Assessment News
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Top News This Week

General Information

1. Fall Testing for Block-Schedule High Schools

Block-schedule high school students in Biology 1 and grade 11 students completing instruction in ELA or mathematics during the first semester, and for the entire school year, can be tested during the Fall Test Window. These are students who will not be taking additional coursework in the respective content area during the second semester. If students will complete additional coursework in ELA, mathematics, or Biology during the second semester, administration of statewide assessments in the respective content area is to be carried out during the respective Spring Test Window. Remember that:

- Block-schedule high school students completing ELA, mathematics, or Biology 1 coursework in the fall, and for the entire school year, can wait to be tested during the Spring Test Window.
- The End-of-Course Exams and Smarter Balanced ELA and Math Grade 11 window will open November 22, 2021 and close on December 17, 2021.
- Testing is conducted in-person on the school campus following the usual test administration procedures with additional protocols to address COVID-19 concerns incorporated into scheduling and setting up the testing room.
- The Smarter Balanced ELA and Mathematics Assessments, as well as the Biology 1 EOC Exam, are required. The Algebra 1 and Algebra 2 EOC Exams are optional.
- For students to take an end-of-course exam (Algebra 1, Algebra 2, and Biology 1), eligibility needs to be set in TIDE. Be sure to check TIDE and set eligibility, if necessary, before beginning any testing.

Smarter Balanced

2. Using Performance Tasks for Learning

As shared in the September 29, 2021 memo, the Assessment Section, in partnership with Smarter Balanced and the New Teacher Center, is inviting complex areas, schools, and teachers to participate in an innovative study. This professional learning offering will help schools learn to use Smarter Balanced performance tasks to collect data on student learning, align instructional practice to the key shifts, and accelerate student learning.

Participants will help shape Hawaiʻi and the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium's innovation regarding summative assessment and have access to a consortium-sponsored, immersive program of high-quality professional learning including:

- student-centered teaching,
- the use of performance tasks to elicit information about what students know and can do, and
- acting on information from performance tasks to plan instruction.

For more information, please contact the Assessment Section at hsa@k12.hi.us or Amy Feehan at afeehan@newteachercenter.org.

3. Test Coordinator Training for NEW Smarter Balanced and HSA Science Test Coordinators

The Assessment Section, in the Office of Strategy, Innovation and Performance, will conduct a Smarter Balanced and HSA Science (NGSS) Assessments test coordinator training in November. This recommended training is for *new* test coordinators only. Another training will be held for all returning Smarter Balanced and Science test coordinators in January 2022.

Training sessions will be held November 9, 15, 16, and 18. New test coordinators may register for the training session in their district. The training sessions will be conducted via webinar (Webex) and will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. and end at 2:30 p.m. Participants are expected to join the webinar from their usual work site unless otherwise directed by their principal/supervisor. Please click on this link to register.

Date	Assessment	District	Time	Site
November 9, 2021 (Tuesday)	Smarter Balanced & HSA Science (NGSS)	Hilo/Kona	9:00 am–2:30 pm	Webex
November 15, 2021 (Monday)	Smarter Balanced & HSA Science (NGSS)	Maui/Lanai/Kauai/ Molokai /Hana	9:00 am–2:30 pm	Webex
November 16, 2021 (Tuesday)	Smarter Balanced & HSA Science (NGSS)	Honolulu/Windward	9:00 am -2:30 pm	Webex
November 18, 2021 (Thursday)	Smarter Balanced & HSA Science (NGSS)	Leeward/Central	9:00 am-2:30 pm	Webex

HSA-ALT

4. SY 2021-22 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. 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 training has 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, hsa-alt@k12.hi.us.

The ACT

6. ACT State Testing Accommodations Webinar

ACT is hosting its Accommodations-focused Q&A webinar for test coordinators and test accommodations coordinators on *Thursday October 28th at 9:30 a.m. HST.* Please use this link to register for the live event. For those unable to join the live event, please complete the registration process and ACT will notify you when a recording of the content is available. While viewing a recording, you will still be able to submit questions to ACT. Please share this registration information with other staff as appropriate.

7. EL Supports Request

The window for submitting accommodations and English Learner supports 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 portal as well as step three of the ACT hosted state testing website for additional information about requesting accommodations and supports.

8. PANext Availability

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.   Even though schools may use any or all of the three testing windows, test coordinators may only select one window at a time (i.e, treat additional windows like makeup windows, you cannot select a second window until the first has passed).

WIDA

9. ACCESS for ELLs Online Technology Updates

Test coordinators should verify with the school technology coordinator that updates have been made to student test devices and the school Central Office Services (COS) device prior to the start of testing.

10. WIDA Secure Portal

The WIDA Secure Portal (login required) provides several training courses, webinar opportunities, and video tutorials for administering tests. For assistance with access to the WIDA Secure Portal, please contact help@wida.us or call 1-866-276-7735.

Technology

11. INSIGHT Secure Browser Updates

The DRC INSIGHT Secure Application is the secure testing software installed on each testing device. For the 2021-2022 administrations of WIDA Screener and ACCESS for ELLs, technology coordinators will need to ensure that the application is installed on every student testing device and updated to version 12 *prior to testing*. Installers for the DRC INSIGHT Secure Application can be found on WIDA AMS under My Applications > General Information > Technology Downloads.

If the DRC INSIGHT Secure Application is already installed on a Mac or Windows device, users will be prompted for an update upon launch. If this occurs at the start of a test session, testing may be delayed while the application is updating.

12. Central Office Services Configuration

The following administrations will need to be checked and downloaded under Content Management in the Central Office Services (COS) for each active COS Configuration with a COS Service Device.

- EWD008 - WIDA Screener Assessment - for the 21-22 Screener admin
- EWD372 - Sample Item
- EWD004 - ACCESS for ELLs Assessment - for the 21-22 ACCESS for ELLs admin

Detailed information for how to configure, install, manage, and troubleshoot the COS-Service Device can be found in the *Technology User Guide* located in WIDA AMS under My Applications > General Information > Documents. A new COS Online Help is also available that contains several topics describing how to use COS.

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