Assessment News
Tuesday, January 18, 2022

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Top News This Week

General Information

1. Hawaiʻi State Test Accommodation Guides

The purpose of the [Test Accommodation Guides](#) is to clarify policies regarding state test accommodations for school individualized education programs (IEP) or Section 504 Accommodations Plan (504) teams. The guides contain information regarding test constructs and documented evidence needed for state test accommodation verification. The guides offer guiding questions to help IEP/504 teams during their discussions and use their special education expertise requests for state testing. These guides, together with the [Crosswalk of Accessibility Features Across State Assessments in Hawaiʻi 2021-2022](#) and student information in eCSSS (IEPs/504 Plans, etc.), are the primary documents used by the Assessment Section to verify accommodation requests for students with IEPs/504 Plans to participate in statewide testing.

2. Assistive Technology Manual and Braille Resources 2021-2022

The [Assistive Technology Manual](#) provides information on administering the Hawaii Smarter Balanced and other statewide assessments to students who will use assistive technologies to access their tests, including students who require the Braille accommodation. A short Braille Options Guide for Hawaii Smarter Balanced Assessments, a short Smarter Balanced Braille TAM Insert for Summative Assessments, and other braille resources can be found [here](#).

Smarter Balanced

3. Smarter Balanced Test Coordinator Training

Registration for the Smarter Balanced Assessment Test Coordinator Training has closed. Registrants should have received an automated 'confirmation of registration' email that verifies the online registration has been successfully completed. NOTE: This automated message does NOT indicate confirmation of participation. If you registered but did not receive an automated 'confirmation of registration' email please contact Emily MacGillivray at Cambium Assessment, Inc. (CAI) by email at emily.macgillivray@cambiumassessment.com.

See the [Smarter Balanced Assessment Test Coordinator Trainings in January 2022](#) memo for more information.

DATE	DISTRICT	TIME	SITE
January 24, 2022 (Monday)	East Hawaii-Hilo/ West Hawaii-Kona	9:00 am–2:30 pm	Virtual (Webex)
January 25, 2022 (Tuesday)	Maui/Hana/Molokai/ Kauai/Lanai	9:00 am–2:30 pm	Virtual (Webex)
January 27, 2022 (Thursday)	Leeward	9:00 am–2:30 pm	Virtual (Webex)
January 31, 2022 (Monday)	Central	9:00 am–2:30 pm	Virtual (Webex)
February 1, 2022 (Tuesday)	Honolulu/Windward	9:00 am–2:30 pm	Virtual (Webex)

HSA-ALT

4. 2021-22 HSA-Alt Test Administration Manual

The HSA-Alt Test Administration Manual (TAM) contains updated policies and procedures for this year's test, including a streamlined process for documenting accommodations. HSA-Alt Accommodations, except for the Paper/Pencil Test, can be set directly in TIDE by school test coordinators and HSA-Alt test administrators. For more information, access the HSA-Alt Test Administration Manual here or via HSA-Alt portal > HSA-Alt > Resources.

5. Online HSA-Alt Test Administrator Certification Course

The online HSA-Alt Test Administration Certification Course is required for all HSA-Alt Test Administrators (TAs). The course is available via the HSA-Alt portal > Teachers or the Test Coordinators and Administrators page > Preparing for Testing > Online TA Certification Course.

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6. Technology Readiness Check

Test coordinators should check to confirm that their schools are prepared for the Spring 2022 administration of the ACCESS for ELLs assessment by using the Central Office Services (COS) dashboard on the DRC website (login required). Technology coordinators may not have access to this dashboard and cannot use this to verify system readiness.

Content Hosting and Content Management should be enabled to allow the COS to cache test content. The COS Last Checkin should have a date associated with it.

As the Spring 2022 test window is now open, it is highly recommended that the COS device be turned on, and left on for the duration of the school ACCESS for ELLs test window. For assistance, please contact DRC at 1-855-787-9615.

The ACT

7. PreACT Schedule of Events

The PreACT Schedule of Events, as well as information and resources are now available on the PreACT Hawaii website. The PreACT materials ordering window is from January 31 - March 11, 2022. Materials should be ordered as soon as possible in order to avoid shipping delays.

8. PreACT Webinar

ACT will host a PreACT test administration webinar and Q&A session on January 21, 2022. Test coordinators at schools administering, or considering administering the optional PreACT assessment should attend this webinar to get information about the PreACT administration process that may help in planning and decision-making.

9. ACT Webinar Recording

The recording of the January 13, 2022 ACT Spring 2022 Training webinar is now available.

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