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Dear Parent/Legal Guardian,

During the 2024-2025 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 Biology will take the Biology End of Course Exam. Students in Algebra 1 will be taking the Algebra 1 End of Year Exam.

KHS will be administering these assessments from the following dates:

- ELA Grade 11 - April 21 to May 7, 2025
- Math Grade 11 - May 12 to May 23, 2025.
- Biology - May 12 to 23, 2025
- Algebra 1 - May 12 to May 23, 2025.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dean Cevallos".

Dean Cevallos
Principal

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