



## Assessment News

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### Top News This Week

Aloha Teachers, Principals, Test and Technology Coordinators, and members of the school Assessment Teams. Welcome back to the beginning of a new school year, and we hope you have had a restful summer. Thank you for your resilience throughout the last school year, and for your continued efforts to ensure that our students remain healthy and safe. Please note some important changes this school year to the portals that you will use to access statewide assessments described in today's announcements.

### 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 School Year 2021-22](#) memo published on May 24, 2021 and posted to the [Resources](#) page of the updated alohahsap.org home page.

#### 2. Update School Contact List

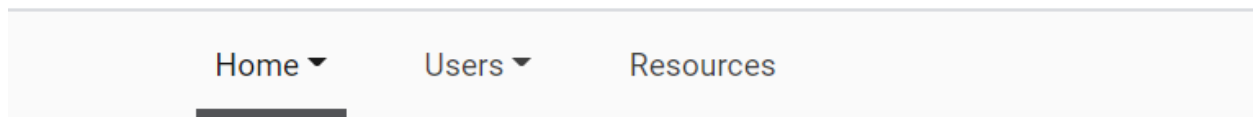
Schools with changes to test coordinators, technology coordinators, or accommodations coordinators/SSCs should update the Assessment Section [School Contacts List](#) as soon as possible to ensure that the new staff receive updated information via the Assessment News or email blasts from the Assessment Section. For those continuing in the role, click the "confirm" button in the far right column. If assistance is needed in updating the School Contacts List, please call the Assessment Section at (808) 307-3636.

### 3. Updating Test Coordinators in TIDE

Principals should update TIDE with any new test coordinators, AND work with the School Test Coordinators to remove staff members who no longer require access to TIDE. This is to ensure that they do not have access to student Personally Identifiable Information (PII) to prevent any FERPA violations. The TIDE system is being updated for the 2021-22 school year and will be available on August 3.

### 4. Updated alohahsap.org Portal

The [alohahsap.org](http://alohahsap.org) homepage has been updated with a new look and feel, as well as a new layout for accessing documents. Each assessment still has its own section, and links to the resources for each assessment are now accessible through a menu bar at the top of each assessment's page. Users are now able to search and filter through the resources available using the Refine feature to aid in finding the documents they need.



### 5. Spring 2021 Individual Student Report Distribution

This is a reminder from the [May 24, 2021 Assessment News](#) (item 5) that schools are responsible for sharing the SY 2020-21 student results on statewide assessments with parents. It is recommended that reports be downloaded and distributed electronically (via the school's parent portal system, e.g., Infinite Campus Parent Portal) or printed out *after* school enrollments and transfers have stabilized (**late August 2021**). It is recommended that Individualized Student Reports (ISRs) be distributed before the end of the first semester.

## Smarter Balanced

### 6. Smarter Balanced Interim Assessments and Tools for Teachers Updates

The Smarter Balanced English Language Arts (ELA) and Math Interim Assessments will be available to administer on August 17, 2021. In [Tools for Teachers](#), Smarter Balanced has added 37 new Interim Assessments Connections Playlists and three new professional learning videos that provide introductory information about the Interims Connections Playlists and the Individual Student Assessment Accessibility Profile. Also, educators will now need to print or download the Smarter Balanced ELA and Math Interim Assessment answer keys through the Interim

Assessment Item Portal (IAIP) within Tools for Teachers. Educators will need a teacher (TE) role to access the IAIP and a test administrator (TA) role in TIDE to administer the Interim Assessments through the TA Live Site. Contact your test coordinator if you need assistance with obtaining either a TE or TA role. Educators can access Tools for Teachers through the link [smartertoolsforteachers.org](https://smartertoolsforteachers.org) or by clicking the Tools for Teachers card on the [alohahsap.org](https://alohahsap.org).

## HSA Science (NGSS), Biology EOC, and HSA-Alt Science

### 7. Science Score Availability

Achievement Standards Setting has been completed and it is anticipated that scores from the SY 2020-21 HSA Science, HSA Alt-Science, and Biology End of Course Exams will be available by August 13, 2021. An announcement will be posted in the Assessment News when scores and Individualized Student Reports (ISRs) are available in the Centralized Reporting System (CRS).

## KĀ'EO

### 8. KĀ'EO Score Reports

The KĀ'EO team appreciates the hard work and dedication of Kaiapuni teachers and support staff during the past year's administration, despite the challenges of COVID-19. The team is preparing to report results to schools and families as soon as possible in the fall, but also present Opportunity to Learn data that can provide context and help schools and families understand this year's results.

In addition, standard setting for the Grade 5 Science assessment was recently completed, with results being finalized and approved soon. With this operational test data, this completes the suite of operational KĀ'EO assessments that include Grades 3-8 HLA, Math and Science (Grades 5 & 8).

