



Assessment News

June 2, 2015

Top News This Week

Special Thank You to School, Complex Area, and State Level Staff Members

The Student Assessment Section staff would like to sincerely thank each school, complex area, and state level staff member who had a role in coordinating the first administration of the Smarter Balanced Summative ELA/Literacy and Mathematics Assessments to the students in grades 3-8 and 11 at our public and public charter schools during spring 2015, in addition to your other areas of responsibility. Without your hard work and commitment before, during, and after the administration of these new online assessments, the Department would not have the student results that are needed for the Strive HI school accountability requirements, as well as school, complex area, and state results that are used for Strategic Plan goals. Your role in the completion of these important statewide student assessment tasks is invaluable.

We look forward to teaming with you during 2015-16 if you will assist with the spring 2016 administration of the Smarter Balanced Summative ELA/Literacy and Mathematics Assessments. Our office will provide updated information about the administration of these assessments in the online manuals and user guides posted on the Resources page at alohahsap.org during fall 2015.

The Department's April 23, 2015 memo titled "School Year 2015-16 Testing Windows for Smarter Balanced Assessments; Hawaii State Science Assessments; Hawaii State Alternate Assessments; and End-of-Course Exams provides information about testing windows for next school year (see below). This memo was emailed to all public school principals, charter school directors, test coordinators, complex area superintendents, complex area Smarter Balanced liaisons, and complex area information technology staff on April 29, 2015 via the Assessment Section's HSA Lotus Notes account.

The Department will continue to implement a College and Career Readiness System on a statewide basis for School Year 2015-16. The Department of Education's three year contract with ACT ends on June 30, 2015, therefore, a Request for Proposal (RFP) has been generated so that interested testing contractors can submit their proposals for a new contract which must include a set of College and Career Readiness tests for grades 8-11 that will be implemented beginning in SY 2015-2016. Schools will be informed of the testing contractor who is selected and the testing windows for spring 2016 as soon as this information is available at the beginning of the 2015-16 school year.

SMARTER BALANCED ASSESSMENTS TESTING WINDOWS

| Assessment | Content Area | Grade(s) | Number of Opportunities | Testing Window | |
|------------------|-----------------------------|----------|-------------------------|----------------|----------|
| | | | | Open | Close |
| Smarter Balanced | ELA/Literacy Mathematics | 3-8 | 1 | 02/19/16* | 05/26/16 |
| Smarter Balanced | ELA/Literacy Mathematics | 11 | 1 | 04/06/16* | 05/26/16 |

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For the multi-track schools, the testing window for the red, green, and blue tracks is March 30* to June 20, 2016* and for the yellow track the testing window is February 19, 2016* - May 26, 2016.

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ONLINE HAWAII STATE SCIENCE ASSESSMENTS TESTING WINDOW

| Assessment | Content Area | Grade(s) | Number of Opportunities | Testing Window | |
|------------|--------------|----------|-------------------------|----------------|----------|
| | | | | Open | Close |
| HSA | Science | 4 and 8 | 3 | 10/12/15 | 05/26/16 |

HAWAII STATE ALTERNATE ASSESSMENTS (HSA-ALT) TESTING WINDOW

| Assessment | Content Area | Grade(s) | Number of Opportunities | Testing Window | |
|------------|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|----------------|----------|
| | | | | Open | Close |
| HSA-Alt | Mathematics ELA/Literacy | 3-8 and 11 | 1 | 03/07/16 | 05/13/16 |
| | Science | 4, 8 and 11 | | | |

END-OF-COURSE EXAMS TESTING WINDOWS

| EOC Exam | Administration | Testing Window | |
|---|---------------------------------------|----------------|-----------|
| | | Open | Close |
| Algebra 1 (Optional) Algebra 2 (Optional) Biology 1** (Required) U.S. History 1 (Optional) | Fall (block schedule schools only) | 11/30/15 | 12/17/15 |
| Algebra 1 (Optional) Algebra 2 (Optional) Biology 1** (Required) U.S. History 1 (Optional) | Spring | 05/02/16 | 05/26/16 |
| Algebra 1 (Optional) Algebra 2 (Optional) Biology 1** (Required) U.S. History 1 (Optional) | Multi-track Schools | 06/06/16* | 06/20/16* |
| Algebra 1 (Optional) Algebra 2 (Optional) Biology 1** (Required) U.S. History 1 (Optional) | Summer | 06/13/16* | 07/20/16* |

*Subject to change

**Required pursuant to NCLB/Strive HI

Smarter Balanced Assessments Administration Surveys

Any school level staff member who assisted with the administration of the Spring 2015 Smarter Balanced ELA/Literacy and/or Mathematics Assessments is encouraged to complete an anonymous online survey about the administration of the assessments. The Smarter Balanced Assessments Administration Survey can be accessed by following the link at <http://alohahsap.org/SMARTERBALANCED/test-administrators/> or by [clicking here](#).

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The Parent/Student Smarter Balanced Assessments Administration Survey is for students in grades 3-8 and 11, who took the Smarter Balanced ELA and Mathematics Assessments during Spring 2015, and their parents to complete. Students and parents are encouraged to complete this anonymous online survey about the Smarter Balanced Assessments by following the link at <http://alohahsap.org/SMARTERBALANCED/students/> or by [clicking here](#). This link may be forwarded to students who were administered the assessments and their parents.

This valuable feedback will be reviewed by the Department's Assessment Section staff and used to make appropriate adjustments to the test administration procedures for the Spring 2016 administration of the Smarter Balanced Assessments.