

Participation 2020-2021 School Year

In order to ensure consistent policies across reporting systems, the Department of Education has established the following rules to determine: (1) who is expected to take the assessment(s) and (2) who counts as a participant in Statewide Assessments.

ELA/Literacy and Mathematics (Smarter only): Grades 3-8

- (1) **Expected:** Any student enrolled in a Delaware public school for the entire testing window up to the last two weeks.**
- (2) **Participant:** Student's test count as complete when they answer at least 1 item on each portion (CAT and PT) of the Smarter test and receive a valid score. Students who only log in and answer one part of the test (not both) are non-participants.

SAT: ERW/Mathematics/Essay (High School)

- (1) **Expected:** Any student enrolled during the administration of the SAT.
- (2) **Participant:** Students who were enrolled during the administration of the SAT (School Day and SAT Make-up day) and answered at least 1 item on the SAT for each of the three sections and receive a valid score
OR
Student registered for and completed a Saturday SAT Administration *and* was proficient on ALL three components of the assessment.

Science and Social Studies: Grades 5, 8 and Biology and Grades 4, 7 and 11 Social Studies)

- (1) **Expected:** Any student enrolled in a Delaware public school for the entire testing window up to the last two weeks.**
- (2) **Participant:** Student's test count as complete when they answer at least 1 item on the assessment and receive a valid score.

DeSSA-ALT: ELA/Mathematics – Grades 3-8 and 11 and Science – Grade 5, 8 and 10

- (1) **Expected:** Any student enrolled in a Delaware public school for the entire testing window up to the last two weeks.**
- (2) **Participant:** Student's test count as complete when they answer at least 1 testlet for each content area (ELA, Math, Science) and receive a valid score.

ACCESS 2.0 (WIDA Test for ELLs)

- (1) **Expected:** Any student enrolled in a Delaware public school who is currently identified as English learner (EL) up to the last two weeks**.
- (2) **Participant:** Student's test count as complete when they answer at least 1 item for each domain.

[ACCESS Attemptedness Criteria](#)

NOTE:

If students have a valid exemption for any DeSSA assessments, then they will not be included in the participation calculation.

*** Any student enrolled in a Delaware public school for the entire testing window or up to the last two weeks of testing (for students transferring from out of state) are expected to participate in testing. Homebound students will test with a paper/pencil version of the test administered by a trained school test administrator. Schools must submit documentation to support their request for exemption, if applicable. Nonpublic school students, both home school and private, are not allowed to take the state tests. Students must be enrolled in a public district/school to receive such services.*