## NAEP

### 9. NAEP 2022 Testing

The NAEP 2022 program will include the grade 4 and grade 8 mathematics and reading assessments that were postponed in 2021. The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) will conduct a sampling process to select approximately 100 schools to participate in the grade 4 assessments and approximately 60 schools to participate in the grade 8 assessments. The testing window will be January 24 - March 11, 2022. Selected schools will be notified by Hawaii's NAEP State Coordinator in August 2021.

## The ACT

### 10. ACT Spring 2022 Test Windows

The Department will continue to implement The ACT in SY 2021-22. This college admissions assessment is to be administered to all students enrolled in grade 11 (as defined by credit count in the Student Information System) *who have not been administered the test in a prior year* (i.e., students repeating grade 11 who have taken the test in a previous year are not expected to be administered the assessment).

Schools have the option of administering The ACT on any or all of the statewide administration dates/windows shown in the table below:

### The ACT Administration

Assessment	Grade	Mode	Test Window	
			Open	Close
The ACT	11	Paper	Test Date 1: 03/01/22	03/01/22
			Test Date 2: 03/29/22	03/29/22
			Test Date 3: 04/26/22	04/26/22
The ACT Online (including tests with accommodations that can be administered online)		Online (Tu, W, Th only)	03/01/22	3/10/22
			03/29/22	04/07/22
			04/26/22	05/05/22
The ACT with Accommodations (paper)	Paper	03/1/22	3/11/22	
		3/29/22	04/08/22	
		04/26/22	05/06/22	

In addition to The ACT, the Department will also provide, at no cost to schools, the optional PreACT assessments to help students prepare for college and workplace readiness. Please refer to the [Hawaii State Assessment Program School Year 2021-22](#) memo published on May 24, 2021 for more information and the PreACT test window.

### 11. ACT Spring 2021 Score Files

The spring 2021 student level data files and Profile Reports will be available for schools on *August 2* in PANext. Test coordinators can go into PANext and download the score files and Profile Reports in PANext in the usual manner.

Similar data and reports can be accessed in the new Online Reporting Portal (ORP), provided principals have set up Trusted Agent access AND assigned an account to the test coordinator. If you have questions or would like support in creating accounts to access the Online Reporting Portal please visit the [Interpretation stage](#) of your ACT hosted state testing website.

Beginning in **Spring 2022**, test coordinators will only be able to access score files in the ORP (Spring 2022 score files forward). As the ORP contains other data analysis tools test coordinators may find useful in exploring score result (in addition to being the only way to

retrieve score files beginning in Spring 2022) it is recommended that test coordinators that do not have access to the ORP follow up with their principals regarding setting up their Trusted Agent accounts.

## ACCESS for ELLs

### 12. Redesigned WIDA Secure Portal

WIDA is currently redesigning the WIDA Secure Portal and has created a new webpage, [Redesigned WIDA Secure Portal: Coming September 2021](#), that schools can use to learn about what's changing, what to do to get ready, and upcoming opportunities to get more information. The redesigned portal will look and feel like the public WIDA website, with relevant assessment training, professional learning, and resources that are easier to find

## TECHNOLOGY COORDINATORS

### 13. Smarter Balanced Supported Operating System Updates

As the Windows 11 and MacOS 12/Monterey Operating System (OS) upgrades are scheduled to be released in the fall of 2021, please be advised that these OS are currently **NOT** supported by the Cambium Secure Browser, which is used for the Smarter Balanced/HSA-AIt/NGSS/End of Course and Interim assessments.

Upon release of the upgraded OS AND successful completion of functionality testing by Cambium, information on the supported OS versions for the Secure Browsers will be provided by Cambium. Until then, it is recommended that schools please refrain from upgrading their OS to these new and unsupported versions until Cambium confirms their readiness to work with the Secure Browser (an announcement will be posted in the weekly Assessment News).

### 14. ACCESS For ELs Online 2021-22 Technology Documentation

As of Thursday, June 24, 2021 the following updated documents were posted to [WIDA AMS](#), under **My Applications > General Information**:

- [Supported System Requirements for ACCESS for ELLs Online and WIDA Screener Online](#), valid from June 2021-October 2021
- [Technology User Guide](#) (minor updates only)
- [Technology Troubleshooting Tips 2021-22](#) (minor updates only)

### 15. ACCESS For ELs Online 2021-22 Chromebook End of Life Support

Schools which have been using Chromebooks or Chrome OS devices for several years may have devices that are at or approaching Google's end of support dates in their Auto Update Expiration Policy. Technology Coordinators should refer to DRC's [Chrome OS Device Support, 2021-22](#) resource for more information on how this may impact use of the **DRC INSIGHT secure browser** application on these devices. Please contact DRC Customer Support with any questions related to technology documentation at (855) 787-9615 or

[wida@datarecognitioncorp.com](mailto:wida@datarecognitioncorp.com). Please note that the minimum required Chrome OS version for the Smarter Balanced Secure Browser is v91.

*“Education is the ability to meet life’s situations.” - Dr. John G. Hibben*

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