



**STATE OF HAWAII**  
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Dear Parent/Guardian,

During the 2023-2024 school year, all students in grade 11 will take the Smarter Balanced English Language Arts (ELA)/Literacy and Mathematics Assessments. Pearl City High School will be administering these assessments in April/May.

The purpose of the assessments is to provide you and your child's teachers with information about the extent to which your child has met identified content standards in ELA/literacy and mathematics. A *Parent Information Booklet* with information about the Smarter Balanced Assessments and what you can do to help your child prepare has been posted online at: <https://smarterbalanced.alohasap.org/resources/resources-2023-2024/smarter-hsa-parent-information-booklets-2023-2024>

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 English Language Arts (ELA)/Literacy and Mathematics Assessments so that we can better identify their academic strengths and needs.

If you have any questions, please contact Ernell Hallaman, Testing Coordinator, through email [Ernell.Hallaman@k12.hi.us](mailto:Ernell.Hallaman@k12.hi.us) or by phone (808)307-5596.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph Halfmann".

Joseph Halfmann  
Principal

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