

# Assessment News

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## Top News This Week

### General Information

#### 1. Test Session Misadministrations

Test coordinators should remind their test administrators to pay particular attention to the test sessions they open, as administering the wrong assessment (i.e. the Summative tests instead of the Interims) is considered a Test Irregularity.

Test administrators should likewise check to make sure they are opening the correct test prior to admitting students to the test session. Accidental misadministrations have occurred due to test administrators clicking the “+” button and opening all tests instead of the scheduled test.

Tests are also color coded in order to reduce misidentification and misadministrations.

→	HSA Science
→	NGSS Interims
→	Smarter Balanced Summative
→	Smarter Balanced Interim Assessment Block (IAB)
→	Smarter Balanced Interim Comprehensive Assessment (ICA)

#### 2. TA Certification

All Test Administrators will need to complete the TA Certification prior to administering the ELA/Math/EOC/HSA Science Assessments. If you do not complete the entire certification you will not be able to access the Test Sessions which will prevent you from administering the assessments to your students. Please make sure this is completed several days prior to administration and not the day testing is scheduled, or testing may be delayed.

#### 3. Test Security Reminders

Test coordinators should remind test administrators about test security and electronic device policies. Test administrators should remind students to put away their electronic devices (phones, smart watches, etc) in the designated location prior to testing.

## NGSS Science

### 4. HSA Science and EOC Exams Test Administration Manual

There is a separate [Test Administration Manual](#) for the grades 5 and 8 science assessments and EOC exams. That manual can be found on [alohahsap.org](http://alohahsap.org). Printable Directions for Administration can be found in Appendix Y.

### 5. HSA Science Test Opportunities

Students in grades 5 and 8 can have up to two (2) opportunities to take these science tests.

- Only one opportunity is required, the second is optional.
- If a student does take the test twice, the higher of the two scores will be reported.
- There is currently a 14-day wait period between the two opportunities. The wait period is removed during the last five weeks of the testing window (from April 25).

## End-of-Course Exams

### 6. EOC Exam Testing Window Opening

The EOC Exam Testing Window will open on April 25 and close on May 27. This includes Biology 1 and Algebra 1 and 2 EOC Exams.

- Remember that the Biology 1 EOC Exam is required of all students enrolled in the course and all students must earn the Biology 1 credit in order to meet the biology graduation requirement (with the exception of students who were waived out of Biology 1 and take the Biology AP or International Baccalaureate exams).
- Student eligibility for these exams was uploaded into TIDE on April 11 based on course enrollment information in Infinite Campus. If you review these and see discrepancies you can make any necessary changes in TIDE under Student Settings.

There is a separate [Test Administration Manual](#) for the EOC Exams and science assessments.

## WIDA ACCESS for ELLs

### 7. Kindergarten W-APT Retirement

In consultation with the ADI Subcommittee, WIDA has decided to retire the Kindergarten W-APT assessment at the end of this school year. The K W-APT training and assessment materials will be removed from the WIDA Secure Portal on June 30, 2022, and the assessment will no longer be supported. We recognize that, due to the COVID pandemic, several states delayed full implementation of the WIDA Screener for Kindergarten assessment until 2023, and may still be using the K W-APT this spring. If you need the K W-APT after June 30 to complete your state's transition plan to the new screener, please contact your SRS to request a .zip file of materials.

## 8. WIDA Secure Portal User Survey

WIDA invites WIDA Secure Portal users to complete a short 5-10 minute survey about their experience using the recently redesigned portal. The results will be used to plan any needed improvements to make the site work better. To complete the survey, [log in to the portal](#) and click on the link at the top of the page. Thank you!

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