



Assessment News

Monday, December 13, 2021

Top News This Week

General Information

1. Happy Holidays from the Assessment Section

The Assessment Section would like to wish a safe and happy holiday season to all test coordinators and members of the school assessment community and their families. Thank you for all that you do to ensure that staff and students have a safe testing experience.

2. Fall Testing Window Closes December 17

Grade 11 students in block-schedule high schools completing their instruction in English Language Arts and/or mathematics are eligible to be administered the respective Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) at this time. In addition, students completing Biology 1, Algebra 1, and/or Algebra 2 are eligible to be administered the corresponding End-of-Course (EOC) exam.

The Biology 1 EOC Exam is required to be administered to all students enrolled in Biology 1. The Algebra 1 and Algebra 2 EOC Exams are optional.

HSA Science

3. HSA Science Testing Window Opens January 10

The HSA Science Testing Window for grades 5 and 8 will open on January 10, 2022 and remain open until May 27, 2022. Students have up to two opportunities to complete the HSA Science assessments. Students in grades 5 and 8 are required to complete one opportunity and the second is optional. Achievement standard setting and the determination of cut scores were completed last summer so results will be immediately available in the Centralized Reporting System.

HSA-ALT

4. Guides to Navigating the Online HSA-Alt

The SY 2021-22 Guide to Navigating the Online HSA-Alt and the associated Quick Start Guide have been posted on the Alt portal (<https://hsa-alt.alohahsap.org>). Here's the [link](#) to these updated resources.

5. HSA-Alt Grade 5 Interim Test Administrator Training Materials

The HSA-Alt Grade 5 Interim Test Administrator (TA) Training PowerPoint and webinar from the October 12, 2021 training have been posted to the portal. Here's the [link](#) to the Interim TA Training PowerPoint and webinar. If you have any questions about this year's interim for HSA-Alt students in Grades 5 and 6, contact the Assessment Section via email at hsa-alt@k12.hi.us.

ACCESS for ELLs

6. ACCESS for ELLs Testing Window

- The ACCESS for ELLs testing window is January 10 - February 25, 2022. Please be sure to complete your testing schedules prior to going on Winter Break.
- Per the May 24, 2021 [Hawaii State Assessment Program School Year 2021-22](#) memo, "The WIDA ACCESS for English Language Learners (ELLs) 2.0 is the English language proficiency assessment administered to all English learners in kindergarten through grade 12 to monitor students' progress and proficiency in acquiring academic English. ELL students who are severely cognitively disabled and meet the participation criteria for alternate assessments are administered the WIDA Alternate ACCESS for ELLs assessment."
- Prior to you leaving for break, please inform your office staff that the paper testing materials will be arriving possibly during Winter Break. Please ensure that they store them in a secure and locked place and to let you know that they have arrived.

7. Modified Customer Service Hours for December

During the final two weeks of December, WIDA Client Services and DRC Customer Service will be available to assist educators during the following days and times:

- **WIDA Client Services Center**
- Mon. 12/20 – Thurs. 12/23: 4:00am-1:00pm HST
- Mon. 12/27 – Thurs. 12/30: 4:00am-1:00pm HST
- **DRC Customer Service**
- Mon. 12/20 – Thurs. 12/23: 3:00am-2:00pm HST
- Mon. 12/27 – Thurs. 12/30: 3:00am-2:00pm HST

Both customer service teams return to their regular hours of operation on Monday, January 3, 2022.

The ACT

8. ACT Customer Service

Test coordinators who have called the ACT Customer Service desk are still being directed to contact the District Test Coordinator (DTC) or Complex Area Superintendent (CAS). **These directions continue to be incorrect**, and the Assessment Section is continuing to work with ACT to correct these directions for Hawai'i test coordinators. If instructed to call the DTC or CAS, please try to obtain the name of the Customer Service agent who gave you these directions, and email bruce.hirotsu@k12.hi.us with the name, date, time and issue of the call for documentation that this problem is continuing. Hawai'i does not have DTCs, and please do not contact your CAS.

NAEP

9. Prepare for Assessment tasks in MyNAEP for Schools

NAEP school coordinators were provided access to the list of students at their schools who have been randomly selected to participate in NAEP. Please refer to the two emails sent last week from Dewey Gottlieb, Hawaii's NAEP State Coordinator, to review the step-by-step instructional guides that will help you to complete the first two Prepare for Assessment tasks: Review and Verify List of Students, and Complete SD and EL Student Information. These two tasks must be completed first (and in the order listed) before the other tasks can be worked on. Instructions for the remaining Prepare for Assessment tasks will be provided soon.

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