

Hawai'i State Alternate Assessments Family Report Interpretive Guide



Understanding Your Child's 2021–2022 Score Report

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The Hawai'i State Alternate Assessments (HSA-Alt) are designed to measure the performance of students with significant cognitive disabilities on the Hawai'i Common Core Standards in ELA/Literacy and Mathematics and the Hawai'i Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). In the HSA-Alt, these standards are reduced to provide students access to the assessment.

In the spring of school year 2021–2022, ELA/Literacy and Mathematics assessments were administered in Grades 3–8 and 11, and a Science assessment was administered in Grades 5, 8, and 11. Students received one combined report for the ELA/Literacy and Mathematics assessments. Students who took the Science assessment received an additional, separate report.

Assessments can help identify whether students need extra instruction or practice in ELA/Literacy, Mathematics, or Science. This guide will help you better understand your child's report.

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Disclaimer: The data in the sample Family Report are for display purposes only and do not represent actual results. The student's name on the sample report is fictitious, and any similarity to an actual student name is purely coincidental.

The Hawai'i Common Core forms the foundation for all grade-level instruction. During testing, however, alternate students are measured using a different set of achievement standards. These, the alternate achievement standards, represent a reduction in depth, breadth, and complexity of the general assessment achievement expectation. Simplified content and format is allowed on the alternate test along with different descriptors of student proficiency level.

Cover Letter

The first page of your child's family report includes an important letter summarizing the contents of the report and encouraging you to be an active participant in your child's education.

Performance Levels

If your child's score is in the Exceeds Proficiency or Meets Proficiency range in a subject, then your child has met the Hawai'i Common Core Standards for that subject, based on the alternate achievement standards. If your child's score is in the Approaches Proficiency or Well Below Proficiency range, then your child has not met the alternate achievement standards for that subject.

Each year all of Hawai'i's public education students in grades 3-8 and 11 take one version of the statewide summative assessment in the content areas of English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics, and Science (grades 5, 8, and 11 or Biology). While some students take the Smarter Balanced or K'AEO assessments, roughly one percent of students in the state take the Hawai'i State Assessment – Alternate (HSA-Alt). While all versions of the ELA, Mathematics, and Science statewide summative assessments are based upon the Hawai'i Common Core or Next Generation Science Standards, the HSA-Alt allows for a reduction of these standards during testing. The reduced alternate test targets can be found in the HSA-Alt Range Performance Level Descriptors.

Your child took the HSA-Alt as their version of the statewide summative assessment this year. They were assigned this assessment after an IEP team determined that they met the criteria found in the HSA-Alt Participation Guidelines. Criteria include the significance of cognitive impairment and the need for modified program, intensive support, and specially designed instruction. For more information on the alternate test participation criteria and the alternate test targets, see the Students and Family Resource folder on the alohahsap.org website.

The report that you are being provided gives you information on how your child performed on this year's HSA-Alt statewide summative assessment. This information should assist you in determining if your child is progressing in their knowledge, skills, and abilities and whether they will be ready for postsecondary opportunities and competitive integrated employment after high school. We encourage you to use this report to start a conversation with your child's teacher about their progress in

What is

- Scores on Mathematics Assessment
- The areas of ELA, Math Assessment

For more information about the assessment, visit alohahsap.org

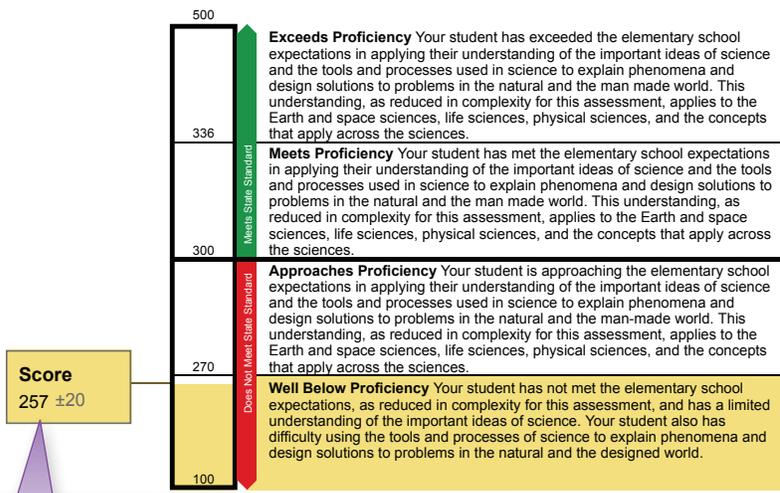
What do the scores mean and how are they used?

