

Smarter Balanced Assessments for English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics for Grade 11 Students

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Starting Thursday March 23, 2023, all students in grade 11 will take the Smarter Balanced English Language Arts (ELA)/Literacy and Mathematics Assessments in their English and Math courses. **These assessments are computer based, therefore it is essential that your child brings their fully charged school assigned Chromebook to their English and Math classes.**

The purpose of the assessments is to provide you and your child's teacher(s) with information about the extent to which your child has met identified content standards in ELA/literacy, mathematics, and science, depending on your child's current grade level. 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://smarterbalanced.alohahsap.org/resources/>. Before the assessments, please visit the alohahsap.org portal.

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.

If you have any questions, please contact the school at 808-305-3000

Thank you!