

Assessment News

Monday, August 30, 2021

Top News This Week

General Information

1. Annual Hawaii State Assessment Program (HSAP) Training Conference

Principals, Complex Area Staff, Test Coordinators, Student Service Coordinators, Test Accommodations Coordinators, and HSA-Alt Test Administrators are invited to attend the virtual 2021-22 Hawaii State Assessment Program Training Conference on **September 13 and 14, 2021**.

The conference will include keynote and plenary sessions, as well as a wide variety of topics helpful to test coordinators, DATA team members, Student Services Coordinators, and school administrators. Please refer to the [memorandum](#) dated August 24, 2021 *Hawaii Statewide Assessment Program Training Conference* for more information including a [registration link](#). The deadline to register is **Friday, September 3, 2021**. Sessions will be recorded for those who are unable to attend.

2. Centralized Reporting System: Generating Individual Student Reports Webinar Posted

The recording and PowerPoint presentations from the August 19, 2021 webinar [Centralized Reporting System](#) have been posted to the Resources section on the alohahsap.org portal.

Smarter Balanced

3. Recorded Fall 2021 Accessibility and Accommodations on Statewide Assessments Training

A recording of the Fall 2021 Accessibility and Accommodations on statewide assessments training has been posted to the [Accessibility and Accommodations Training webpage](#) on the alohashap.org portal. For more information about the training, refer to the [Department Memo](#).

HSA Science (NGSS) and Biology End of Course Exam

4. Practice Tests and Interim Assessments

The NGSS Training and Practice Tests as well as the Interim Assessments are now available. The Training and Practice Tests can be used to help students become familiar with the

assessments and the use of the various tools available during the test. These are public and can be accessed at any time and in any location where there is internet access.

The Interim Assessments are not public but not secure so they can be used in a variety of ways to assess student understanding and/or to support teaching and learning. The [NGSS Interim Assessment Fact Sheet](#) and the [Interim Assessments Test Administration Guide](#) can be found on alohahsap.org

5. Checkpoint for Science Teachers

Checkpoint is a system that allows teachers to create items or access existing standards-aligned items to build and publish tests for their students. These tests can be administered to students using the Test Delivery System and the results are reported in the Centralized Reporting System. The Checkpoint system contains NGSS-aligned science items for grades 3 through 12 and the NGSS Interim Assessment items were recently added.

The [Checkpoint User Guide](#) can be found on alohahsap.org. There will be a one hour [Introduction to Checkpoint webex](#) specifically for science teachers on Thursday, September 30, 2021 from 2:30 - 3:30.

The ACT

6. 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.

7. ACT Online Reporting Portal Access

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).

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. Principals or test coordinators who have forgotten the password can select the Forgot Password link at <https://success.act.org/s/>

WIDA

8. Updated Accessibility and Accommodations Manual

The updated [Accessibility and Accommodations Manual](#) is now available on the WIDA website. This accessibility manual was developed to guide the selection and administration of Test Administration Considerations, Universal Tools, and Accommodations for individual English Language Learners (ELLs) in order to produce valid assessment results.

9. WIDA Secure Portal Redesign

The updated WIDA Secure Portal will be available on *September 1, 2021*. The WIDA Secure Portal will be down for its planned upgrade beginning Tuesday, August 31 at 10:00 am until Wednesday, September 1 at 2:00am HST. Test coordinators may view the recording of the **Get Familiar with the Redesigned WIDA Secure Portal Q&A** Webinar which has been posted to the WIDA Secure Portal. A link to the recording is available on the [Redesigned WIDA Secure Portal: Coming September 2021](#) webpage.



“Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving.” - Albert Einstein

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