

Assessment News

Monday, August 16, 2021

Top News This Week

General Information

1. 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 in a secure manner (when possible), 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.

2. School Contact List Updates

Due to a large number of undeliverable and out of office notifications when sending out our weekly Assessment News, as well as schools not having any persons listed in the testing roles in the [School Contact List](#), we would like to ask principals or test coordinators to update the [School Contact List](#) as soon as possible.

In the first few editions of the new school year, we have run announcements related to the various statewide assessments, upcoming training sessions and webinars, and retrieval of score reports. These are important and timely for new and returning test coordinators, but they will only receive them if they are listed in the School Contact List.

3. Assessment Section Office Hours

On Thursday, August 19 from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m., the Assessment Section will host an Office Hours webinar on the [Centralized Reporting System \(CRS\)](#). Topics that will be covered include how to access school reports in the CRS, and how to access Individual Student Reports. The session will be recorded for those who are unable to attend.

4. Interim Assessment Results

Test coordinators looking for last year's Interim Assessment results in the CRS may not see the tests by default after selecting the test year and end date.

Change Reporting Time Period ✕

View results for schoolyear: 2020-2021 ▼

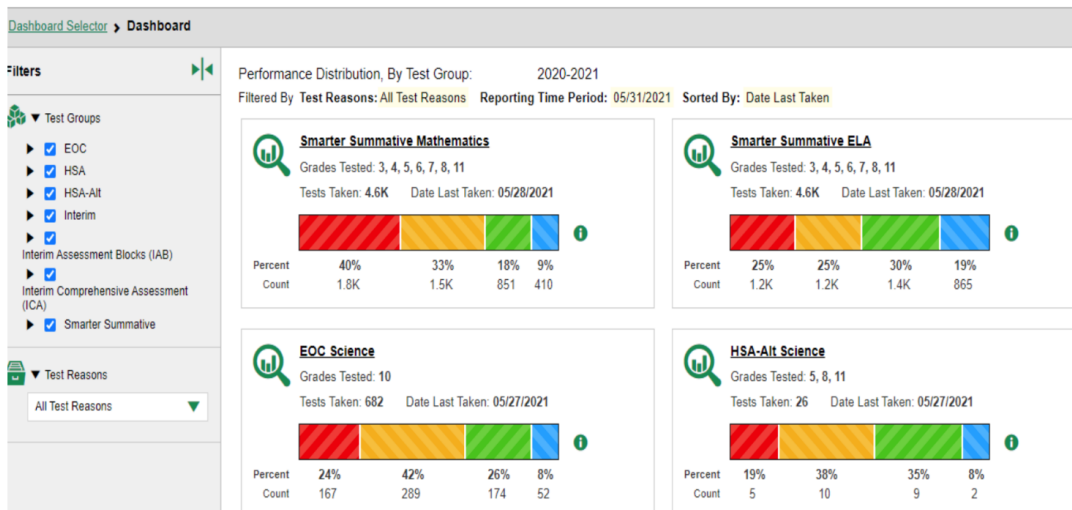
View results for students who were mine on: 05/31/2021

Note: All dates are in Eastern Time

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Test coordinators will then have to use the side navigation bar on the left of the page to select filters, Test Groups, then check the boxes for the desired interim assessment results.



- guidance on documenting designated supports and accommodations in IEPs and 504 Plans;
- modifications to the state test accommodation verification request process; and
- steps to set different levels of accessibility supports in the Test Information Distribution Engine.

For the Webex information to access the virtual training and the office hours, refer to the [Accessibility and Accommodations \(AA\) Webinar Training sessions Schedule Fall 2021](#) or the [Important Dates calendar](#) on the alohahsap.org website. A recording of the training will be posted on the same [AA Webinar site](#) shortly after the August 24 training. *No registration of the training or the office hours is required.* Refer to the [August 12, 2021 Department memo](#) for more information about the AA training and office hours.

