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Dear Parents/Guardians of the Class of 2024:

During the 2022-2023 school year, all students in grade 11 will take the online Smarter Balanced English Language Arts (ELA)/Literacy and Mathematics Assessments.

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 and mathematics, for grade 11. A *Parent Information Booklet* with information about the 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 <https://alohahsap.org/> portal.

Assessments will begin on March 28, 2023. Testing in mathematics will be through your child's Social Studies class, and testing in ELA will be done through your child's English class. A testing schedule for the SBA will be on the CHS Testing Website (via [CHS's Homepage](#), "Academics" tab).

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 so that we can better identify their academic strengths and needs. In addition, passing scores are currently being used to place students into entry-level college courses in all 10 University of Hawaii Campuses as well as over 250 colleges and universities in other selected states. For more information, visit the Hawaii Statewide Assessment Program website linked above.

If you have any questions, please contact RTI/Testing Coordinator, Dale Detton at dettond@knights.k12.hi.us or at (808) 305-0780.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bernadette Tyrell".

Bernadette Tyrell
Principal

Knight Pride
demonstrating
Character ♥ Competence ♥ Commitment