

Assessment News

Monday, February 14, 2022

Top News This Week

General Information

1. Assessment Site Monitoring Visits - Schedule Requests

To ensure compliance with the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), and as detailed in the November 1, 2021, DOE memo [Quality Assurance and Assessment Monitoring Site Visits](#), the Assessment Section will be conducting in-person Site Monitoring Visits during the administration of statewide assessments. These visits allow the Assessment Section staff or designees to observe live test administrations and to gather information from school test coordinators in order to improve state assessment administration training, management, and practices.

In order to coordinate scheduling these visits with site monitors and schools, requests for testing schedules have been sent to various school test coordinators. If you have received a request for your school's test schedule, your timely response would be greatly appreciated. The health and safety of schools, monitors, and students is most important and all relevant school health and safety guidelines will be followed by the site monitors.

Smarter Balanced

2. Smarter Balanced Accessibility and Accommodations Training Module

The [Smarter Balanced Accessibility and Accommodations Training Module](#) is designed to help school testing staff, IEP/504 Plan team members, and teachers to understand the designated supports and accommodations that are available for the online Smarter Balanced Assessments. Test coordinators are encouraged to share this training module with teachers and test administrators before test administration.

3. Help Desk Information: Who To Contact

For all instances or questions where *network and internet connectivity* is involved, please consult with your school's technology coordinator.

For other questions related to the statewide assessments, please contact the Assessment Section at hsa@k12.hi.us, or contact the vendor Help Desk directly. For assistance with the:

- [Smarter Balanced, End-of-Course Exams, HSA-Alt, and HSA Science](#) assessments, including login or access information, questions regarding use of TIDE or the Centralized Reporting System (CRS), secure browsers, or supported operating systems, contact the Cambium Help Desk at (866) 648-3712 (toll free).

- [ACCESS for ELLs](#) assessments, including the INSIGHT Secure Browser and Central Office Services (COS) device, contact Data Recognition Corp (DRC) at (855) 787-9615.
- [The ACT](#), including The ACT Online, contact ACT directly at (800) 553-6244, ext. 2800. Additional methods of contact are available on the Contact Information drop down tab at the [ACT Hawaii website](#). Please note that numbers with area code 319 are not toll-free.

4. Tools for Teachers ELA/L and Math Interim Assessment Item Portal (IAIP)

Educators in search of high quality standards-aligned ELA/L or math questions to embed into their lessons can use the Tools for Teachers Interim Assessment Item Portal. The IAIP allows educators to preview and print entire Smarter Balanced Interim Assessments or selected items and their answer keys to use during instruction. You can access the Interim Assessment Item Portal through alohahsap.org or the [Tools for Teachers](#) website.

KĀ'EO

5. Kaiapuni Assessment for Educational Outcomes Test Coordinator Training

The Assessment Section will conduct test coordinator training for Kaiapuni Assessment for Educational Outcomes (KĀ'EO) Spring 2022 Test Coordinators. Participants will need to view the pre-recorded webinar, complete a questionnaire, and attend a one-hour webinar on Thursday, February 24, 2022 at 3:15 p.m. (meeting link [here](#)). The online registration form for the training may be accessed at: <https://forms.gle/YcrTDKt9rbbiyEoj6>. The registration deadline was Friday, February 11, 2022; however, please register as soon as possible.

HSA-ALT

6. Accepting Applications for HSA-Alt Interim Item Authoring Training

The Assessment Section is offering virtual training for special education teachers to become item (i.e., test question) authors for the Hawaii State Assessment-Alternate (HSA-Alt) interim assessment. Certificated Grade 8 or 11 teachers who provide English Language Arts/Literacy (ELA), mathematics, and/or science instruction to students with significant cognitive disabilities are encouraged to apply. Applicants should be familiar with the [HSA-Alt Essence Statements and Performance Level Descriptors](#).

The training will be held online 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. from March 14-18, 2022. If you would like to be considered for this training, please complete the online application via <https://conta.cc/3KftE6> or the [HSA-Alt page](#) no later than February 22, 2022. More information about this training can be found in the Department [memo](#).

7. Spring 2022 HSA-Alt Test Administrator Training Materials

The Spring 2022 HSA-Alt Test Administrator Training powerpoint presentation is available now and the recorded training will be available by Wednesday, February 16, 2022. Spring 2022

training materials can be found [here](#) or via alohahsap.org > HSA-Alt > Resources. Links to the resources and materials referenced in the training can be found [here](#).

8. 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 (<https://hsa-alt.alohahsap.org>). Here's the [link](#) to these updated resources.

9. HSA-Alt Grades 5 and 6 Interim Test Administrator Training Materials

The HSA-Alt Grades 5 and 6 Interim Test Administrator (TA) Training PowerPoint and webinar from the October 12, 2021 training are available [here](#). If you have any questions about the new interim assessment for HSA-Alt students in Grades 5 and 6, contact the Assessment Section via email at hsa-alt@k12.hi.us.

WIDA

10. DRC intermittent Outages Update

We would like to provide you an update regarding the recent intermittent interruptions in DRC INSIGHT. While we are still investigating some elements of the issue, DRC has put an operational solution in place and the system remains stable although there have been reports of intermittent outages. If a student's test was previously interrupted, the student should now be able to continue testing without further interruption.

If you are continuing to experience issues please contact DRC Customer Service at 855-787-9615 or wida@datarecognitioncorp.com and we will work with you to address the issue.

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