



**STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
KA 'OIHANA HO'ONA'AUAO**

Manoa Elementary School
3155 Manoa Road
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Dear Parent,

During the 2023–2024 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. Please refer to the assessment schedule below:

Grade 3 ELA and Mathematics	Week of April 22 nd
Grade 4 ELA and Mathematics	Week of April 15 th
Grade 5 ELA and Mathematics	Week of April 22 nd (ELA) Week of May 6 th (Mathematics)
Grade 5 HSA Science	Week of May 13 th

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 988-1868.

Sincerely,

Jason Okamoto
Principal