Assessment News
Monday, November 1, 2021

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Top News This Week

Smarter Balanced

1. Smarter Annotated Response Tool

The Smarter Annotated Response Tool (SmART) helps inform classroom writing instruction and more! Use SmART to access materials to share with students to illustrate strong examples of student writing. Browse a range of response types, explore interactive scoring annotations and rubrics, or practice scoring on your own.

HSA-ALT

2. Online HSA-Alt Test Administration Certification Course

The online HSA-Alt Test Administration Certification Course is required for new HSA-Alt Test Administrators (TAs) and recommended for experienced TAs who need a refresher. The online HSA-Alt Test Administration Certification course is available on the HSA-Alt portal website via the Teachers or the Test Coordinators and Administrators page.

KĀʻEO

3. KĀ'EO Field Test Opportunities

The KĀ'EO team is continuing to support schools as they prepare for the independent field tests. These tests are an opportunity for schools to have students practice taking significantly shorter versions of typical KĀ'EO assessments and receive general results that may help guide instruction, but will not be used for accountability. For more information, please review the October 8, 2021 DOE memo for more information about the independent field test. For additional support, please contact the Kaiapuni Help Desk at kaiapuni@hawaii.edu.

WIDA

4. WIDA Webinars

WIDA and DRC will host the following webinars in the month of November for test coordinators to learn about the following ACCESS for ELLs topics:

- Pre-Testing: Technology Coordinator Support for Test Administrators **Tuesday, November 9, 9:00 am - 10:00 am HST**

- [Kindergarten ACCESS for ELLs for New Test Administrators](#) **Tuesday, November 16, 9:00 am - 10:00 am HST**
- [During Testing: Managing Students in WIDA AMS (Online)](#) **Thursday, November 18, 9:00 am - 10:00 am HST**
- [Alternate ACCESS for ELLs for New Test Administrators](#) **Tuesday, November 23, 9:00 am - 10:00 am HST**

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

The [recordings for WIDA Q&A Webinars](#) are posted to the WIDA Secure Portal (login required) on the Webinars page within a week of the presentation. Technology Coordinators may access recordings for technology-related webinars through the webinar schedule in WIDA AMS.

The ACT

5. PANext Availability

[PearsonAccessNext](#) (PANext) will open on *November 1, 2021*, for the Spring 2022 administration of the ACT. Test coordinators should verify that they are able to access this site in order to perform the [Prepare for Testing](#) tasks in the [Schedule of Events](#) on the ACT Hawaii website. Test coordinators should ensure they have selected the Spring 2022 administration in PANext.

Current school year juniors will not appear in PANext until mid-December after the students are loaded into PANext (the ACT is only to be administered to current 11th graders, as defined by credit count in Infinite Campus. Students who were administered the ACT on a statewide test date in a previous year should not be administered the test again, i.e., 11R students).

6. Test Accessibility and Accommodations Webinar Recording

Test coordinators or staff who were unable to attend or need to review the ACT Accommodations-focused Q&A webinar that was held on Thursday October 28 may use [this link](#) to view the recording. While viewing a recording, test coordinators will still be able to submit questions to ACT. Please share this recording link with other staff as appropriate.

Technology

7. iPad OS v14.x Settings for INSIGHT Secure Browser

Apple released an enhanced security feature called Intelligent Tracking Prevention (ITP). For states who utilize DRC INSIGHT, you will need to manually enable Cross-Website Tracking on each iPad testing device using an iPadOS level 14.X.

Additional Information for enabling Cross-Website Tracking on the DRC INSIGHT Secure Application, can be found in the *Technology User Guide* located in WIDA AMS > My Applications > Documents.

8. Supported Operating Systems for Smarter Balanced Secure Browser

Technology coordinators should refer to the Supported Browsers page on the alohahsap.org website for a list of supported operating systems for the Smarter Balanced Secure Browser.

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