Assessment News
Monday, May 22, 2023

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Top News This Week

General

1. "Mahalo Nui Loa" to Test Coordinators and Test Administrators

The Assessment Section staff would like to extend our appreciation to all school level staff who had a role in the coordination and administration of the 2022-23 statewide assessments. Your timely administration of the statewide assessments has helped the Department to support student learning and teaching in Hawai'i as well as to comply with federal requirements for student testing. A big MAHALO to you all!

2. After Testing: Reasons for Non-Participation and the Discrepant Records System

The USED requires that all students (tested or not) are accounted for at the end of the test window. Please make sure Test Coordinators complete the Reasons for Non-participation report prior to the close of the school year.

If a student did not participate in an expected test (e.g., student refusal, medical, ELL First Year), these circumstances need to be documented in the Test Information Distribution Engine (TIDE) by selecting the "Data Management" drop-down and selecting "Reasons for NonParticipation." The "Discrepancy Resolution System" (DRS) feature in the "Data Management" dropdown is now active and helps users identify at their schools who did not participate in one or more tests.

TIDE Users can use this feature to enter the applicable "Reasons for Non-Participation (non-participation code)" for each student and test. Once every student on the list generated in the DRS has a non-participation code identified, there should be no names left to view. To access the DRS, select the "Data Management" drop-down, then click "Discrepancy Resolution." For detailed information on how to use the DRS, refer to the [TIDE User Guide](#) (pages 98 - 104).

3. The Family Portal

Schools are required to send Individual Student Reports (ISRs) to the parents or guardians for students enrolled in your school when school reopens for SY 2023-2024. The easiest way to accomplish this task is through the Family Portal. The Family Portal can be used to access student's test results, print score reports, find resources, and answer questions they may have.

The Family Portal will be updated with SY 2022-2023 reports by August 2, 2023 and the Assessment Section will host an Office Hour shortly after that to discuss the various means of sharing ISRs with parents including the use of the Family Portal to accomplish that task.

Accommodations and Accessibility

4. State Test Designated Supports and Accommodations, School Year 2023-24

For SY 2023-2024, there will be no carryover of prior verified state test accommodations except for the American Sign Language (ASL), braille and emboss features, and Closed Captioning (CC) state test accommodations. All other state test accommodations, including Designated Supports, will be removed from the Test Information Distribution Engine (TIDE) COB on **Friday, July 21, 2023**. *Schools will need to submit new state test accommodation verification request forms in the new school year. More information about the verification process will be provided in early July 2023.*

If a copy of your school's state test accommodations is needed, schools are advised to plan accordingly before they leave campus for summer break. A copy of your students' state test accommodations (including Universal Tools and Designated Supports) can be retrieved from TIDE by authorized users as described in the *[User Roles and Access to HSAP Systems for 2022-2023](#)*.

If you have any questions, please contact Elaine Lee, Ph.D., Test Development Specialist, Assessment Section at (808) 307-3636 or via email at Elaine.Lee@k12.hi.us.

Technology Coordinators

5. SY 2023-24 INSIGHT Secure Browser Installation Update

Schools that either manually update the INSIGHT browser on Mac or Windows PCs used for student testing, OR schools that have enabled the auto-update feature (INSIGHT browser updates upon first launch for the new year) will be directly affected.

- Beginning on June 30, 2023 ONLY staff with administrative access to the test devices will be allowed to install the INSIGHT browser on Windows and Mac devices.

- Beginning on June 30, 2023, automatic updates of the INSIGHT Secure Browser will be disabled (the INSIGHT browser must still be updated annually, it just won't happen automatically anymore). More information on managed deployment can be found on page 75 of the INSIGHT Technology User Guide.

Schools that are NOT affected:

- Schools that use Chromebooks or iPads for testing are NOT impacted.
- Schools that use deployment software to update multiple test devices simultaneously are NOT impacted.

Please contact DRC Customer Service with any questions about this change at (855) 787-9615 or wida@datarecognitioncorp.com.