

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

General Information

1. HSAP School Year 2020-21 Test Schedule

The June 2, 2020 memo [Hawaii State Assessment Program School Year 2020-21](#) is available in the [Resources](#) page on the alohahsap.org website. Please refer to this memo for test windows for statewide assessments.

2. School Contact List Updates

Please update or confirm your school's test coordinator names in the [School Contacts](#) list for all assessments as soon as possible. Updating the coordinator names will ensure that the appropriate people receive the Assessment News, training memos, and other statewide testing communications in a timely fashion. New test and technology coordinators should be added as soon as they are identified so they receive notification of upcoming training sessions.

Smarter Balanced

3. Smarter Balanced Back to School Playbook

Smarter Balanced released the [Back to School Assessment Playbook](#), which offers educators in Smarter Balanced member states guidance and recommendations regarding how they can use the new [Tools for Teachers](#) website, as well as nearly [150 interim assessment blocks](#), to accelerate learning this coming school year.

4. Smarter Balanced Interim Assessments

Interim Assessments will be available in TIDE on August 18, 2020. Test administrators must pass the online [certification course](#) prior to administering the assessments. The [secure browser](#) must also be updated prior to administering the Interim Assessments.

The ACT

5. Spring 2020 ACT Makeup Test Options

The “Spring 2020 ACT Makeup Test Options” memo dated April 20, 2020, addresses the cancellation of the Spring 2020 ACT make-up dates and provides options for makeup testing in the Fall of 2020. Schools may select from the alternate make-up test dates of *September 22, October 6, and/or October 20, 2020* to administer the test to students who were unable to take the test in the Spring. The memo provides pertinent details, considerations, and due dates for schools to select the best option for their students. *Please make note that October 6 occurs during Fall Break.*

6. ACT Fall 2020 Makeup Testing Information

The Program Tab for Fall 2020 ACT Testing is now available on the [ACT Hawaii](#) website. Test coordinators should use this tab for information, dates/schedules, and links for Fall 2020 ACT Makeup testing. PANext for materials ordering will open in early August (date TBA). Test coordinators should reference the [Schedule of Events](#) for Fall Makeup Testing.

7. ACT Accommodations

The deadline to select accommodations in TAA for the Fall 2020 Makeup Test window is *August 21, 2020*. Test coordinators requiring assistance should contact the ACT Accommodations Customer Service desk at (800) 553-6244 ext. 1788 between the hours of 3:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. HST.

8. ACT Contact Number for Parents and Families

Test coordinators who receive calls from parents regarding score reports or National Test Centers (registration, availability, or dates) should direct them to the ACT Customer Care phone center at (319) 337-1270 between the hours of 3:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. HST.

WIDA ACCESS for ELLs

9. Upcoming Changes to WIDA AMS

As of June 26, users will see an updated WIDA AMS login page and primary navigation features, a new interface for Central Office Services, and enhancements to Site Selection. A recording of a Q&A Webinar on these changes can be found in the Secure Portal [Download Library](#) upon login to the portal.

Technology Coordinators

10. Chrome Updates and Smarter Balanced Secure Browser Updates

The vendors for the Smarter Balanced assessments have confirmed that the secure browsers for each assessment will need to be updated again this year prior to the start of testing.

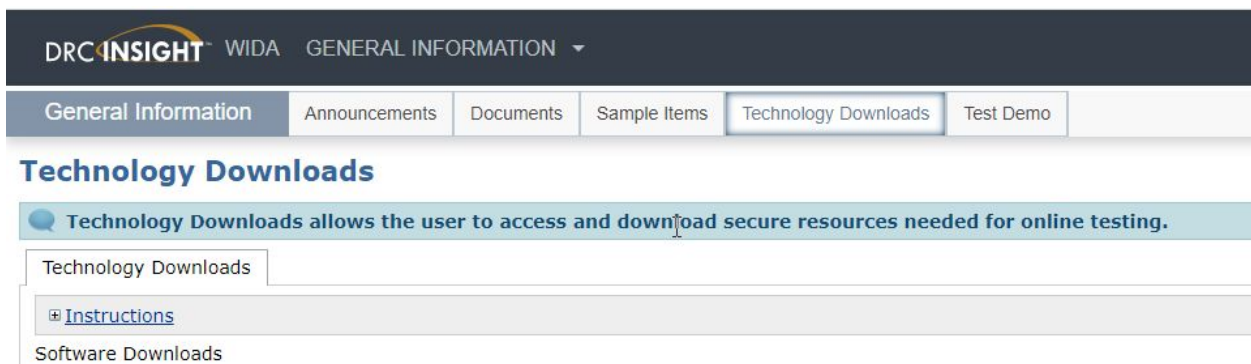
- The updated Smarter Balanced Secure Browser will be available on July 24th from the [Secure Browsers](#) page on the alohahsap.org website.

