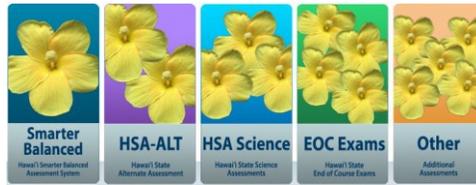




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Top News This Week

Opportunity for School and Complex Area Staff Members to Participate in a Smarter Balanced Parent Reports Webinar on Wednesday, April 15 at 8:00 a.m. HST

Webinar: Smarter Balanced Communications Resources Regarding Parent Reports for Schools and Complex Areas

Wednesday, April 15, 8:00 a.m. Hawaii Standard Time (Click the following link and then click "Register" to reserve your spot for this webinar.)

<https://wested.webex.com/wested/onstage/g.php?MTID=e1c98a3bf129a434d29921940dcbcc98d>

Assessment Section Office Hour Webinar on Thursday, April 16 from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. HST

The Assessment Section will conduct an optional Office Hour webinar on Thursday, April 16 from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. Test coordinators and others who have questions related to the Department's statewide student assessments (Smarter Balanced, HSA-Science, HSA-Alt, EOC, ACT and NAEP) are invited to participate. If you are interested in joining this Assessment Section 'Office Hour' please click the WebEx link below and/or call in at any time between 2:30 and 3:30 to join the teleconference and get answers to any questions you may have.

A recording of this Office Hour will be posted on the Assessment Section page on the Department's Intranet site for access and review at your convenience.

Topic: Assessment Section Office Hour
Date: Thursday, April 16, 2015
Time: 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. Hawaii Time

WebEx has made some changes in the way you join the meeting. To join a meeting:

1. Go to <https://hvln.webex.com>
2. If you are not already on the Home page, click the Home tab at the top left.
3. Enter your meeting number in the Blue Box and click Join. If this is the first time you are entering meetings this way, your computer may take several minutes to "process."
4. If requested, enter your name, e-mail address and the meeting password. Click Join.
5. You are now in the meeting and may make your audio selection (Using to Computer or Calling In).

Meeting number: 732 527 607
Meeting password: 1234

Join by phone
1-877-668-4493 Call-in toll-free number (US/Canada)
Access code: 732 527 607

If you have trouble connecting to the webinar, please call the Assessment Section Office for assistance at 808-733-4100.

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Opportunity for Hawaii Public and Public Charter School Teachers to Participate in Scoring Students' Typed Answers for Identified Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment Items.

Measurement Incorporated (www.measurementinc.com/employment) is attempting to hire certified teachers who are interested in participating in the scoring of the Smarter Balanced Summative items. Recruitment information can be found by visiting the following job posting: [Teachers Only – Work from Home](#).

Important Information Regarding Apple's Release of the Updated iOS 8.3 Operating System for iPads

During the week of April 6-10, 2015, Apple released the updated iOS 8.3 operating system for iPads. School Test Administrators and/or Technology Coordinators should **not** update any iPads being used for testing until the AIR software review team has confirmed iOS 8.3 is compatible with AIR testing systems. Another announcement will be posted on the Smarter Balanced home page under "Recent Announcements" at [alohahsap.org](#) once compatibility has been confirmed.

Reminder that Smarter Balanced Interim Assessment Items May Not Be Included in Online News Sources

The Smarter Balanced Interim assessments are designated as 'non-secure, non-public.' This designation is assigned to ensure that educators have opportunities to see the kinds of questions that students are answering in the Interim Assessments and use the results in meaningful ways. The Interim Assessment questions must not be included on public-facing websites and must not be provided to reporters or other media sources for use in articles about the Smarter Balanced Assessments. Instead, the media should continue to use public facing resources, such as the practice tests, to support their reporting on the work of the consortium.

