Assessment News
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Top News This Week

Smarter Balanced

1. Remote Administration of the Smarter Balanced Interim Assessments Webinar

The Assessment Section will host a Smarter Balanced, HSA Science, and Biology Interim Assessments Remote Administration Webinar on Friday, October 1, from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. By Thursday, September 30, click here to access a Google Jamboard to leave any questions you may have regarding the remote administration of the Smarter Balanced Interim Assessments.

Click here to join the webinar.

2. Modified Process for Verifying Accommodations on State Assessments

For SY 2021-2022, there is a modified state test accommodation verification process and form for Test Coordinators (or authorized school staff member) to inform the Assessment Section about their students' use of prior verified test accommodations and/or their need for the verification of new ones. The modified process relies on school IEP/504 Plan Teams' expertise and their state test accommodation recommendations and is described in detail in the Hawaii State Test Accommodations Identification and Request Process for Test Coordinators and School Assessment Teams 2021-2022. Additional guidance can be found in Accessibility and Accommodations (A&A) resources that includes the Crosswalk of Accessibility Features Across State Assessments in Hawaiʻi (Crosswalk/CAF), the Smarter Balanced Usability, Accessibility and Accommodations Guide (UAAG), Hawaiʻi State Test Accommodation Guides, Guidance Brief on Math Manipulatives, and recorded Fall 2021 A&A training webinar and powerpoint.

3. Smarter Balanced Accessibility and Accommodations Training Module

The Smarter Balanced Accessibility and Accommodations Training Module, which has been adapted for use by the Department, is designed to help school testing staff, IEP/504 Plan team members, and teachers to understand the designated supports and accommodations that are available for the online Smarter Balanced Assessments. Test coordinators are encouraged to share this training module with teachers and test administrators before test administration.

4. Aligning State Test Accommodation Records

Student Services Coordinators (SSCs) have received information on how to access school accommodation records in two locations: 1) the electronic Comprehensive Student Support System (eCSSS) and 2) the Test Information Distribution Engine (TIDE). At the next annual IEP/504 Plan team meeting, school IEP/504 Plan teams are to use the Hawaiʻi State Test Accommodation Guides, the Guidance Brief on Math Manipulatives, and the Crosswalk of

[Accessibility Features Across State Assessments in Hawaiʻi](#) (Crosswalk/CAF) as tools to make recommendations for state test accommodations and to update the eCSSS state test accommodation records. SSCs are to check the eCSSS record of IEP/504 Plan team accommodation recommendations for state testing against the records of prior verified accommodations in TIDE.

Note: Both the TIDE/eCSSS records currently show the state test accommodations that were verified for SY 2020-21. For SY 2021-22 state testing, Test Coordinators need to complete the [test accommodation verification request form](#) to inform the Assessment Section of the school IEP/504 Plan team's accommodation recommendations to retain and/or remove prior verified accommodations and/or to request the verification of new accommodations. Refer to the [Test Accommodations Identification and Verification Request Process](#) for further guidance.

5. Recording Designated Supports for IDEA, 504, and EL Students in eCSSS

IDEA, 504, and EL students who need designated supports for state testing must indicate those supports in eCSSS. For directions to record these supports in eCSSS, refer to the [eCSSS Directions](#).

HSA Science (NGSS)

6. 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](#) webinar specifically for science teachers on Thursday, September 30, 2021 from 2:30 - 3:30.

Click [here](#) to join the webinar.

HSA-ALT

7. HSA-Alt Interim Test Administrator Training on October 12

All HSA-Alt Test Administrators with alternate-identified students in grades 5 and 6 are encouraged to attend the HSA-Alt Interim Test Administrator Training on October 12. The virtual training will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Test Administrators who attend the training will receive a half-day stipend (or substitute coverage) and information about the new interim test. If you would like to become certified to administer this new assessment to your grade 5 and 6 students, please register for the training [here](#). For more information about the HSA-Alt Interim

pilot for grades 5 and 6 students, see the memo. Both the registration site and the memo can also be accessed on the alohahsap.org website as opening page links on the HSA-Alt portal.

The ACT

8. ACT Accommodations Requests

The window for submitting accommodations requests for the spring 2022 administration of the ACT opened on September 13, 2021 and will close on January 7, 2022.   No new requests will be considered after January 7, 2022.

Test Accommodations Coordinators (TAC) and test coordinators should review the ACT Accessibility and Accommodations page on the success.act.org portal as well as step three of the ACT hosted state testing website for additional information about requesting accommodations and supports.

9. ACT College and Career Readiness Workshop

Please mark your calendars for the October 21 Hawai'i ACT College and Career Readiness Workshop. The live 90-minute workshop will be presented online at 2:00 pm HST. You may register for the workshop HERE. For additional information about ACT resources that you and your students may find helpful, click HERE.

WIDA

10. ACCESS for ELLs New Test Coordinator Training

The Assessment Section will conduct a WIDA ACCESS for English Language Learners (ELLs) assessments test coordinator training in October. This recommended training is for *new* WIDA ACCESS test coordinators *only*. (Another training will be held for all returning WIDA ACCESS test coordinators in December.)

Training sessions will be held October 5, 19, 21, and 26. *New* test coordinators may register for the training session in their district. The training sessions will be conducted via webinar (Webex) and will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. and end at 2:30 p.m. Participants are expected to join the webinar from their usual work site unless otherwise directed by their principal/supervisor. The online registration form for each training may be accessed here, or by clicking the training button on the home page at https://alohahsap.org. For more information, please refer to the memo dated September 21, 2021 Test Coordinator Training for New WIDA ACCESS for English Language Learners Test Coordinators. The registration deadline is *Friday, October 1, 2021*.

DATE	ASSESSMENT	DISTRICT	TIME	SITE
October 5 (Tuesday)	ACCESS for ELLs	Hilo/Kona	9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Virtual (Webex)

October 19 (Tuesday)	ACCESS for ELLs	Maui/Kauai/Molokai/ Lanai/Hana	9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Virtual (Webex)
October 21 (Thursday)	ACCESS for ELLs	Honolulu/Windward	9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Virtual (Webex)
October 26 (Tuesday)	ACCESS for ELLs	Leeward/Central	9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Virtual (Webex)

Educator Resources

11. Centralized Reporting System Training Modules

Updated training modules and mini-modules on the Centralized Reporting System (CRS) are now available in the Resources section of alohahsap.org.

Technology Coordinators

12. WIDA Technology Coordinator Webinars

DRC and WIDA will be hosting a Pre-Testing: Technology Installations webinar for technology coordinators on *October 5, 2021 from 8:00 - 9:30 a.m. HST*. This webinar will provide an overview of installs of the COS INSIGHT and DTK on varying devices (Windows, Macs, Chromebooks, iPads) and share information on updated system requirements.

"Books permit us to voyage through time, to tap the wisdom of our ancestors" - Carl Sagan

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