

### **Assessment News**

Monday, November 22, 2021

# **Top News This Week**

#### **General Information**

#### 1. Happy Thanksgiving from the Assessment Section Staff

Best wishes for a happy and safe Thanksgiving to all of you and your families from the Assessment Section! Thank you for all that you do to support our students and keep everyone safe and healthy.

#### The ACT

#### 2. Test Selection and Address Verification Deadline

On Monday, November 15, ACT sent an email to ACT test coordinators at schools who have not yet completed selecting their test dates and verifying their shipping information (the tasks formerly known as "Managing Participation").

Please note that The ACT is to be administered to all juniors, as defined by credit count in the Student Information System (i.e., Infinite Campus), who have not been administered the test in a prior year (i.e., 11Rs who took The ACT last year will not be administered the test again this year).

Test coordinators who have received this email should log into <a href="PearsonAccessNext">PearsonAccessNext</a> (PANext) before the deadline of December 3, 2021 to verify that they are able to access this site and see the Spring 2022 option in order to complete the necessary <a href="Personal Prepare for Testing">Prepare for Testing</a> tasks in the <a href="Schedule of Events">Schedule of Events</a> on the ACT Hawaii website. Test coordinators who are not able to view the Spring 2022 option in the dropdown menu should email <a href="mailto:bruce.hirotsu@k12.hi.us">bruce.hirotsu@k12.hi.us</a> as soon as possible.

#### 3. Accommodations Requests for The ACT

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 <u>ACT Accessibility and Accommodations</u> page on the <u>success.act.org</u> portal as well as step three of the ACT hosted <u>state testing website</u> for additional information about requesting accommodations and supports.

#### 4. PreACT Materials Ordering Window

HIDOE will continue to offer the *optional* PreACT assessment to schools to administer to their 9th and 10th grade students, as defined by credit count in the Student Information System (Infinite Campus). The test window for the Spring 2022 PreACT is from February 28 - April 1, 2022. The PreACT will be available in paper format only. For more information, test coordinators may visit the <a href="PreACT page">PreACT page</a> on the <a href="ACT Hawaii website">ACT Hawaii website</a>. The window for ordering materials will run from January 31 - March 11, 2022.

#### **WIDA**

### 5. ACCESS for ELLs Training Updates

The DOE memo dated November 19, 2021 titled "ACCESS for English Language Learners Online Assessment Training" has been posted. The <u>registration link</u> is now available for ACCESS for ELLs test coordinators.

#### 6. WIDA and DRC Customer Service Holiday Hours

During the week of November 22 - 26, WIDA Client Services and DRC Customer Service will observe the following hours of operation.

- November 22 November 24: Open from 3:00 am 2:00 pm HST
- November 25 November 26: Closed

#### 7. WIDA Secure Portal Enhancement: Download your certification history

WIDA Secure Portal users now have the option to download their entire certification history, which can then be printed or emailed to a coordinator or supervisor. Log in to the WIDA Secure Portal and go to My Profile. Click Export PDF at the top of the Certifications table to see your entire assessment training history, followed by professional learning course completion.

## **TECHNOLOGY COORDINATORS**

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