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, November 23, 2020

Top News This Week

General Information

1. Chromebook End of Life Support List

Chromebooks that have reached End of Life support and are no longer able to be updated are at risk of being incompatible with current secure browsers used for various statewide assessments such as the Smarter Balanced Interim and Summative assessments, End of Course Exams, NGSS Science exams, HSA-Alt, the ACCESS for ELLs Online, and The ACT Online. Schools should refer to the Chromebook OS section in the supported documents guides for the Smarter Balanced, INSIGHT, and ACT TestNav browsers to determine whether or not their devices are still supported.

Schools may check their device for Chrome update support eligibility by using the google Auto Update Expiration list. It is recommended that schools update the secure browsers used for statewide assessments as soon as possible in order to verify that their devices are supported and can be used for statewide assessments. *Devices that can no longer support secure browsers may still be used for classroom and distance learning applications, provided they are supported by the version of Chrome installed on the Chromebooks*.

The ACT

2. Test Accessibility and Accommodations System Access

The deadline to complete the Manage Participation tasks for the Spring 2021 administration of the ACT is *November 27, 2020*. Test coordinators should refer to the email sent out by the ACT on November 16, 2020 titled *Reminder to Select Your Dates for ACT State Testing* for more information and links to help documentation.

3. ACT Spring 2021 Test Administration Training

The ACT will host a Test Administration training session on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at 9:00 am HST. New and returning ACT test administrators may register here: Hawaii Spring 2021

ACT Test Administration Training. This training will be recorded and a link provided to the recording for those test administrators who are unable to attend the live session.

4. ACT Spring 2021 Test Windows

To provide schools with maximum flexibility and options, there will be *three* available test windows for the Spring 2021 administration of The ACT. Schools will have the option to choose among any or all of the available test windows. Schools with limited space or larger populations may choose to split their testing among the available windows (i.e., split the junior class into two halves and test on two separate dates). A list of the three test windows, as well as the windows for accommodated and online testing is available in the Schedule of Events on the ACT Hawaii website.

WIDA

5. Virtual WIDA ACCESS for ELLs Online Assessment Training

This one-day training is intended for new and returning WIDA ACCESS EL test coordinators to be held on various dates in December 2020. To register: Go to http://alohahsap.org > Smarter Balanced > WIDA ACCESS for ELLs Training blue button on the right side of the page, or copy the following link to your browser: http://bit.ly/WIDADec20. Registration deadline is *Wednesday, November 25, 2020*.

6. Assessment Best Practices During COVID-19

WIDA has created a resource to supplement the existing Test Administrator and Test Coordinator Manuals to support educators as they administer ACCESS for ELLs (Alternate, Kindergarten, Online, and Paper) and WIDA Screener (Online and Paper) during COVID-19. Please note: the guidance in this document reflects WIDA's analysis of current best practices. It is not medical advice. *It does not replace or amend guidance provided by the CDC, your state, your county, or your district.* This document can be accessed in the Key Resources Box in the ACCESS and Screener training courses in the WIDA Secure Portal and in the Download Library.

Technology Coordinators

7. Reminder to Update Smarter Balanced Secure Browsers

Technology Coordinators should ensure that student testing devices are updated to the latest versions of the Smarter Balanced Secure Browser for Smarter Balanced summative and interim assessments, End of Course Exams, HSA Science (NGSS), and HSA-Alt assessments prior to the start of testing.

8. Reminder to Update ACCESS for ELLs Online Software

Technology Coordinators should verify that the latest version of the Central Office Services software and the INSIGHT Secure Browser for the ACCESS For ELLs Online assessment have been installed prior to the opening of the WIDA test window on *January 12, 2021*. Test or technology coordinators who wish to confirm the readiness of their school test devices should log into wida-ams.us and use the Central Office Services tab in the dropdown menu (login required)

" Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can." - Arthur Ashe

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