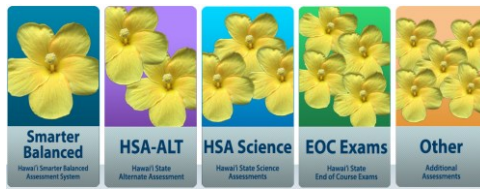




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### Additional Digital Library Information

The Digital Library is an online collection of instructional and professional learning resources contributed by educators for educators. These resources are aligned with Common Core State Standards and will help educators implement the formative assessment process to improve teaching and learning. The resources are fully vetted against a set of quality criteria.

Smarter Balanced has just released two new tools that will support educators in implementing the formative assessment process. The [Digital Library Factsheet](#) outlines innovative design features and collaboration features. The [Digital Library Modules](#) slide deck provides useful information about the formative assessment process, as well as links to three sample resources. *(Please note: To view the Digital Library Modules first download and save the presentation, then view in Slide Show mode).*

The formative assessment process is an essential component of a balanced assessment system.

We encourage you to visit the [Teachers' page](#) of the Smarter Balanced website to view additional Smarter Balanced materials created to support educators and look forward to continued collaboration with educators across Smarter Balanced states as we work to prepare students for success!

Please call or email the Hawaii Statewide Assessment Program (HSAP) Help Desk to request assistance in obtaining a Digital Library password. The Help Desk staff is on duty Monday - Friday, except holidays from 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Hawaii Standard Time.

Phone: 1-866-648-3712

Email: [hsaphelpdesk@air.org](mailto:hsaphelpdesk@air.org)

### [English Language Arts/Literacy and Mathematics Blueprints](#)

<a href="#">ELA Smarter Balanced Preliminary Blueprint</a> [pdf]	The Smarter Balanced ELA/literacy preliminary blueprint describes the content of the ELA Summative Assessment in grade 3-8 and 11, and how that content will be assessed to reflect the depth and breadth of the performance expectations for the CCSS.
<a href="http://alohahsap.org/SMARTERBALANCED/about-this-site">http://alohahsap.org/SMARTERBALANCED/about-this-site</a>	

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<a href="#">Mathematics Smarter Balanced Preliminary Blueprint</a> [pdf]	The Smarter Balanced mathematics preliminary blueprint describes the content of the mathematics Summative Assessment in grade 3-8 and 11, and how that content will be assessed to reflect the depth and breadth of the performance expectations for the CCSS.
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## In the News

*The Plainville Citizen* (CT), 1/13/15

Article: "New Assessment Explained"

<http://www.plainvillecitizen.com/news/allnews/6625347-129/smarter-balanced-assessment-explained.html>

Learning First Alliance, 1/13/15

Article: "Getting Common Core Right: What We've Learned"

<http://www.learningfirst.org/getting-common-core-right-what-we-ve-learned>

Big Island Now.com (HI), 1/12/15

Article: "DOE Launching Spring 'Smarter Balanced' Assessments"

<http://bigislandnow.com/2015/01/12/doe-launching-spring-smarter-balanced-assessments/>

NASBE, 1/12/15

Press Release: "New Policy Paper Offers Guidance for State Board Members on Implementing Performance Assessments"

<http://www.nasbe.org/press-releases/new-policy-paper-offers-guidance-for-state-board-members-on-implementing-performance-assessments/>

School Family.com, 1/15

Article: "Common Core Assessment Testing: What Parents Should Know"

<http://www.schoolfamily.com/school-family-articles/article/10900-common-core-assessment-testing-what-parents-should-know>

Hawaii State Department of Education, 1/8/15

Article: "At Lanakila EI, parents get first hand look at new test"

<http://www.hawaiipublicschools.org/VisionForSuccess/SuccessStories/Schools/Pages/SBpreviaw.aspx>

## Resources

Data Quality Campaign Factsheet on Education Data—The Data Quality Campaign produced a report outlining myths and facts about the assessment consortia and data privacy. The comprehensive report "Getting the Facts Straight about Education Data" can be accessed here:

<http://www.dataqualitycampaign.org/files/Facts%20about%20EdData-CCSS%20Assessments.pdf>.

CCSS Forward—CCSS Forward, a section of the CCSSO website, is designed to provide updates on new resources and shine a spotlight on state leadership with Common Core

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implementation. It can be found at

[http://www.ccsso.org/CCSS\\_Forward\\_State\\_Resources\\_and\\_Success\\_Stories\\_to\\_Implement\\_the\\_Common\\_Core.html](http://www.ccsso.org/CCSS_Forward_State_Resources_and_Success_Stories_to_Implement_the_Common_Core.html).

Khan Academy Common Core resources—Khan Academy has free online resources and exercises that align with the Common Core and that can be personalized to the needs of individual students. The resources can be found at <https://www.khanacademy.org/commoncore>.

A Primer on Common Core–Aligned Assessments—Education First developed a briefing for state policymakers and advocates about Common Core–aligned assessment systems, including Smarter Balanced. The presentation can be found at [http://www.education-first.com/files/A\\_Primer\\_on\\_Common\\_Core-Aligned\\_Assessments\\_Education\\_First.pdf](http://www.education-first.com/files/A_Primer_on_Common_Core-Aligned_Assessments_Education_First.pdf).

Key Facts about the Common Core State Standards—Alliance for Excellent Education publications on the CCSS can be found at the following links:

<http://www.all4ed.org/files/CCSSFacts.pdf> and <http://www.all4ed.org/files/CommonCore101.pdf>.

Follow Smarter Balanced on Twitter—Follow @SmarterBalanced for resources and links to the latest news about the Consortium.

Smarter Balanced Hawaii—Information and resources related to the administration of the Smarter Balanced Assessments in Hawaii is located at the statewide testing portal:

<http://AlohaHSAP.org>.