Assessment News

Monday, May 2, 2022

Top News This Week

General Information

1. Reminder: Accepting Applications for the Performance Assessment Development Institute

The HIDOE Assessment Section is accepting applications from classroom teachers to participate in the SY 2022-2023 Hawaii Comprehensive Assessment Program's Performance Assessment Development Institute (PADI). Please click here to register. Full information about the PADI can be found in the official HIDOE announcement memo here. The deadline to apply has been extended to Friday, May 27, 2022.

2. Accepting Applications for the Hawai'i Common Core Item Authoring Course Part 1

Registration is now open for the SY 2022-2023 Hawai'i Common Core Item Authoring Course Part 1. This will be an online PDE3 course for teachers of English Language Arts/Literacy (ELA/L) and/or mathematics to become item authors for the Hawai'i Statewide Assessment Program. Teachers of grades K-12 who are interested in learning how test questions are developed, and how alignment to the Hawai'i Common Core standards is ensured, are encouraged to apply. Participants will gain a deeper appreciation of the components of quality assessments by learning how to develop items that are aligned to the Common Core Standards. Participants will receive intensive instruction on content and item/task specifications, practical training in developing assessment items for classroom use, and participate in collegial discussion of assessment targets.

Educators who are interested in applying for this as a course to earn credits for reclassification must be a classroom teacher and get official Principal or supervisor approval before registration and are also required to attend three one-hour follow-up sessions after the 5-day June workshop as well as submit a Learning Results Portfolio. Principal or supervisor approval is not necessary for participants applying for this as a non-credit course and a submission of a Learning Results Portfolio is not required. Additional information can be found on the application form which can be accessed through this link: bit.ly/HAP2223 or via the alohahsap.org site. The deadline to apply is Wednesday, May 25, 2022.

Smarter Balanced

3. Crisis Paper Response Alerts

Test coordinators may receive a Crisis Paper Response alert if a student has provided an

answer to a Smarter Balanced or ACCESS for ELLs Online essay question that may fall into one or more of the three federally mandated reporting categories (threat to self, threat to others, or abuse). The Assessment Section will alert the School Test Coordinator on record in the School Contact List and copy the Principal. A password-protected Excel spreadsheet that provides specifics about the response will be attached, and the password will be sent in a separate email. Test coordinators should download the workbook and follow school procedures for assisting students that have expressed a threat to self, threat to others, or abuse. Once the student has received follow up and assistance, the workbook should be deleted from the hard drive and the email should be deleted. Please contact the Assessment Section if you have any questions: 808-307-3636.

4. Expired PT (after 10 days)

If a student is taking the ELA PT and did not finish and is in quarantine and/or goes beyond the 10 day window, you can submit a Testing Incident request to Reopen the ELA PT in TIDE. Please make sure the student is back prior to your request as once the test is reopened the 10 countdown starts.

To submit the request, go to <u>TIDE</u> > Testing Incidents > choose Reopen a test (type in the student SSID#) > click search:



Click on the box next to the ELA PT > Submit. The Assessment Section will then reopen it and the student will be able to get back in and complete from where they left off.

The ACT

5. Purge Cached Test Content for Online Testing

For test security, test content needs to be purged from proctor caching computers at the end of the online testing window. Do not purge test content before unless otherwise directed by ACT. Resources to help you complete this activity can be found on your ACT State testing webpage as outlined below.

Webpage Section: <u>Transportation</u>
Activity: Conclude Online Testing

Key Resources: Technical Guide (see the Purge Cached Test Content section)

6. PreACT Materials

PreACT data from the Spring 2022 testing cycle is now available in ACT's online reporting tool. Test Coordinators will have access to all data in online reporting, including all of the aggregate data reports available in paper format and the data files which launched earlier this spring.

Test Coordinators can access online reporting via <u>success.act.org</u> and download data files though the Download Hub. Test Coordinators who have not yet visited the Download Hub can log in to online reporting through their <u>success.act.org</u> account and follow these <u>step-by-step instructions</u>.

NGSS Science and the Biology EOC Exam

7. Assessment Scale Score Ranges by Performance Levels

Now that NGSS-based science assessments are operational, there are new scale score ranges by performance levels for science including the Biology 1 EOC Exam. The score range is from 400 to 600 and 500 is the cut for proficiency. More detailed information for HSA Science Tests can be found here and for the Biology 1 EOC Exam here.

8. June 2022 Hawai'i Science Item Authoring Workshop

Registration is now open for the June 2022 Hawai'i Science Item Authoring Course. Please click here to access the registration form. Full information about the training can be found in the official HIDOE announcement memo here.

9. July 2022 Science Item Review Committees

Registration is now open for the July 2022 Hawai'i Science Item Review Committees from July 18 – 21, 2022 at the CAI office in Honolulu. Committee members will review newly written items for inclusion as embedded field test tasks in SY 2022-2023. Please click here to access the registration form. Full information about the training can be found in the official HIDOE announcement memo here.

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