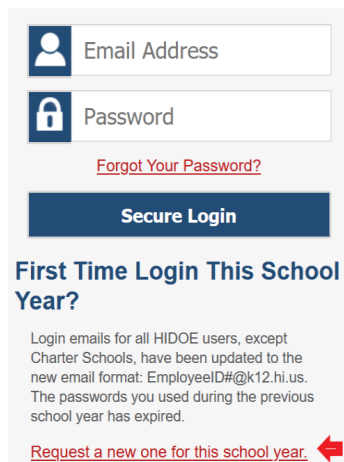# Assessment News
Monday, August 9, 2021

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Top News This Week

General Information

1. HSAP (alohahsap.org) Password Reset Procedures

The [Centralized Reporting System](#) (CRS) and [Test Information Distribution Engine](#) (TIDE) have been updated for the 2021-22 school year. User passwords have been reset for the 2021-22 school year. All users will need to create a new password via the "Request a new one for this school year" link prior to accessing their accounts.

For more information, users may refer to the [announcement](#) on the alohahsap.org website, or for assistance, users should contact the Help Desk at 1-866-648-3712.
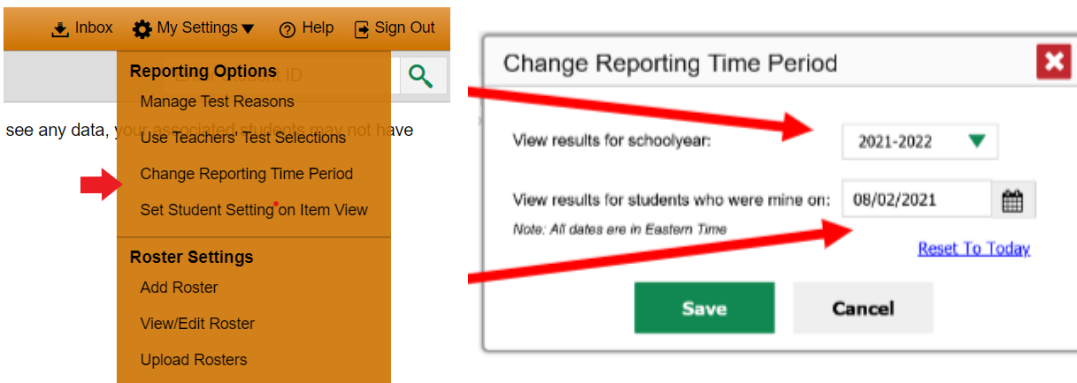
2. Test Administrator Certification Course

The Online TA Certification Course will be available on August 10, 2021 (annual recertification is required for all test administrators and staff who will be administering either the Summative or Interim assessments). All test administrators and teachers who plan on administering either Summative OR Interim tests should take the certification course **prior** to administering any assessments (failure to obtain certification prior to a scheduled administration may result in delays as the system will not allow non-certified staff to administer Interim or Summative assessments).

3. Centralized Reporting System School Reports

The Centralized Reporting System (CRS) and the way score reports are displayed has been updated for the 2021-22 school year. By default, users will see students who are **currently** enrolled in their schools, or assigned to their rosters.

In order to view **prior** year students (including those who have moved to other schools), users will need to set the year and date students were enrolled filters to the prior year and the last day of the school year (e.g. May 31, 2021).

For more information, test coordinators and principals may refer to the email and attachment sent out on August 3 to all test coordinators and principals from the Assessment Section titled *Update in the Assessment portal for SY 2021-2022*. For assistance, users should contact the Help Desk at 1-866-648-3712.

4. Assessment Section Webinar: Centralized Reporting System: Generating and Distributing Individual Student Reports

The Assessment Section will be conducting a Webinar on Thursday, August 19, 2021 at 2:30 pm to provide an overview of the Centralized Reporting System and then focus on generating and distributing Individual Student Reports. The webex link is:
https://hidoe.webex.com/hidoe/j.php?MTID=mce126677845938b8c90fe1049746a5f5

5. Appropriate use of HSAP School Year 2020-21 Results

Due to varying participation rates among schools, as well as potentially non-representational population sizes of disaggregated groups in the Spring 2021 Smarter Balanced ELA, Math, and HSA-Alt test administrations, caution should be used when interpreting or analyzing data or scores from the Spring 2021 test window. Please refer to the document Appropriate Use of SY 2020-21 HSAP RESULTS from the Assessment Section for more information on using scores for longitudinal comparisons.

6. Checkpoint: Adding K-2 Teachers in TIDE

Checkpoint provides educators with a tool to build and deliver customized tests using an existing bank of standards-aligned items from kindergarten through high school. These tests can be used for formative assessments, quizzes, end-of-unit tests, etc. Checkpoint can be accessed by clicking on the Checkpoint card found in the Teachers section of Smarter Balanced, HSA Science, or EOC Exams at the alohahsap.org portal.

In order for K-2 teachers to utilize Checkpoint in their classrooms, Test Coordinators must add them as users in TIDE with a TE role as well as a TA role should the teacher wish to administer the test. Teachers will also need to complete the TA Certification Course in order to be certified to administer tests.

HSA Science (NGSS)

7. Science (NGSS) and Biology EOC Student Score Comparisons

SY 2020-2021 was the first administration of new assessments developed to measure the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). The Science (NGSS) and End Of Course Biology (NGSS) assessments are new and as such, the results cannot be compared to prior years when statewide science assessments were measuring performance based on the Hawaiʻi Content and Performance Standards for Science. The SY 2020-2021 results will serve as a new baseline.

The ACT

8. ACT Score Reports

In the email sent to ACT test coordinators on August 2, instructions for accessing score reports for the Spring 2021 administration in PANext and links are provided. For schools with multiple test coordinators, *only one test coordinator will receive email blasts from ACT*. Test coordinators who receive these emails are encouraged to share them with their co-test coordinators.

TECHNOLOGY COORDINATORS

9. Smarter Balanced Windows Secure Browser Uninstallation

Previously installed versions of the Secure Browser on Windows computers should be manually uninstalled before installing the SY 21-22 version. This is a change from prior years where older versions of the Windows Secure Browser were automatically uninstalled during the installation of a new version. This change only affects Windows computers. Please refer to the *Secure Browser Configuration and Troubleshooting Installation Guidelines 2021-2022* resource page on the AlohaHSAP portal for more information.

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." - Dr. Seuss