6. Guidance Brief: IEP/504 Teams Considering the Math Manipulatives (MMs) State Test Temporary Accommodations - New!

The Smarter Balanced Consortium granted the Hawai'i State Department of Education temporary approval to use Math Manipulatives (MMs) as accommodations for statewide testing in SY 2021-2022. *This approval and the guidelines for use are only applicable for state testing in SY 2021-2022.* This non-embedded accommodation is designed for students with a documented visual or cognitive need in their IEP or 504 Plan to use MMs to solve math tasks during classroom instruction and assessment.

The MMs state test accommodations allow eligible students to demonstrate their understanding of mathematical concepts with concrete materials. This is the list of pre-approved non-embedded math manipulatives that may be provided onsite (up to **four** MMs may be selected for an eligible student): Algebra Tiles (recommended for Grade 6 and above); Base Ten Blocks; Colored Tiles; Geoblocks Set; Geoboards and Geobands; Multi-Link Cubes, Pop Cubes, or Similar Cubes; Multi-Sensory Learning (MSL) Kit; One-Inch Blocks; Pattern Blocks; Transparent Sheets; and Two-Color Counters. Other MMs accommodations not listed can be requested for verification. Refer to the [Guidance Brief on Math Manipulatives](#) for more information on the use, administration, and verification of MMs for state testing.

7. State Test Accommodations Identification and Request Process for Test Coordinators and School Assessment Teams

This [document](#) provides information on the state test accommodations identification and verification request process for Test Coordinators and school assessment teams for the school year 2021-2022.

ALT

8. Supported iOS versions

School Technology Coordinators are advised to check to see if the school's current iPads used for testing are running iOS 13.4 or below. The minimum supported version for iPads used for testing in SY 2021-2022 will be iOS 13.7 or higher. If iPads are

obsolete (unable to upgrade to iOS 13.7 or higher), they will not be able to access this year's Secure Browser for testing. If iPads are obsolete, they will either need to be replaced or substituted by another device; e.g., a computer or Chromebook.

The ACT

9. ACT Student Eligibility Criteria

The Department will continue to implement The ACT Plus Writing 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 who are 10R students (repeating 10th grade), repeating grade 11 who **have** taken the test in a previous year, or 12th graders in the Student Information System are not expected to be administered the assessment).

10. Updated ACT Hawaii website

The [ACT Hawaii](#) website has been updated for the 2021-22 school year. Test coordinators may find test windows, schedules of events laid out in chronological order, and links to resources that will help them navigate the ACT systems. Help Desk and Accommodations Help Desk contact information are now available in the Contact Information dropdown menu under the Helpful Links section.

WIDA

11. WIDA Secure Portal Downtime

The [WIDA Secure Portal](#) will be down for a planned upgrade beginning Tuesday, August 31 at 12:00pm HST until Wednesday, September 1 at 2:00am HST.

12. Completing the WIDA Screener for Kindergarten Training Course:

Everyone who has started the WIDA Screener for Kindergarten training course must complete the course before August 31 for their certification history to move to the redesigned portal. Reminder: you must pass both certification quizzes to complete the course.

TECHNOLOGY COORDINATORS

13. Secure Browser Updates for SY 2021-22

Secure Browsers on devices used for student testing for statewide assessments must be updated annually prior to the start of testing.

- Technology coordinators may find the INSIGHT Secure Browser and Central Office Services software for the ACCESS For ELs Online in the [Technology Downloads](#) section

of the DRC website. Technology documentation is available in the General Information > [Documents](#) page on the DRC website.

- Technology Coordinators may find the Smarter Balanced Secure Browser for Smarter Balanced, NGSS, HSA-Alt, End Of Course, and Interim assessments [here](#).
- The TestNav Secure Browser for schools choosing to administer the ACT Online in the Spring is not available yet. An announcement will be made when it is available in the Assessment News.

Please keep in mind that all three secure browsers are not yet approved for use with the latest MacOS (Monterey) and Windows OS (Windows 11) upgrades. School technology coordinators are advised to postpone installation of these upgrades until the vendors can confirm that they are compatible with the current year secure browsers. An announcement will be made in the Assessment News when this information becomes available.



“The whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows” - Sydney J. Harris

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