

## Top News This Week

### General Information

#### 1. Reasons for Non-Participation and the Discrepant Records System

There are instances where a student did not participate in an expected test (e.g., student refusal, parent 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 105 - 106).

There will be an **Office Hour** webinar on Thursday, April 27, 2023 from 2:30pm-3:30pm for the [Reasons for Non-Participation and the Discrepant Records System](#)

### End of Course (EOC) Exams

#### 2. The EOC Testing Window is Open

The testing window for the Biology, Algebra I and Algebra II exam opened on April 24th and will remain open until May 26th. Student eligibility was set in TIDE based on course enrollment in Infinite Campus. If a student should take an EOC but the eligibility is not set in TIDE, school-level staff can set that eligibility.

Students taking one of these courses during Summer School will have access to the EOC Exams from June 16 to July 14, 2023

### Science and Biology EOC

#### 3. Gr 5 and Gr 8 Science - 2nd Opportunity

Students no longer need to wait 14 days to take their second opportunity for the HSA Science Test. From now until the test window closes on May 26th, there is a 1 day wait period — if they complete the 1st opportunity today they can do the second opportunity tomorrow.

#### **4. Accepting Applications for Science and Biology End-of-Course Exams Virtual Item Review Committees**

There will be a series of science item reviews taking place this summer. The first is a Virtual Cross-State Review of Items Field Tested this year. Hawaii is part of a science item sharing collaborative with 8 other states. This will be a virtual, cross-state review of items being field tested this year to ensure they are fair to all students and are scoring correctly based on data from the field test. Participants can choose to review 1, 2, or three sets of items. These reviews will take place virtually on various dates between May 30, and August 31, 2023. For more details and a link to the registration form see the [announcement](#) on alohahsap.org

**The application deadline is Friday, April 28, 2023.**

### **Accommodations and Accessibility**

#### **5. Assistive Technology Manual and Braille Resources SY 2022-2023**

To support the use of assistive technology for state testing, this [manual](#) provides an overview of the embedded and non-embedded assistive technology tools that can be used by students to access their tests in the Test Delivery System (TDS), including those students who require the Braille accommodation. It includes supported devices and applications for each type of assistive technology that students may need, as well as setup instructions for the assistive technologies that require additional configuration to be compatible with the TDS. Other Braille resources for the Hawai'i Smarter Balanced Assessments are also available [here](#).

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