



**STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

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OFFICE OF STRATEGY, INNOVATION AND PERFORMANCE

April 28, 2021

**ACTION REQUIRED  
Due: May 24, 2021**

TO: Deputy Superintendent  
Complex Area Superintendents  
Hawaii State Public Charter School Commission Executive Director  
Principals (All)  
Public Charter School Directors (All)  
Test Coordinators

FROM: Rodney Luke   
Assistant Superintendent

SUBJECT: **Accepting Applications for HSA Science, Biology 1 End-of-Course Exam,  
and HSA-Alt Science Virtual Achievement Standard Setting**

The Hawaii Board of Education adopted the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) as the State's science standards in 2016 to be fully implemented by school year 2019-2020. New science assessments, aligned with the NGSS, were developed and students are taking those tests this year. The HSA science tests are taken in grades 5 and 8, the Biology 1 End-of-Course (EOC) exam is taken by high school students upon completion of Biology 1, and students with the most significant cognitive disabilities take the HSA-Alt science tests in grades 5, 8, and 11.

The Department of Education's Assessment Section is accepting applications from individuals, including community members, to serve on Achievement Standard Setting Committees for these tests. Committee members should be knowledgeable of the NGSS standards and familiar with the characteristics of the students being tested. Members of the Standard Setting Committees will meet to discuss student performance on the tests mentioned above and will recommend the level of performance needed for students to achieve *Approaching (Level 2)*, *Meets (Level 3)*, and *Exceeds (Level 4)* performance ratings on the assessments. Committee members will also review sets of test questions that are ranked by difficulty and determine the "cut scores" between levels of student performance.

The committees will meet virtually and participants must be able to serve on all of the days scheduled for the respective committees.

Committee	Dates
HSA Science and Biology 1 EOC	July 13–14, 2021
HSA-Alt Science	July 15–16, 2021

Committee members will receive a stipend of \$184.66 per day.

If you would like to be considered for one or both of the committees, please submit your application no later than **Monday, May 24, 2021** using the link below:

<http://bit.ly/HSAStdStgJuly21>.

After submitting your online application form, you will receive a system-generated email confirming receipt of your information from Cambium Assessment Inc. You will then enter a pool of possible participants for the committee(s) you have indicated on the application form. The Department of Education's Assessment Section will select participants from the pool to ensure diverse, balanced and representative committees. If you are selected for a committee, you will receive a separate, additional confirmation notice and further information via email.

Should you have any questions, please contact Paul Dumas, Test Development Specialist, Assessment Section, at (808) 307-3636 or email at paul.dumas@k12.hi.us.

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c: Assessment and Accountability Branch