



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
AINA HAINA SCHOOL
801 WEST HIND DRIVE
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96821
February 2021

Dear Parent,

During the 2020–2021 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. Your child may take the assessments on different days during the school year. The dates we will be testing our students are as follows:

Grade 3/Grade 4: ELA/MATH: April 21 (Group 2) and April 22 (Group 1)
May 4 (Group 2) and May 5 (Group 1)
May 12 (Group 2) and May 13 (Group 1)

Grade 5: Science (NGSS): April 8 (Group 1) and April 9 (Group 2)
ELA/MATH: April 19 (Group 2) and April 20 (Group 1)
April 26 (Group 2) and April 27 (Group 1)
May 6 (Group 2) and May 7 (Group 1)

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 Balance and Hawai'i 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.

Translated Parent Information Booklets can also be found on the website, [Translated Parent Information Books](#)

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 Assessments so that we can better identify their academic strengths and needs.

If you have any questions, please contact the school at 377-2419.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brendan P. Burns".

Brendan P. Burns
Principal