

Top News This Week

General Information

1. Hawaii State Assessment Program Training Conference - **Hold the Date**

The Assessment Section will be holding its annual Hawaii State Assessment Program (HSAP) Training Conference for Principals, Test Coordinators, Student Services Coordinators, and members of the school assessment and/or data teams on *September 19 and 20, 2022 from 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.* Topics that will be covered are the ACCESS for ELLs Online, Accountability/ESSA Reporting, Assessment Literacy, LEI System, updates for the Smarter Balanced Interim and Summative assessments, NGSS Science, updates on accessibility and accommodations, and other content-area topics for ELA/Math. This training will be conducted virtually in order to maintain safety and social distancing. More information and registration information will be made available in the Assessment News as it becomes available.

- The **Keynote Speaker** is **Elena Diaz-Bilello**. Dr. Diaz-Bilello is the associate director at the Center for Assessment, Design, Research and Evaluation ([CADRE](#)). She collaborates with state agencies, school districts, and educational organizations to develop practical and sound approaches for addressing assessment and educational policy challenges. She draws on her background in measurement, evaluation and policy to help design, implement and evaluate educational reforms and initiatives, and to develop comprehensive assessment strategies to foster deeper learning for all students.
- The **Plenary Speaker** is **Dr. Susan Brookhart**. Dr. Brookhart is Professor Emerita in the School of Education at Duquesne University and an independent educational consultant and author based in Los Angeles, CA. Her research interests include the role of both formative and summative classroom assessment in student motivation and achievement, the connection between classroom assessment, and large-scale assessment.

2. Quality Assurance and Site Monitoring Visits

The Assessment Section conducts annual Quality Assurance (QA) and Assessment Monitoring site visits to ensure test administration integrity, improve school guidance and support, and to comply with United States Department of Education requirements for statewide testing. Site visits allow Assessment Section staff and designees to meet with school-level staff who coordinate and administer Hawaii's statewide assessments.

Per the June 29, 2022 memo [Quality Assurance and Assessment Monitoring Site Visits](#), representatives of the Assessment Section may contact schools to schedule QA visits or request test schedules to schedule site monitoring visits during any of the statewide test windows (Smarter Balanced, End of Course Exams, HSA-Alt, ACCESS for ELLs, KĀ'EO, and The ACT). Your prompt response is greatly appreciated as it will help us schedule visits at times that best fit school schedules.

3. Upcoming New Test Coordinator Trainings

The Assessment Section will conduct a series of *New Test Coordinator in-person* training sessions in the Fall semester.

- The *New ACCESS for ELLs Test Coordinator Training* will be held in October 2022.
- The *New Smarter Balanced Test Coordinator Training* will be held in November 2022

Further information, including the schedule, will be published in a DOE Memo and in future issues of the Assessment News. *All New Test Coordinators are expected to attend these in-person trainings.*

Smarter Balanced

4. TIDE System Back Online

The Hawaii TIDE system is now back online. As part of the TIDE system roll-over for the new school year, all HSAP system user passwords in TIDE have been cleared. All users who had access to HSAP systems in 2021-2022 will continue to have access this year, although *users are required to reset their password.*

Test Coordinators and other users should contact the HSAP Help Desk at 866-648-3712 or hsaphelpdesk@cambiumassessment.com with any questions.

ACCESS for ELLs

5. 2022-2023 Accessibility and Accommodations Updates

The Accessibility and Accommodations Manual and related resources for accessibility have been posted to the WIDA website and SEA Secure Portal.

- The [Accessibility and Accommodations Manual](#) has been updated to improve accessibility.
- The [Accommodations Checklists](#), located in Appendix D of the Accessibility and Accommodations Manual and in the Resource Library on the WIDA website, have been redesigned to improve accessibility.
- Two SEA documents, the [SEA Policy Development Worksheet](#), and the [Unique Accommodations Request Form](#), have also had minor improvements to aid accessibility and can be found in the SEA Secure Portal, under Documents > Assessment > [Accessibility](#).

6. Upcoming ACCESS for ELLs Webinars

WIDA and DRC will host the following webinars for test coordinators to learn about the following topics:

- **WIDA Screener Online** Tuesday, August 2, 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. HST
- **WIDA Screener Paper** Thursday, August 4, 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. HST

More information and login details can be found in the WIDA Secure Portal on the [Webinars](#) page. The recordings for WIDA Q&A Webinars are posted to the WIDA Secure Portal on the Webinars page within a week of the presentation.

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