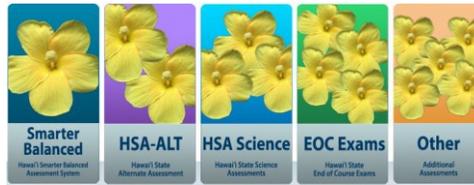




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Top News This Week

A series of two-day face-to-face professional development opportunities for *Building Educator Assessment Literacy* that will focus on Smarter Balanced performance tasks has been scheduled across the state during July 2015

The Assessment Section, in partnership with WestEd and the Stanford Center for Assessment, Literacy, and Equity (SCALE), will provide a series of two-day face-to-face professional development opportunities for *Building Educator Assessment Literacy* across the state during July 2015 (see DOE Memo dated May 8, 2015). The training will provide educators with a deeper understanding of Smarter Balanced performance tasks, how they assess the Hawaii Common Core, and the implications for classroom instruction. The professional development is a two-day event and participants must be available to attend both days. The workshops have been scheduled for the following dates:

| Date | Time | Location |
|--------------------|-----------|---|
| July 7 - 8, 2015 | 8:00–4:00 | Oahu (Central and Leeward): TBA |
| July 9 - 10, 2015 | 8:00–4:00 | Maui including Lanai and Molokai: TBA |
| July 13 - 14, 2015 | 8:00–4:00 | Hawaii (both East and West Hawaii): TBA |
| July 15 - 16, 2015 | 8:00–4:00 | Oahu (Honolulu and Windward): TBA |
| July 20 - 21, 2015 | 8:00–4:00 | Kauai: TBA |

The Assessment Section will support the participation of one English Language Arts/literacy and one mathematics instructional leader at each school to participate in this professional development opportunity. In addition, each Complex Area Superintendent is also invited to send up to two complex area representatives whose responsibilities include supporting schools with the implementation and use of the Smarter Balanced Interim Assessments.

Assessment Section support will include a stipend of \$164 per day for 10-month DOE employees as well as airfare, lodging, and per diem for neighbor island participants when appropriate. Participants from Molokai and Lanai should attend the professional development on Maui.

The online registration form for each training may be accessed at the following link: <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form?EQBCT=0fabbb2cc2df48cc8eacdc03bbf60268>

Educators may register online. The registration period will end on Wednesday, June 3, 2015. Completing the online request form does not guarantee registration for a training date. The Assessment Section will review the list of requests on a rolling basis to ensure the key staff members at each school and complex area are given first opportunity to register. Once confirmed, each registrant will receive a confirmation email. Additional DOE participants will be accepted on a space available basis.

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Why Are HSA-Alt Students Included in Smarter Balanced Plan and Manage Testing Reports in the Online Reporting System (ORS)?

Test Coordinators who are running reports in the ORS Plan & Manage Testing section for the Smarter Balanced (SB) Summative Assessments will see that students designated to take the HSA Alternate (HSA-Alt) Assessments are being included in the reports of students who are still waiting for Smarter Balanced Summative testing to begin. **HSA-Alt students should be disregarded in the Smarter Balanced Summative Plan & Manage Testing reports in the ORS.** These students will continue to appear in the reports for the remainder of the 2014-15 school year even after their HSA-Alt Assessments have been administered because they are in the schools' rosters for all enrolled students that are uploaded into the TIDE system nightly and subsequently loaded into the ORS. However, these HSA-Alt students are not eligible to take the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments because the HSA-Alt is listed as the appropriate statewide assessment in their IEPs.

How Many Days Does It Take for Students' ELA or Mathematics Scores to Be Posted in the Online Reporting System After Their Tests Are Submitted for Scoring?

Students' answers for some of the Computer Adaptive Test (CAT) and Performance Task (PT) items are scored electronically as soon as the tests are submitted for scoring. These scores are stored online while students' typed answers for other CAT or PT items are scored online by trained scorers. Then the students' electronically scored items and human scored items are combined to generate a set of scores for each content area. During the months of April and May when students in many states are completing and submitting their tests for scoring, it may take approximately three weeks for their tests to be processed through the electronic and human scoring system. Schools are asked to check the Online Reporting System periodically to confirm that students' scores have been posted for review by the appropriate school personnel.

In the News

The Exponent Telegram (WV), 5/7/15

Article: "Students, teachers prepare for new Smarter Balanced exams"

http://www.theet.com/news/local/students-teachers-prepare-for-new-smarter-balanced-exams/article_8a850fc9-9603-5fe9-bfec-ab04d73a3131.html

The Washington Post, 5/5/15

Article: "Why civil rights groups say parents who opt out of tests are hurting kids"

http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/education/why-civil-rights-groups-say-parents-who-opt-out-of-tests-are-hurting-kids/2015/05/05/59884b9a-f32c-11e4-bcc4-e8141e5eb0c9_story.html?tid=hpModule_99d5f542-86a2-11e2-9d71-f0feafdd1394

CDAPress.com (ID), 5/2/15

Article: "A quicker measure: Common Core-aligned testing wrapping us faster than expected"

http://www.cdapress.com/news/local_news/article_f54981d4-1361-591a-a29f-28f8950aebae.html

India West, 5/1/15

Article: "More Writing, More Talking: Indian Americans Say They'll Be 'Just Fine' Under Common Core"

http://www.indiawest.com/news/global_indian/more-writing-more-talking-indian-americans-say-they-ll-be/article_2dc72b86-f023-11e4-8ba9-330f0859598f.html

Gridley Herald (CA), 5/1/15

Article: "New California poll shows strong support for Common Core and it's Approach"

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<http://www.gridleyherald.com/article/20150501/NEWS/150439934/1994/NEWS>

VTDigger.org (VT), 4/30/15

Article: "Education Experts Get a Taste of New Standardized Test"

<http://vtdigger.org/2015/04/30/education-experts-get-a-taste-of-new-standardized-test/>

Union Bulletin (WA), 4/30/15

Op-ed: "Testing can tell if students need help before college and career"

<http://union-bulletin.com/news/2015/apr/29/op-ed-testing-can-tell-if-students-need-help-colle/>

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>.