

Assessment News

Monday, August 2, 2021

Top News This Week

General Information

1. Hawaii State Assessment Program SY 2021-22 Test Windows

Statewide assessment windows for the 2021-22 school year are available in the [Hawaii State Assessment Program \(HSAP\) School Year 2021-22](#) memo published on May 24, 2021 and posted to the [Resources](#) page of the updated alohahsap.org home page.

2. AlohaHSAP.org Password Reset Procedures

The Centralized Reporting (CR) system and Test Information Distribution Engine (TIDE) have been relaunched for the 2021-22 school year and user passwords have been reset. All users will need to complete the steps below to create a new password.

1. From the [AlohaHSAP.org](#) portal, select any assessment, select the Teachers, Test Coordinators and Administrators, or Technology Coordinators role, and navigate to the TIDE login page. Select the "Request a new one for this school year" link just below the login prompt.
2. On the "Reset Your Password" page, enter the email address you use for all HSAP systems and select the 'Submit' button.
3. An email (from DoNotReply@cambiumassessment.com) which contains a link to reset your password will be sent to the email address associated with the account. This link must be accessed within 15 minutes upon delivery or you will need to restart the password reset process.
4. Select the link and follow the on-screen prompts to create a new password. Press the "Submit" button.
5. Upon login to TIDE, an "Enter Code" page may appear. An authentication code will automatically be sent to your email address. You must enter this code into the "Enter Emailed Code" field and select the 'Submit' button, within five minutes of receiving the authentication code email. Throughout the school year, returning users who access TIDE from a new device or browser, or who have cleared the cache on a previously-used browser, will be required to receive an emailed code after entering their username and password via the secure login prompt.

All users who had access to AIR systems in 2020-2021 will continue to have access this year. If a user should no longer have an account, the principal or test coordinator should follow the process in the TIDE User Guide, found in the Resources section of the HSAP portal, to remove the system access. Please contact the HSAP Help Desk at (866) 648-3712 (toll free) or hsaphelpdesk@cambiumassessment.com with any questions, or if you need additional assistance with your password.

3. Hawaii State Assessment Program Training - Hold the Date

The Assessment Section will be holding its annual Hawaii State Assessment Program (HSAP) Training for Principals, Test Coordinators, Student Services Coordinators, and members of the school assessment and/or data teams on *September 13 and 14, 2021 from 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.* Topics that will be covered are the ACCESS for ELLs Online, Accountability/ESSA Reporting, Assessment Literacy, LEI System, updates for the Smarter Balanced Interim and Summative assessments, NGSS Science, updates on accessibility and accommodations, and other content-area topics for ELA/Math. This training will be conducted virtually in order to maintain safety and social distancing. More information and registration information will be made available in the Assessment News as it becomes available.

4. Smarter Balanced Updated Resources

Test coordinators encountering difficulty finding [resources](#) on the updated alohahsap.org website should call the Cambium Help Desk at 866.648.3712 or use the [Contact Us](#) link at the bottom of each page. Some tips that may be helpful are to check the filters on the left side of the page, i.e., type of publication (memo) and school year (may not default to current SY).

5. School Contact List Updates

In order to ensure all members of the school Assessment Team involved in administering statewide assessments receive timely information such as upcoming training and webinar sessions, the weekly Assessment News, and targeted emails for test and technology coordinators, please check the [School Contact List](#) (SCL) and update or confirm the information for your school.

Employee Position

Position ▲	Employee	Added	Modified	Action	Confirm
Smarter Balanced Test Coordinator	<input type="text" value="Employee name"/>	08/04/20 02:17 PM	08/04/20 02:21 PM		Confirm

- For coordinators continuing in the role currently listed, click CONFIRM in the far right column
- To delete, click on the trash can in the ACTION column
- To add, select the name from the EMPLOYEE drop-down menu and the POSITION from the drop down menu and click ADD
- It is OK to have more than one person in each category, if needed
- If there are multiple ACT Test Coordinators, please designate your primary contact, who will be receiving email communications from the ACT by placing them at the top of the list of ACT Test Coordinators. This designee will be responsible for sharing email communications with the other Test Coordinators.

Smarter Balanced

6. Resources for Remote and Hybrid Teaching and Learning

The [Smarter Balanced Remote Teaching and Learning](#) resources site contains suggestions and resources teachers may use while students are learning outside of the traditional classroom. These resources may also be used for in-person instruction. This site covers planning, formative process, accessibility, using interim assessments, and summative testing.

HSA Science (NGSS)

7. Results for HSA Science Grades 5 and 8 and the Biology EOC Exam

Achievement Standards Setting for the NGSS-based science assessments has been completed and approved by the superintendent so results will be available in the [Centralized Reporting](#) (CR) system from Tuesday, August 3, 2021.

Please note that SY 2020-2021 was:

- a very unusual school year due to the impact of COVID-19 on teaching and learning as well as social and emotional wellbeing. Learning opportunities varied greatly and students participated in schooling in a variety of ways with differing degrees of success. As a result, assessment data should be viewed with caution and is likely most useful for identifying learning gaps and planning for teaching and learning moving forward.
- the first administration of new assessments developed to measure the NGSS. As such, the results should not be compared to prior years when statewide science assessments were measuring performance on the Hawai'i Content and Performance Standards for Science. The SY 2020-2021 results will serve as a new baseline.

