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Top News This Week

The information provided below has been recently posted under "[Recent Announcements](#)" on the Smarter Balanced homepage at alohahsap.org.

The Teacher Hand Scoring System User Guide is posted online in the User Guides folder in the Resources section.

Added January 26, 2015

Teacher Hand Scoring System User Guide [pdf]	This user guide provides instructions for accessing and using the Teacher Hand Scoring System for Smarter Balanced Assessments.
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An updated Mobile Secure Browser is now available and will support online testing for **iOS8**. This updated browser is included in the table that lists which operating systems are supported and which secure browser to install. The table can be accessed on the Smarter Balanced homepage via the Secure Browsers button.

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Interim Classroom Activities are now posted in the Interim Classroom Activities in the Resources section. Test Coordinators, Test Administrators, and Teachers can access the files by clicking [here](#) and selecting the Interim Classroom Activities folder.

Added January 12, 2015

Grade 3 ELA Classroom Activity [pdf] Grade 3 Math Classroom Activity [pdf] Grade 4 ELA Classroom Activity [pdf] Grade 4 Math Classroom Activity [pdf] Grade 5 ELA Classroom Activity [pdf] Grade 5 Math Classroom Activity [pdf] Grade 6 ELA Classroom Activity [pdf] Grade 6 Math Classroom Activity [pdf] Grade 7 ELA Classroom Activity [pdf] Grade 7 Math Classroom Activity [pdf] Grade 8 ELA Classroom Activity [pdf] Grade 8 Math Classroom Activity [pdf] Grade 11 ELA Classroom Activity [pdf] Grade 11 Math Classroom Activity [pdf]	<p>These documents are the Interim Classroom Activities that will be offered during 2015 second semester testing. These are not the Summative Classroom Activities. The Summative Classroom Activities are secure and will be posted in TIDE before the grades 3-8 testing window opens on March 10, 2015 and the grade 11 testing window opens on April 13, 2015.</p>
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For all Digital Library questions, please contact the HSAP Help Desk at 1-866-648-3712 or hsaphelpdesk@air.org.

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Information for Families Regarding Hawaii Common Core and Smarter Balanced Assessments

The Department of Education's Communications Section has posted information for families regarding the Hawaii Common Core and the Smarter Balanced Assessments on the Hawaii Public Schools website at

Family resources for new standards, assessments

Families are key in student preparedness. New standards (Hawaii Common Core) and assessments (Smarter Balanced) are creating shifts in the classroom that involve more dynamic, evidence- and technology-based learning than what classes used to look like a generation ago. We encourage families to dig in to these resources to help students be ready for learning — and demonstrating learning.

[READ MORE](#)

Videos

The Council of Great City Schools (CGCS) has a wonderful video series that clarifies what's involved with new assessments and standards. Take a look, and view some of their other work by clicking the links below.

MORE CGCS VIDEOS

- Conversation: Mathematics — New tests require demonstrating knowledge [\[VIEW\]](#)
- Conversation: English Language Arts/Literacy — Reading for clues, like a detective! [\[VIEW\]](#)
- Conversation: Common Core — Making sure students "get a topic" before taking a step up [\[VIEW\]](#)

Resource websites

- **Hawaii's Parent Teacher Student Association** produced a "Parenting Resources" section on their website to help parents guide their children to success in school. Includes breakouts for the Common Core and information to boost parental involvement in helpful ways.
- [Go to Hawaii PTSA site](#)
- **Parent roadmaps, grades K-8:** Provides guidance to parents about what their children will be learning and how they can support that learning. Provides three-year snapshots showing how selected standards progress from year-to-year.
- [View English Language Arts resources](#)
- [View Math resources](#)
- **Military Connected Families:** The Military Child Education Coalition has come out [strongly in support](#) of the Common Core. For these families who are often on the move, standards provide greater clarity and predictability of student learning, regardless of zip code. MCEC has provided a handout for military-connected families to help orient them to the standards, and offer tips on preparing their children and ways to get involved.
- [View guide](#)

Helpful handouts

Instructional Shifts: Information about and examples of shifts in English Language Arts/Literacy (ELA) and Math, broken down by elementary, middle and high school. These were

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printed and sent home with students in January 2015, along with a [letter](#) from the Superintendent.

ELEMENTARY	MIDDLE SCHOOL	HIGH SCHOOL
ELA	ELA	ELA
Mathematics	Mathematics	Mathematics

Factsheets: We've broken down some of the more complicated aspects of standards, assessments and public education goals and requirements into one-pagers that cover the basics. Want to learn more? Connect with your school's principal, or email the Department at doe_info@hawaiidoe.org.

- **Terms & Meanings:** There are a lot of terms to describe components of a child's education — sometimes they get used interchangeably and the meanings are confused or appear to be the same when they have differences.
- [View Factsheet](#)
- **Smarter Balanced:** Common questions about the new Common Core-aligned assessment for students in grades 3-8 and 11.
- [View Factsheet](#)
- **Mythbusters:** Setting the record straight on what Hawaii Common Core is not.
- [View Factsheet](#)

www.hawaiipublicschools.org. Schools may share this information with the families of the students enrolled at their schools and their communities.

The Communications Section's PowerPoint presentation that was made during seven of the nine January 2015 Smarter Balanced and Other Statewide Assessment Trainings conducted across the state is provided in the 2015 Smarter Balanced and Other Statewide Assessment Training folder on the Resources page.

Communication Resources Presentation [pptx]	This PowerPoint provides information on how to share and discuss Common Core standards and the Smarter Balanced Assessment System with a variety of audiences.
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In the News

The Oregonian, 1/27/15

Op-ed: "Misguided bill would nudge parents to say 'no' to state testing: Editorial Agenda 2015"
http://www.oregonlive.com/opinion/index.ssf/2015/01/misguided_bill_would_nudge_par.html

The Washington Post, 1/25/15

Article: "What happens when the Common Core becomes less... common?"
http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/education/what-happens-when-the-common-core-becomes-less-common/2015/01/25/33b8eb58-a2bf-11e4-b146-577832eafcb4_story.html

The News Tribune (WA), 1/24/15

Article: "Washington students will take new Smarter Balanced tests this spring"

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<http://www.thenewstribune.com/2015/01/24/3594945/washington-students-will-take.html>

Daily Record (WA), 1/24/15

Article: State tests to be given for 1st time this spring”

http://www.dailyrecordnews.com/familyandeducation/state-tests-to-be-given-for-st-time-this-spring/article_6c08c604-a35f-11e4-ac80-37cfa8c92486.html

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 implementation. It can be found at 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.

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>.