

PARTICIPATION LETTER FOR **EL STUDENTS** REGARDING THE SMARTER BALANCED
ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS (ELA)/LITERACY AND MATHEMATICS ASSESSMENTS AND
THE HAWAI'I STATE SCIENCE (NGSS) ASSESSMENTS

Dear Parent,

During the 2019-2020 school year, all students in grades 3–8 and 11 will take the Smarter Balanced English Language Arts (ELA)/Literacy and Mathematics Assessments and all students in grades 5 and 8 will take the Hawai'i State Science (NGSS) Assessments. Your child may take the assessments on different days during the school year. We will inform you of the specific dates before your child takes the assessments.

The purpose of the assessments is to provide you with information about your child's current achievement in ELA/literacy, mathematics, and science. A *Parent Information Booklet* with information about the Smarter Balanced and Hawai'i State Science (NGSS) Assessments and what you can do to help your child prepare has been posted online at: <https://hsa.alohahsap.org/core/fileparse.php/4364/urlt/HI-Smarter-Balanced-and-HSA-Science-PIB-2019-20.pdf> or you may contact the school at (808) 305-4110.

Your child may take the Smarter Balanced ELA/Literacy and Mathematics Assessments and the Hawai'i State Science (NGSS) Assessments with the designated supports recommended by your child's English Language Learner (ELL) and classroom teachers.

The *Elementary and Secondary Education Act*, as reauthorized by the *Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA)*, requires states to establish challenging standards, develop aligned assessments, and build accountability systems based upon educational results. All students are included in a state's system of standards, assessments, and accountability.

The Department of Education strongly encourages all parents to have their children participate in the Smarter Balanced ELA/Literacy and Mathematics Assessments and the Hawai'i State Science (NGSS) Assessments so that we can better identify their academic strengths and needs.

For further information, parents may refer to:
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Sincerely,

Principal Marc Kawahara
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PARTICIPATION LETTER FOR **GENERAL EDUCATION** STUDENTS REGARDING THE
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PARTICIPATION LETTER FOR HOME-SCHOOLED STUDENTS REGARDING THE SMARTER
BALANCED ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS (ELA)/LITERACY AND MATHEMATICS
ASSESSMENTS AND THE HAWAI'I STATE SCIENCE (NGSS) ASSESSMENTS

Dear Parent,

The Department of Education provides free testing for home-schooled students in grades 3–8 and 11, who may take the Smarter Balanced English Language Arts (ELA)/Literacy and Mathematics Assessments and home-schooled students in grades 5 and 8, who may take the Hawai'i State Science (NGSS) Assessments.

A home-schooled student's chronological age, adjusted grade-level placement by a public school or public charter school prior to home-schooled status, or course credits must indicate that his or her current grade-level placement is in grade 3–8 or 11 for the Smarter Balanced Assessments and in grade 5 or 8 for the Hawai'i State Science (NGSS) Assessment in order to participate in the assessments.

If you want your child to participate in the Smarter Balanced ELA/Literacy and Mathematics Assessments and the Hawai'i State Science (NGSS) Assessments, depending on your child's current grade level, you will need to inform the school office and bring your child to the school on the days when the assessments will be administered. Please contact the school office at (808) 305-4110. to let us know if your child will participate.

The purpose of the assessments is to provide you with information about your child's current achievement in ELA/literacy, mathematics, and science. A *Parent Information Booklet* with information about the Smarter Balanced and Hawai'i State Science (NGSS) Assessments and what you can do to help your child prepare has been posted online at: <https://hsa.alohahsap.org/core/fileparse.php/4364/urlt/HI-Smarter-Balanced-and-HSA-Science-PIB-2019-20.pdf> or you may contact the school at (808) 305-4110.

The Smarter Balanced ELA/Literacy and Mathematics Assessments and Hawai'i State Science (NGSS) Assessments provide standards-based scores. The standards-based scores indicate whether a child has demonstrated mastery of the ELA/literacy, mathematics, and science content standards that are required for Hawai'i's public school students.

Also contact our school office at (808) 305-4110 if you have any questions regarding the Smarter Balanced ELA/Literacy and Mathematics Assessments, the Hawai'i State Science (NGSS) Assessment, or about our school's testing schedule.

Sincerely,

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