

# Assessment News

Monday, September 20, 2021

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## Top News This Week

### General Information

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

Thank you to all who presented and participated in our annual Hawaii State Assessment Program Training Virtual Conference! We hope you enjoyed this new format and found the many breakout sessions and discussion time with the presenters useful. Handouts and presentations are posted at the [SCHED](#) conference site and recordings of sessions will be posted within a week so attendees who weren't able to attend all the sessions they wanted to attend can still view the materials and recordings. Please take the time to fill out a survey you receive from the vendor which will help us to better serve you in future virtual trainings.

#### 2. NEW: Educator Resources Section


Based on the feedback from attendees at the virtual conference during chats on where to find resources they can use to assist schools and teachers with assessment literacy, Tools for Teachers, Checkpoint, and the Centralized Reporting system, we have created a new section below called "Educator Resources". Links to resources, recordings, and documentation will be available in this section at the end of the Assessment News.

#### 3. School Contact List Updates

In order to ensure all members of the school Assessment Team involved in administering statewide assessments receive relevant and timely information, please check the [School Contact List](#) (SCL) and update the role and contact information for your school. Principals or test coordinators may edit, update, or confirm members on the list.

If the staff members assigned to these roles are not listed in the SCL, they may miss important information related to the scheduling or administration of these assessments.

- For coordinators **continuing** in the role currently listed, click CONFIRM in the far right column
- To delete members who are no longer in that role or at your school, click on the **trash can** in the ACTION column

HSA-Alt Test Administrator	- No test coordinator listed	-	-	-	-	-
HSA Science Test Coordinator	- No test coordinator listed	-	-	-	-	-
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- To add a new member to a role, select the name from the EMPLOYEE drop-down menu and the POSITION from the drop down menu and press **ADD**
- It is OK to have more than one person in each category, if needed.

## Smarter Balanced

### 4. Centralized Reporting System Webinar Recording

The presentation and recording of the HDOE Assessment Section Office Hours webinar for Test Coordinators held on August 19, 2021, provided information about the Centralized Reporting System (CRS) including accessing student reports and distribution of reports to parents and guardians. This [link](#) will direct users to the PowerPoint presentation used during the webinar and an MP4 video stream of the recorded webinar.

### 5. Virtual Office Hours and Recorded Fall 2021 Accessibility and Accommodations Training Webinar

Virtual office hours will be held 2:30-3:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, from September 21 through October 12, 2021, to respond to questions regarding the accessibility and accommodation supports that are available for state assessments. Please visit the [Accessibility and Accommodations Training webpage](#) on the [alohashap.org](#) portal for information to access the Webex virtual office hour(s). Also, a recording of the [Fall 2021 Accessibility and Accommodations training webinar](#) has been posted on the Accessibility and Accommodations Training page.

## HSA Science (NGSS)

### 6. Science Item Authoring Training

There will be a virtual training for science teachers to become item authors for the Hawaii Statewide Assessment Program (HSAP). Teachers who are interested in learning how test questions are developed and how alignment to the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) is ensured are encouraged to apply. Items being developed will be included in the Checkpoint system for use in developing standards-aligned, teacher generated tests. Participants will receive instruction on content and item/task specifications, practical training in developing assessment items for classroom use, and participate in collegial discussions of assessment targets based on the NGSS performance expectations. Applicants should have a good understanding of the NGSS for the grade level(s) taught.

There will be an orientation on Monday afternoon October 4, 2021 and the training will be October 11-14, 2021 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. If you would like to be considered for the Item Authoring Training, please complete the online application available through the [alohahsap.org](#) website or by the following link: <https://bit.ly/HIScienceOct1WWW> no later than September 27, 2021.

## HSA-ALT

### 7. HSA-Alt Science Alignment Study

The Assessment Section is accepting applications from special education and science educators as well as other stakeholders including community members, to serve on the HSA-Alt Science Alignment Study Committee. Committee members should be familiar with the NGSS, with the Science Essence Statements and PLDs, and with the characteristics of the students being tested. Experience working with these students and/or administering the HSA-Alt assessments is desirable but not required. The committee will meet virtually on October 13, 14, and 15, 2021. Committee members will be working online and with multiple interfaces so reliable internet connectivity is required.

If you would like to be considered for the committee, please submit your application no later than Wednesday, September 22, 2021, at: <https://bit.ly/AltSciAlign2021>.

### **\*NEW\* Educator Resources**

### 8. Checkpoint Training Modules

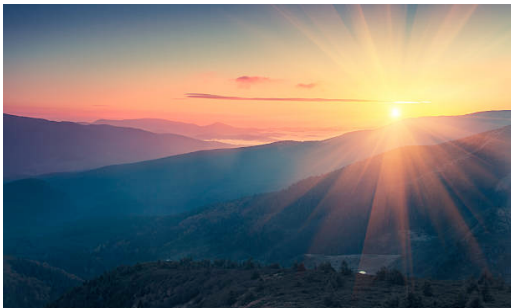
[Training modules](#) on the Checkpoint system are available on the alohahsap.org website. The main training module includes key features of the Checkpoint system. The mini-modules address particular tasks a user might want to accomplish in Checkpoint.

## TECHNOLOGY COORDINATORS

### 9. Smarter Balanced Supported Operating Systems

Technology coordinators should refer to the [Cambium Operating System Support Plan for Test Delivery System 2021-2022](#) for a list of supported operating systems for the Smarter Balanced Secure Browser.

Please keep in mind that major upgrades to OS such as Mac OS 12 (Monterey) and Windows 11 have not yet been fully tested, so the test vendor recommends not installing these upgrades as they may have unintended consequences on the Secure Browsers.



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