

This report provides you information regarding your child's performance on the Hawai'i Smarter Balanced English Language Arts (ELA)/Literacy and Mathematics Assessments administered in the Spring of 2021. These assessments measure student understanding of the Hawai'i Common Core standards – rigorous and challenging learning expectations in reading, writing, listening, and mathematics. Students in grades 3–8 and 11 took the Smarter Balanced Assessments, which provide you, your child, and your child's teachers with valuable information about whether your child is meeting grade level expectations.

Nearly 200 U.S. colleges and universities, including the University of Hawai'l, will use the 11th grade Smarter Balanced scores for course placement. The results will provide an important measure of how well your child is progressing toward graduating ready for college and a career.

This report also describes the content of the assessments that put more emphasis on writing, solving problems and critical thinking. They were created specifically to measure students' progress toward mastery of the Hawai'i academic standards. Hawai'i collaborated with other states to create these more rigorous standards, and over the past few years, teachers have used them to guide and inform their teaching practice.

We encourage you to use this report to start a conversation with your child's teacher about their progress in school. Together we can provide the best education for your child.

ELA/Literacy & Mathematics Assessment Results

What is in this report?

- Scores on the Smarter Balanced ELA/Literacy and Mathematics Assessments.
- The areas that make up the Smarter Balanced ELA/Literacy and Mathematics Assessments

For more information about this assessment, go to alohahsap.org

What is the purpose of the HSAP?

The Hawai'i Statewide Assessment Program (HSAP) is a statewide standardized testing program tied to the Hawai'i content standards, which define the knowledge and skills required for our children to succeed beyond high school. HSAP is designed to:

- help schools and complexes determine whether children are making progress on meeting standards; and
- help the state learn how schools and districts are ensuring that children are meeting the standards.

What do the results of the HSAP mean, and how are they used?

HSAP results summarize a student's abilities as they relate to Hawai'l content standards. HSAP results are one of the many tools used by teachers to help identify whether each child is meeting grade level expectations.

For help in understanding your child's scores and this report, contact your child's teacher or school principal.

