

Assessment News

Monday, November 29, 2021

Top News This Week

General Information

1. Quality Assurance and Site Monitoring Visits

The Assessment Section conducts annual Quality Assurance (QA) and Assessment Monitoring site visits to ensure test administration integrity, improve school guidance and support, and to comply with United States Department of Education requirements for statewide testing. Site visits allow Assessment Section staff and designees to meet with school-level staff who coordinate and administer Hawaii's statewide assessments.

Due to the pandemic, site visits may be conducted virtually via Webex to maintain the safety and security of all students and staff. Should a site visit be conducted in-person, all Department and school safety protocols and procedures will be followed. Please note that any school may be selected for site visits so all public and public charter schools should anticipate the presence of an assessment monitor during the administration of any statewide summative assessment during their respective testing windows. See the November 1, 2021 memo [Quality Assurance and Assessment Monitoring Site Visits](#) for additional information.

2. ServiceNow and Cambium Help Desk Information

For all instances or questions where **network connectivity** is involved, please submit a [ServiceNow](#) ticket. For all other questions regarding login or access information, questions regarding use of TIDE or the Centralized Reporting System (CRS), secure browsers, or supported operating systems, please contact the Cambium Help Desk at (866) 648-3712.

The ACT

3. ACT Pre-Test Activities Webinar

The ACT will host a Hawaii ACT Pre-Test Activities for Spring 2022 Training webinar on December 16, 2021 from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. for all ACT test coordinators. Test coordinators may register using this [link](#).

WIDA

4. ACCESS for ELLs Test Administrator Manual: Page Missing from Print Version

The print copy of the ACCESS for ELLs Test Administrator Manual has an incomplete version of the *WIDA Writing Rubric Pre-K – Kindergarten*, which is located in the appendix. When scoring the Kindergarten ACCESS Writing test, test administrators should either refer to the online version of the [ACCESS for ELLs Test Administrator Manual](#), located in the WIDA Secure Portal, or the standalone [WIDA Writing Rubric Pre-K – Kindergarten](#), located in the Resource

Library on the WIDA website. A link to this resource may also be found in the [Kindergarten ACCESS for ELLs: Administration and Scoring](#) training course, accessed through the WIDA Secure Portal.

5. ACCESS for ELLs Training

The ACCESS for English Language Learners Online Assessment Training will be held December 6-14. This one-day virtual training session is required for all new English Learner (EL) Test Coordinators and highly recommended for all returning EL Test Coordinators. Complex area staff and principals are also welcomed to attend. Those interested in attending should complete the [registration form](#) by December 3, 2021. See the November 19, 2021 [DOE Memo](#) for more information.

6. December ACCESS for ELLs Q&A Webinars

Please join WIDA and DRC to learn about the following ACCESS for ELLs topics:

- [During Testing: Managing Test Sessions – ACCESS Online](#) **Tuesday, December 7, 9:00 am- 10:00 am HST**
- [During Testing: Managing Students in WIDA AMS – ACCESS Paper](#) **Tuesday, December 14, 9:00 am- 10:00 am HST**

More information and login details can be found in the WIDA Secure Portal on the [Webinars](#) page.

7. ACCESS for ELLs Software Updates

The test window for the Spring 2022 ACCESS for ELLs assessment will open on January 10, 2022. There are still schools who have not updated their Central Office Services (COS) device and INSIGHT Secure Browsers for the Spring 2022 administration. Test coordinators should verify with their technology coordinators that these devices have been updated for the current school year, or testing may be delayed if devices are not ready when the school testing window opens.

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