Illustrations Glossary Pilot

This document describes the Illustrations Glossary Pilot. The Hawaii Department of Education Office of Strategy, Innovation, and Performance, Assessment Section in partnership with Smarter Balanced staff will work with any interested schools to finalize logistics that will work for each location. Please contact Carol Anton at the Assessment Section with any questions: carol_anton@notes.k12.hi.us.

What
Smarter Balanced plans to administer a Grade 7 mathematics Interim Comprehensive Assessment containing Illustrations Glossaries to gather important feedback from educators and students about this new accessibility resource. The mathematics Interim Comprehensive Assessment includes 30 test questions and 1 performance task (PT is optional).

Who
Smarter Balanced is recruiting Grade 8 students. While all students are welcome to participate, we are specifically hoping to work with English learners (ELs) and students who are deaf or hard of hearing (D/HH). Entire classrooms or grades may elect to participate. Or, specific students within a school may elect to participate. We encourage all interested students, classrooms, and schools to participate.

When
We plan to conduct the pilot in October–November, 2017. Other timelines may be possible.

How
Smarter Balanced staff will provide virtual training sessions to support the pilot administration. A Test Administration Manual specific to the pilot will guide educators to administer the assessment. Schools will need to download the secure browser: http://www.smarterapp.org/news/2016/01/05/SecureBrowsers.html. Please note, the secure browser does not currently work on Chromebooks. Please contact Smarter Balanced for information on using Chromebooks.

For a preview of the illustrations glossaries, please visit https://tds.smarterbalanced.org/student/.

Following the administration of the pilot, Smarter Balanced will share the student results with educators as soon as possible. No individual student data will be disclosed, only averages by student group will be reported. In addition, participating educators may elect to be part of a focus group to provide feedback to Smarter Balanced staff on the pilot administration.

Requirements for participation
- Grade 8 students
- Secure browser
- Data sharing agreement with Smarter Balanced