

Assessment News

Tuesday, September 07, 2021

Top News This Week

General Information

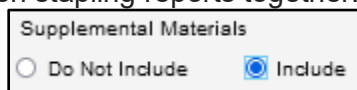
1. Smarter Balanced and Science (Grades 5, 8 and Biology EOC) Interim Assessments

The Smarter Balanced and Science Interim Assessments are now available for administration. Test coordinators should remind teachers and test administrators to be careful when selecting assessments, as accidental administrations of the Summative assessments have occurred in the past when multiple assessments were opened simultaneously with the Interim assessments. An accidental misadministration of the Summative assessments is considered a Testing Incident, and a Test Irregularity Form should be filled out and submitted to the Assessment Section. For additional information, the [Smarter Balanced Interim Assessments Test Administration Guide](#) (TAG) is available in the Resources section of the alohahsap.org website.

2. Printing Individual Student Reports at Reprographics

The Reprographics Section is assisting us with the printing of Individual Student Reports and many of you are taking advantage of that option. Two important reminders:

1. Be sure to include the Supplemental Materials when you generate the pdf file if you will be sending the file to Reprographics for printing. They use that page as the “separator” when stapling reports together.



Supplemental Materials

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2. When the reports come back to you, check through them to ensure that the correct reports are stapled together - that all of the reports in a stapled set belong to the same student.

Thank you to the folks at Reprographics for their assistance in this effort!

ALT

3. Test Administrator Training for Grade 5 HSA-Alt Interim Pilot

The Assessment Section is conducting test administrator training for the Grade 5 HSA-Alt Interim Pilot on **Tuesday, October 12**. Educators who work with HSA-Alt-identified students in grades 5 and 6 are invited to attend since students in both grades 5 and 6 are eligible to take the pilot assessment. The interim assessment is an *optional* assessment. As such, this training is not mandatory but is instead intended for all educators who plan to administer the Grade 5 HSA-Alt Interim Pilot to their grade 5 and 6 students. To register for the training, use this link:

<https://bit.ly/Oct21AltTAs>. Registration for the training closes on October 5, 2021. For more information, see the recently released [HIDOE memo](#) on the alohahsap.org portal.

4. HSA-Alt Science Alignment Study

The Assessment Section is accepting applications from special education and science educators as well as stakeholders and 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 tests 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 will be important.

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>

The ACT

5. ACT Accommodations Requests

The window for entering accommodations requests for the spring 2022 administration of the ACT will open on September 13, 2021. 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.

6. Test Accessibility and Accommodations Terminology Change

TACs should note the change in name from “Late Consideration” to “Qualified Exceptions to the Deadline” for the Spring 2022 accommodations request window. This name change has been updated to clarify that the “Qualified Exceptions to the Deadline” **is for a limited number of circumstances that allows testing staff to request accommodations and supports after the published request deadline**. This window is not an extension of the deadline to submit requests. Please review your Schedule of Events and plan to attend the ACT hosted [accommodations training session](#) on October 28, 2021 for additional information.

WIDA

7. Upcoming WIDA Webinars

WIDA and DRC are hosting the following webinars for test coordinators to learn about the following ACCESS for ELLs topics:

- [Welcome Back: What's New This Year?](#) **Tuesday, September 14, 8:00 am- 9:00 am HST**
- [Pre-Testing: ACCESS for ELLs for New Test Administrators](#) **Thursday, September 16, 8:00 am- 9:00 am HST**
- [Pre-Testing: ACCESS for ELLs for New District Test Coordinators](#) **Tuesday, September 21, 8:00 am- 9:00 am HST**

- [Pre-Testing: Software Updates & Technology Readiness Checklist](#) **Thursday, September 23, 8:00 am- 9:00 am HST**

More information and login details can be found on the WIDA Secure Portal under the [Webinars](#) page. Technology Coordinators interested in attending technology-related webinars can find the [2021-22 Q&A Webinar Schedule for Technology Coordinators](#) on WIDA AMS.



*“Education is all a matter of building bridges.”
- Ralph Ellison*

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