



## SY 2020-21 Hawaii Statewide Assessment Program (HSAP)

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused many disruptions to our public educational system and many Hawaii residents have questions about the expectations for statewide summative testing this school year. The information provided below is intended to clarify those requirements.

- Currently, there are no changes to the requirements for participation or test administration for the required statewide assessments (see [HSAP 2020-21 DOE Memo, revised 02/08/2021](#)).
- A [U.S. Department of Education \(ED\) letter](#) dated September 3, 2020, stated that waivers from testing would NOT be approved for SY 2020-21 and that statewide assessments and accountability reporting are to continue as planned.
- A [Hawaii Statewide Assessment Program, School Year 2020-21 Memo](#) was posted on September 18, 2020, to clarify that statewide testing will continue as planned for this school year.
- The [Assessment and Accountability Comprehensive Plan for School Year 2020-21](#) remains in place.
- Students who are distance learning are expected to be tested in-person and on campus.

The Assessment Section will share ED updates as they become available. Communication through various means, including the weekly Assessment News, emails, webinars, and trainings, will

continue in order to keep test coordinators, teachers, and principals up-to-date on current policy and expectations.

Support documentation has been shared with the field and additional guidance is being developed that will provide suggestions, tips, and best practices when administering statewide assessments to students in-person during the COVID-19 pandemic. Some guidance documents that have recently been posted to the [alohahsap.org](#) portal include the following:

- [Hawaii DOE Assessment Considerations for Spring 2021](#)
- [Hawaii DOE Suggested Guidelines for In-person Test Administration](#)
- [FAQs Template for School-level Staff](#)
- [Parent Letter Template for In-Person Test Administration](#).

The Assessment Section continues to work with the Office of Curriculum and Instructional Design, the Office of Student Support Services, other state DOE agency assessment staff members, providers, and national assessment organizations to ensure that Hawaii's policies, practices, and procedures align with those being implemented across the nation.

If you have any questions please contact the Assessment Section via email at [hsa@k12.hi.us](mailto:hsa@k12.hi.us) or by phone at (808) 307-3636. (Access to this document and the linked documents can be found at [alohahsap.org](#) > Smarter Balanced > Resources > General Information.)