Updated Information About How AlohaHSAP.org Users Can View the Interim Assessments Via the Assessment Viewing Application (AVA)

The AVA (Assessment Viewing Application) System is now available and can be used to view Smarter Balanced Interim Assessment items in a secure environment. Users can access the AVA System card on the Teachers or Test Coordinators/Administrators page using their username (work email) and password without taking the TA Certification Course.

Clarification About When a Test Administrator May Use His/Her Cell Phone or Any Other Electronic Device During Test Sessions

Every Test Administrator must be actively monitoring students during each test session by walking around the testing room when he/she is not checking the status of each student's progress via the Test Administrator computer. A Test Administrator may only use his/her cell phone or any other electronic device to request assistance during a test session, e.g., loss of Internet access for one or more computers, malfunction of a computer feature for one or more students (voice package, Global Notes universal tool, etc.), a student becomes ill, disruptive, or cheats and needs to be escorted to the office.

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Is it possible for some students in the same grade to have one more or one less item in the ELA or Mathematics Performance Task (PT) than other students?

Yes, Smarter Balanced has confirmed that even though all students in a grade will answer questions for the same Performance Task topic, some of them will have one more or one less item than other students in the same test session. So Test Administrators should not think that the online testing system is malfunctioning when every student in their test session does not have the same number of performance task items. It is also important to note that all students do not answer the same number of items for the ELA or Mathematics Computer Adaptive Test (CAT).

Another Important Reminder Regarding the Administration of the Classroom Activity and the Performance Task

Any handwritten notes taken by students and information written on white boards or charts by teachers during the Classroom Activity **MAY NOT** be used or displayed in the testing room where the Performance Task is administered. If the Classroom Activity is administered in the same testing room where the Performance Task will be administered, each Test Administrator must collect the students' notes and remove any information that is visible on a white board or chart before the students are allowed to begin the Performance Task.

In the News

NBC K5 (WA), 4/8/15

Article: "One school finds enthusiasm about SBAC Test"

<http://www.king5.com/story/news/local/2015/04/08/rainier-view-elementary-smarter-balanced-assessment-test/25487393/>

The Foothills Sun – Gazette (CA), 4/8/15

Article: "Lindsay Unified puts 'performance' to the test"

<http://www.thesungazette.com/article/education/2015/04/08/lindsay-unified-puts-performance-to-the-test/>

The Leadership Conference Education Fund, 4/7/15

Press Release: "National Survey on Common Core Finds Strong Support for Consistent Standards"

<http://www.civilrights.org/press/2015/common-core-survey.html>

Argus Leader (SD), 4/7/15

Article: "New online assessment replaces paper-and-pencil tests of past"

<http://www.argusleader.com/story/news/brandon/2015/04/07/new-online-assessment-replaces-paper-pencil-tests-past/25361133/>

MLive.com (MI), 4/7/15

Article: "Don't opt out of standardized tests, Ann Arbor superintendent asks parents"

http://www.mlive.com/news/ann-arbor/index.ssf/2015/04/dont_opt_out_of_standardized_t.html

CentralMaine.Com, 4/6/15

Article: "Readfield and Wayne math teachers learn from each other"

<http://www.centralmaine.com/2015/04/06/readfield-and-wayne-math-teachers-learn-from-each-other/>

TDN.com (WA), 4/6/15

Article: "State colleges to reward good test scores"

http://tdn.com/news/local/state-colleges-to-reward-good-test-scores/article_dd75a778-dcc4-11e4-b3f2-6395c4d5bf07.html

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The Woodinville Weekly (WA), 4/6/15

Article: "Northshore Prepares for New State Tests"

<http://www.nwnews.com/index.php/local/news/11171-northshore-prepares-for-new-state-tests>

San Jose Mercury News, 4/3/15

Op-ed: "Common Core tests: Chaos at first, but they'll be great in the long run"

http://www.mercurynews.com/opinion/ci_27831695/common-core-tests-chaos-at-first-but-theyll

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>.