



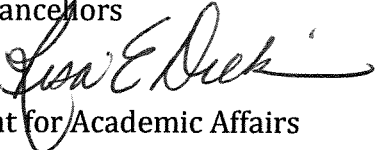
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Council of Chancellors

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RE: Placement Policy Using the 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Smarter Balanced Assessment Results for College Mathematics and English Placement

The Councils of Chief Academic Officers and Senior Student Affairs Officers approved the use of the 11<sup>th</sup> grade Smarter Balanced (SB) assessment results for placement into college level Math and English at the University of Hawai'i (UH).

(<http://www.hawaii.edu/offices/app/aa/memos/MEMO-SmarterBalancedAgreement-12JAN2015.pdf>). Attached is the detailed description on the use of these scores for placement into college level English and math courses. This is a three year pilot valid for the graduates of the Hawai'i public high schools for the years 2016, 2017 and 2018.

The detailed description reflects input from multiple stakeholder groups including the Councils of Chief Academic Officers and Senior Student Affairs Officers, the Common Core Campus Liaison Group, the Teacher Education Coordinating Committee, the Math (faculty) Acceleration Workgroup, and the English/Language Arts (faculty) Acceleration Workgroup.

The first statewide administration of the SB assessment for 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders and all 11<sup>th</sup> graders in the Hawaii Department of Education as well as other public school districts throughout the United States, is scheduled for spring 2015. Hawai'i P-20 is working with the Hawai'i Department of Education to provide electronic transfer to SB scores to UH.

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## University of Hawai'i System 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Smarter Balanced Placement Policy

SB 11 <sup>th</sup> Grade Achievement Level	Mathematics Placement Options		ELA Placement Options
4	Any of the following entry college-level math courses: 100, 103, 104F (UH Hilo only), 110 (HawCC only), 111 (except at UH Hilo), 134, 135, or Intro to Statistics  <i>(A higher level or dual credit math course is strongly recommended in 12<sup>th</sup> grade for those pursuing a STEM major)</i>		English 100  <i>(A dual credit ELA course is strongly recommended in 12<sup>th</sup> grade)</i>
3	<u>Non-STEM Major</u> Any entry college-level terminal math course not on the calculus pathway: i.e., Math 100, 110 (HawCC only), 111 (except at UH Hilo), or Intro to Statistics  <i>(A higher level or dual credit math course is strongly recommended in 12<sup>th</sup> grade)</i>	<u>STEM Major</u> Any entry college-level calculus pathway math course (103, 134, 135, or 104F for UH Hilo only), <b>CONTINGENT ON</b> enrollment (and expected completion) in a calculus pathway, year-long course in 12 <sup>th</sup> grade (incl. a combination of algebra III, trigonometry, analytic geometry, pre-calculus, AP/IB calculus)	English 100, <b>CONTINGENT ON</b> a grade of B or better in either of the following:  ➤ A semester long ELA course taken in the fall semester of the 12 <sup>th</sup> grade ➤ The fall semester of a year long ELA course taken in the 12 <sup>th</sup> grade
2	Any entry, college-level terminal math course not on the calculus pathway: i.e., Math 100, 110 (HawCC only), 111 (except at UH Hilo), or Intro to Statistics <b>CONTINGENT ON</b> a first semester grade of B or better in the 12 <sup>th</sup> grade transition course "Introduction to College Math"		Determined by UH campus-specific placement process (i.e., COMPASS, GPA, etc.)
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- ❖ The placement policy is valid for a 3 year pilot period (for the high school graduating classes of 2016, 2017, and 2018)
- ❖ Smarter Balanced scores will be valid for placement purposes only for 24 months
- ❖ Students wishing to place beyond entry level courses in Math and English Language Arts are encouraged to take advantage of the University of Hawai'i campus-specific placement procedures already established