinars are recorded and posted to the Secure Portal [Download Library](#) within a week of the presentation.

### 7. New and Returning Resources for Test Administrators

- [Test Administrator Essentials](#) – This new resource contains tips to help students and test administrators prepare for ACCESS testing and provides critical information to have at your fingertips on test day.
- **Member/State page** – Visit your member/state page for testing dates, state contacts, your ACCESS Checklist (coming soon!), and professional learning opportunities in your

state. Select your SEA from the drop-down menu at the top of the [WIDA website](#) to get started.

- **Secure Portal User Guide** – If it's been a while since you've visited the Secure Portal, check out the [Secure Portal User Guide](#) for a tour of our secure resources.

*“Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire” - William Butler Yeats*

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