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Dear Parent,

During the 2022-2023 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. Your child will take the ELA and Math assessments during April 2023 in their subject area classes. Eighth grade students will take the NGSS Science Assessment two times this year, between February 27 – March 6, 2023 and between May 1 – 5, 2023 in their science class.

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 our Test Coordinator, Yukiko Yamada at (808) 587-4400 ext 3054052

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph Passantino".

Joseph Passantino,
Principal