The Hawai'i State Assessment – Science (NGSS) Interpretation and Action Guide can be found on alohahsap.org along with tutorials on the [use of the CRS](#).

HSA-Alt

8. HSA-Alt Science Results

Achievement Standards Setting for the HSA-Alt NGSS-based science assessments has been completed and approved by the superintendent so results will be available in the Centralized Reporting System (CRS) from Tuesday, August 3, 2021.

Tutorials on the [use of the CRS](#) are available on alohahsap.org.

9. Updated HSA-Alt Science Range Performance Level Descriptors (PLDs)

The HSA-Alt Science Range PLDs have undergone some recent adjustments to clarify the test expectations that they contain. The updated HSA-Alt Science Range PLDs can be found using the “Students and Families” Audience tag on the Resources page on the alohahsap.org portal.

Three additional documents outlining the Content Progressions in the Physical Sciences (PS), the Earth and Space Sciences (ESS), and the Life Sciences (LS) are also available on the alohahsap.org portal. The PS and ESS documents cover the elementary and middle school grades while the LS document also covers high school.

The ACT

10. ACT Accommodations Requests

On July 21, 2021 ACT announced changes to the accommodations policy. Details can be found in the leadership blog [ACT Streamlines Accommodations Eligibility Requirements for Students with IEPs, 504 Plans](#). For more information about the policy change and process for requesting accommodations, test coordinators may refer here: www.act.org/the-act/accomms.

11. ACT Plus Writing

The Spring 2022 administration of the ACT will continue to be the ACT Plus Writing, instead of The ACT (as listed in the May 24, 2021 memo [Hawaii Statewide Assessment Program, SY 2021-22](#)).

12. ACT Score Reports

Student data and reports from the Spring 2021 administration of the ACT will be available for download in [PANext](#) on August 2. The Accessing Reports section of the PearsonAccess^{next} User Guide will show test coordinators how to find available reports. The instructions in the Download Published Reports section will describe how to save the reports to their device.

Beginning with the **Spring 2022** administration cycle, student level data files and reports will be available only on the ACT Online Reporting Portal (ORP) which is accessed via success.act.org. Test coordinator access to the ORP must be granted by their principal, who must first have set up their own Trusted Agent account (via ACT email last year).

New principals at high schools who do not have Trusted Agent access should contact bruce.hirotsu@k12.hi.us for assistance with having ACT update their records and generate a new ORP welcome email with instructions to set up their account.

Principals who would like assistance with creating their accounts or assigning accounts may find the following materials helpful: ACT has created a [Principal Webinar](#) and a [Trusted Agent Access Code Training Resources](#) webpage.

WIDA

13. August WIDA Q&A Webinars

New Test Administrators and District Coordinators who will be involved with screening students may want to attend a Q&A webinar on the following dates and times:

Thursday, August 12, 8:00 am - 9:00 am HST - [WIDA Screener Online](#)

Tuesday, August 17, 8:00 am - 9:00 am HST - [WIDA Screener Paper](#)

All Q&A webinars are recorded and posted to the WIDA Secure Portal [Download Library](#) approximately one week after the presentation. More information and login details can be found on the [WIDA Q&A Webinar Schedule](#).

14. New WIDA Secure Portal Webinar

Save the date: Get answers to your questions about the redesigned WIDA Secure Portal! Join WIDA staff for the [Get Familiar with the Redesigned WIDA Secure Portal Q&A Webinar](#) on Tuesday, August 10 from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm Central Time. During the webinar, you will not only learn about what's changing, you will get a sneak peek at the redesigned portal so that you know how to find the training, professional learning, and resources that are important and relevant to you.

Reminder: The redesigned WIDA Secure Portal goes live on September 1, 2021. To get ready, make sure you:

- review the [Redesigned WIDA Secure Portal: Coming September 2021](#) webpage.
- update your account information. Has it been a while since you've logged in to your WIDA Secure Portal account? Changed schools or districts? Need assistance with updating your account information? Contact the [WIDA Client Services Center](#).
- finish all WIDA Self-Paced eWorkshop courses that you started during the 2020-21 year prior to August 31.
- finish the WIDA Screener for Kindergarten training course and pass both certification quizzes before August 31, so that your certification history can be moved over to the redesigned portal.

TECHNOLOGY COORDINATORS

15. Smarter Balanced Secure Browser Supported Operating Systems

The updated Smarter Balanced Secure Browser is available for download on the updated [alohahsap.org](#) website in the [Technology Coordinators](#) page. Technology coordinators should verify their devices can support the minimum required OS (**table below**):

Operating Systems	Current Status
Chrome OS 91	Officially Supported for SY 21-22
Windows 8.1 (Professional & Enterprise)	Officially Supported for SY 21-22
Windows 10, 10 in S Mode (Educational, Professional, & Enterprise) (1909-20H2)	Officially Supported for SY 21-22
Windows Server 2012 R2 (thin client)	Officially Supported for SY 21-22
Windows Server 2016 R2 (thin client)	Officially Supported for SY 21-22
macOS 10.13-11	Officially Supported for SY 21-22
iPadOS 13.7 & 14.5	Officially Supported for SY 21-22
Fedora 32 LTS (Gnome)	Officially Supported for SY 21-22
Ubuntu 18.04 LTS (Gnome) & 20.04 LTS (Gnome)	Officially Supported for SY 21-22

“In the book of life, the answers aren’t in the back” - Charles M. Schulz



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