CAI (formerly AIR) has confirmed that the updated Secure Browser will work with the current/latest version of the Chrome OS. Per vendor recommendations, technology coordinators may update test devices to the latest stable version of Chrome and then freeze updates for the test year to prevent an incompatible update from delaying testing.

11. Chrome Updates and INSIGHT Secure Browser Updates

The vendor for the ACCESS For ELs Online assessment has confirmed that the secure browser will need to be updated again this year prior to the start of testing.

Technology coordinators should download and update **both** the INSIGHT Secure Browser and the Central Office Services prior to the start of testing from the General Information > Technology Downloads on the wida-ams.us page.

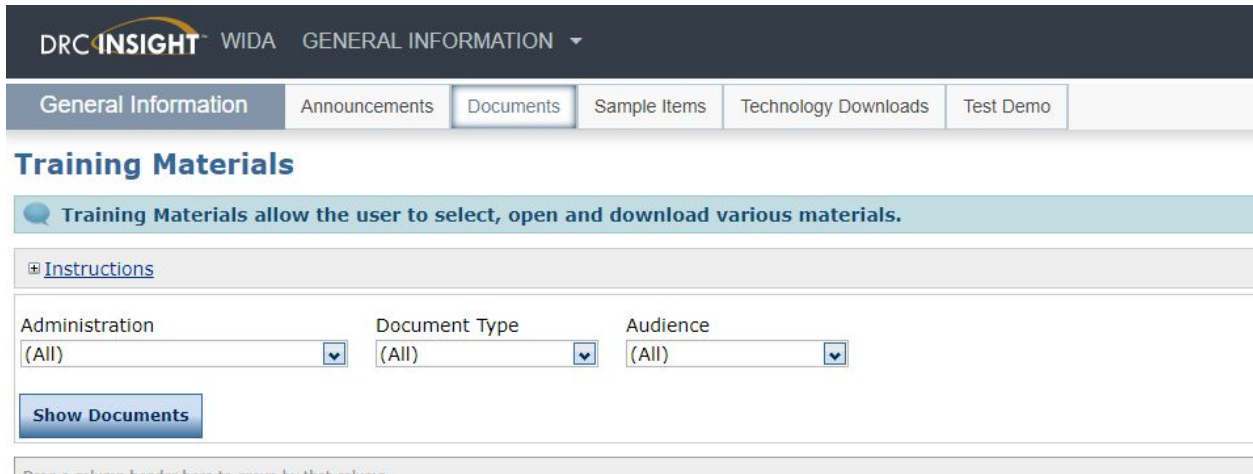


The screenshot shows the WIDA AMS website navigation and content. At the top, there is a dark header with the DRC INSIGHT logo and the text 'WIDA GENERAL INFORMATION'. Below this is a horizontal menu with tabs for 'General Information', 'Announcements', 'Documents', 'Sample Items', 'Technology Downloads', and 'Test Demo'. The 'Technology Downloads' tab is selected. Below the menu, the heading 'Technology Downloads' is displayed. A light blue banner contains the text: 'Technology Downloads allows the user to access and download secure resources needed for online testing.' Below the banner, there is a search bar with the text 'Technology Downloads' and a dropdown menu showing 'Instructions' and 'Software Downloads'.

Technology coordinators may find technical documentation and a list of supported operating systems in the General Information > Documents page on wida-ams.us.

12. Supported Software

Technology coordinators may find technical documentation and a list of supported operating systems for the ACCESS For ELs Online in the General Information > Documents page on wida-ams.us.



The screenshot shows the WIDA DRC INSIGHT website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the logo and the text 'WIDA GENERAL INFORMATION'. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with tabs for 'General Information', 'Announcements', 'Documents', 'Sample Items', 'Technology Downloads', and 'Test Demo'. The 'Documents' tab is selected. Below the navigation is a section titled 'Training Materials' with a blue banner that reads: 'Training Materials allow the user to select, open and download various materials.' Underneath is a filter interface with three dropdown menus: 'Administration' (set to '(All)'), 'Document Type' (set to '(All)'), and 'Audience' (set to '(All)'). A 'Show Documents' button is located below the filters.

Technology coordinators may find a list of supported operating systems for the CAI secure browser (for the Smarter Balanced, HSA-Ait, EOC, and NGSS assessments) on the [Technology](http://alohaahsap.org) page on alohaahsap.org page.

"Assessment is the ongoing process of gathering, analyzing and reflection on evidence to make informed and consistent judgements to improve future student learning."

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