

# Assessment News

Monday, November 15, 2021

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## Top News This Week

### General Information

#### 1. Fall Testing Window

The Fall Testing Window opens on *Monday, November 22, 2021* and remains open until *Friday, December 17, 2021*. 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 11th grade SBAs in ELA and Mathematics, and the Biology 1 EOC Exam are required. The Algebra 1 and 2 EOC Exams are optional.

#### 2. Remote Test Administration Office Hour Webinar

On *Wednesday, November 17, 2:30 - 3:45 p.m.*, the Assessment Section will host an [Office Hour webinar](#) covering the *option* of remote test administration of the summative Smarter Balanced and NGSS Science Assessments. While it is recommended that all statewide summative assessments be administered in-person and on the school campus, the option of remote testing is allowed for special circumstances, such as schools with distance learning students whose parents insist that their child be administered the summative Smarter Balanced and NGSS Science Assessments, but for safety or other reasons, will not allow their child to test in-person and on campus. *The decision to allow remote testing is a school-level decision.* Remote test administration policy, guidelines, and procedures will be discussed at this office hour webinar.

### Smarter Balanced

#### 3. Feedback Survey: Smarter Balanced Interim Assessments and Tools for Teachers

The Assessment Section is gathering information on how both the Smarter Balanced Interim Assessments and/or Tools for Teachers are being utilized in our HIDOE schools and/or complex areas. Your feedback is not only much appreciated but incredibly valuable and will also be shared with Smarter Balanced so that we can continue to work with them to enhance their teacher tools and instructional resources.

If you are open to sharing information on how your school and/or complex area is implementing the Smarter Balanced Interim Assessments and/or Tools for Teachers, please complete this [survey](#) by Friday, November 19.

## HSA-Alt

### 4. Accepting Applications for the 2021 HSA-Alt Stakeholder Committee

The Assessment Section invites state- and complex area-level accessibility experts, HSA-Alt teachers, special education advocates, and parents of children with significant cognitive disabilities to become a participating member of the HSA-Alt Stakeholder Committee. Committee members will review HSA-Alt developments that have taken place over the past two years and provide feedback. The committee meeting will be held virtually via Webex on Thursday, December 9, 2021, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Access to the online application is available via <https://bit.ly/AltStakeholder2021> or [alohahsap.org](http://alohahsap.org) > HSA-Alt > Resources. Application deadline is Friday, November 19, 2021. More Information about the Stakeholder Committee can be found in the [DOE memo](#).

## The ACT

### 5. PANext Availability

[PearsonAccessNext](#) (PANext) is now open 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. Deadlines and due dates are also available on the Schedule of Events page. Test coordinators are encouraged to bookmark this page for quick reference. 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. Accommodations Request Window

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](http://success.act.org) portal as well as step three of the ACT hosted [state testing website](#) for additional information about requesting accommodations and supports.

## WIDA

### 7. ACCESS for ELs Test Coordinator Training - Hold the Date

The Assessment Section, in the Office of Strategy, Innovation and Performance, will provide virtual *ACCESS for ELLs Online Assessment Training* sessions for English Learner (EL) test coordinators in December 2021. This one-day training is intended for new and returning ACCESS online program EL test coordinators. Please refer to the upcoming memo and future announcements in the weekly Assessment News for registration information and links.

DATE	DISTRICT	TIME	SITE
December 6, 2021 (Monday)	Hilo/Kona	9:00 am - 2:30 pm	Virtual (Webex)
December 7, 2021 (Tuesday)	Maui/Kauai/Molokai/ Lanai/Hana	9:00 am - 2:30 pm	Virtual (Webex)
December 9, 2021 (Thursday)	Honolulu	9:00 am - 2:30 pm	Virtual (Webex)
December 10, 2021 (Friday)	Windward	9:00 am - 2:30 pm	Virtual (Webex)
December 13, 2021 (Monday)	Central	9:00 am - 2:30 pm	Virtual (Webex)
December 14, 2021 (Tuesday)	Leeward	9:00 am - 2:30 pm	Virtual (Webex)

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