Doe, Jonathan
Student ID: 999999999 | Student DOB: 11/30/2011 | Controlled Grade: Grade 05
Date Taken: 3/14/2022

Grade 5 HSA-Alt Science 2021-2022
Training Complex Area - A
Demo School Group 2
Kula a'o Hawai'i

Scale Score: 257±20 **Performance:** Well Below Proficiency

How Did Your Child Do on the Test?



How Does Your Child's Score Compare?

Name	Average Scale Score
Hawaii Department of Education	201±101
Training Complex Area - A	243±19
Demo School Group 2	243±19
Kula a'o Hawai'i	243±19

Information on Standard Error of Measurement

A student's score is best interpreted when recognizing that the student's knowledge and skills fall within a score range and not just a precise number. For example, 2300 (±10) indicates a score range between 2290 and 2310.

Your Child's Score

On the second page of the report, you will see your child's overall score and performance level.

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Cut Scores

Cut scores were determined for each subject assessed. The displayed values indicate the minimum score a student must achieve to place in the categories.



Reporting

Individual Student Report

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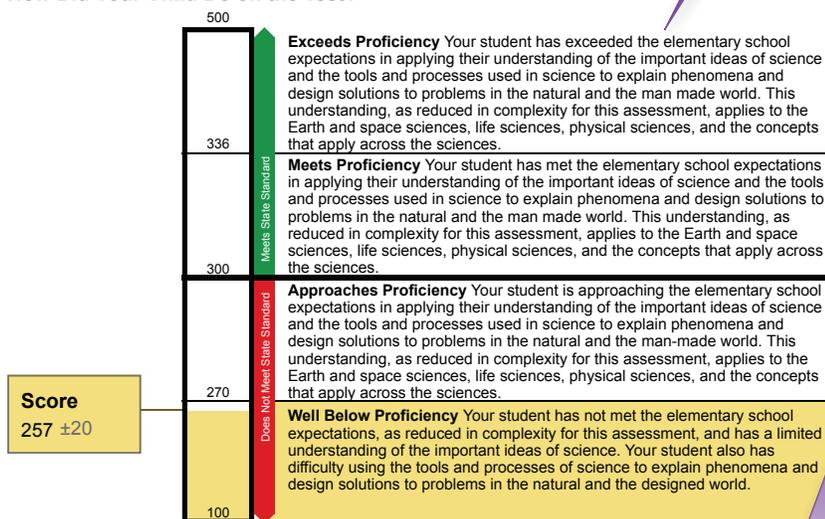
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Comparison Scores

Your child's score is compared to the average score of students who took the Hawai'i State Alternate Assessment.

Glossary of Terms/Definitions

Achievement Standards: The Hawai'i State Alternate Assessment proficiency levels for each subject are based on Alternate Achievement Standards. These standards, or cut scores, differ from the achievement standards used to set proficiency levels for each Hawai'i Common Core or Hawai'i State Assessment (HSA) subject. The Achievement Standards for the alternate assessments have been reduced in depth, breadth, and complexity.

Cut Scores: Selected points on the score scale of the HSA-Alt assessments which are used to classify student performance into one of four performance levels.

HSA-Alt Range Performance Level Descriptors (PLDs): The HSA-Alt Range Performance Level Descriptors (PLDs) are designed to provide entry points to the Hawai'i State Alternate Assessment for students with significant cognitive disabilities. The HSA-Alt Range PLDs are organized by grade. To learn more about the content specifications, please visit <https://hsa-alt.alohahsap.org/>, click on "Resources" and then click on "Students and Families."

Performance Level: Performance levels represent levels of mastery with respect to either the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) or the NGSS Content Standards for an HSA-Alt assessment.

Performance Level Descriptors: These descriptors are a summary of what students within each performance level are expected to know and be able to do.

Scale Scores: Scale scores are statistically converted scores using the number of items students answer correctly and the difficulty of the items presented. Scale scores can be compared over multiple test administrations.

Standards: Grade-Level (ELA/Literacy and Mathematics) or grade-level specific (Science) content that is assessed for accountability purposes.

Subject Area: A subset of content knowledge and skills within a subject.

Additional Resources

[HSA-Alt Information and Parent Resources](#)