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Dear Parent/Legal Guardian,

During the 2021-2022 school year, all students in grades 3–8 and 11 will take the Smarter Balanced English Language Arts (ELA)/Literacy and Mathematics Assessments and all students in grades 5 and 8 will take the Hawai'i State Science (NGSS) Assessments. All students in Biology will take the Biology End of Course Exam. Your child may take the assessments on different days during the school year. Fall testing dates are from November 22 to December 17, 2021. Spring testing dates could start from March to May 26, 2022.

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

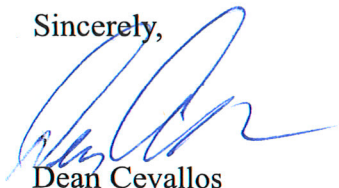
If your child is not feeling well or displays any cold or flu-like symptoms on the scheduled date of testing, your child will not be allowed on campus.

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Your child will be tested using the Chromebook/laptop/device that was issued to your child for distance learning. Please make sure your child's computer is fully charged by plugging it into an outlet the night before the test session(s) and bring their power cord.

Please contact Principal Dean Cevallos at 313-3322 if you have any questions or concerns about testing.

Sincerely,



Dean Cevallos
Principal

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