

## Assessment News

Monday, November 14, 2022

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### Top News This Week

#### General Information

##### 1. Fall Testing Window

The Fall Testing Window opens on *Monday, November 21, 2021* and remains open until *Friday, December 16, 2021*. Grade 11 students in block-schedule high schools completing their instruction in English Language Arts and/or mathematics are eligible to be administered the respective Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) at this time. In addition, students completing Biology 1, Algebra 1, and/or Algebra 2 are eligible to be administered the corresponding End-of-Course (EOC) exam.

The 11th grade SBAs in ELA and Mathematics, and the Biology 1 EOC Exam are required. The Algebra 1 and 2 EOC Exams are optional.

Student EOC Exam Eligibility was set in TIDE on November 8th based on course enrollment as indicated in Infinite Campus. Test Coordinators can add or remove student eligibility, as necessary, by logging into TIDE and going to View/Edit Students under Preparing for Testing.

Some students may need accessibility features or accommodations. Designated Supports can be set in TIDE using the View/Edit Student function. If a student has an IEP or 504 plan that indicates an accommodation for statewide assessments consult the [Hawaii State Test Accommodations Identification and Request Process for Test Coordinators and School Assessment Teams 2022-2023](#).

#### Accommodations and Accessibility

##### 2. Translated Student Interface Messages

The Translated Student Interface Messages (formerly, Translated Test Directions) provide the translations of the test directions for the Smarter Balanced Assessments, HSA Science Assessments, HSA Alternate (HSA-Alt) Assessments, and the End-of-Course (EOC) Exams. A biliterate student or adult can read these directions in conjunction with the online test. Each document contains the English message observed on the computer screen followed by the translation. These documents are available [here](#) or on the [Accessibility and Accommodations resources](#) page on [alohahsap.org](#).

##### 3. Smarter Balanced Accessibility and Accommodations Training Module

The [Smarter Balanced Accessibility and Accommodations Training Module](#), which has been adapted for use by the Department, is designed to help school testing staff, IEP team members, and teachers 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 to review before test administration.

## The ACT

### 4. ACT Test Administration Webinar

On Thursday, November 17, 2022, from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m., ACT will host a Test Administration webinar. New ACT Test Coordinators are encouraged to attend as the steps they will need to complete in Pearson Access Next (PANext) in order to select a test window and verify enrollment will be covered. Test coordinators may register at this [link](#).

### 5. ACT Customer Support

Test coordinators calling the ACT Customer Support line regarding access to ACT platforms may be directed to contact their Complex Area Superintendent (CAS) or Charter School Commissioner for access to the platforms, or that Customer Support can only send access codes to the CAS or Commissioner. This information continues to be incorrect.

Test coordinators who are given these instructions should not contact their CAS or the Charter School Commissioner. Instead, try to obtain the agent's name and forward this information to [bruce.hirotsu@k12.hi.us](mailto:bruce.hirotsu@k12.hi.us) along with the date and time of the call, as well as the original question/request.

## ACCESS for ELLs

### 6. ACCESS for ELLs Test Coordinator Training for New and Returning TC's

Registration is now open for a series of one-day in-person ACCESS for ELLs Test Coordinator trainings, to be held between December 5-15, 2022. Please click [here](#) to access the online registration site. Full information about the training can be found in the official HIDOE announcement memo [here](#).

### 7. ACCESS for ELLs Online Webinars

WIDA and DRC will host the following webinars for EL test coordinators:

- Kindergarten ACCESS for ELLs for New Test Administrators - Tuesday, November 15, 9:00-10:00 am HST
- During Testing: Managing Students in WIDA AMS for ACCESS Online - Thursday, November 17, 9:00-10:00 am 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.

## Technology Coordinators

### 8. ACCESS for ELLs Updated Supported System Requirements

DRC has posted updated [Supported System Requirements for ACCESS for ELLs Online and WIDA Screener Online](#) to the WIDA AMS portal. These system requirements are valid for

November 2022 – February 2023. Technology coordinators should contact DRC Customer Support at [wida@datarecognitioncorp.com](mailto:wida@datarecognitioncorp.com) or 855-787-9615 if they have any questions.

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