

Test Administration Policy 2021-2022 School Year

“All LEAs shall administer all applicable, required components of the DeSSA, including field test administrations.” [Title 14, Delaware Regulations \(Section 2.0\)](#)

DeSSA Assessments for ELA/Literacy and Mathematics: Grade 3–8

Business rule: Students assigned to grades 3–8, even those repeating a grade, will be assessed in each of these content areas at their current grade in the indicated window.

DeSSA-Alt Assessment for ELA/Literacy and Mathematics: (Grades 3-8 & 11) **and Science** (Grades 5, 8, 10)

Business rule: DeSSA-Alt Students assigned to grades 3-8 and 11 for ELA and Math and grades 5, 8, and 10 for Science, even those repeating a grade, will be assessed in the content area at their current grade in the indicated window(s).

DeSSA Science (Grades 5, 8, and HS Biology)

Business rule: General Education students assigned to grades 5, 8, and a high school biology course, even those repeating a grade or course, will be assessed in this content area at their current grade or course.

DeSSA Social Studies (Grades 4, 7, and 11) and **Through Assessment** (Grade 8)

Business rule: Students assigned to grades 4, 7 and 11, even those repeating a grade, will be assessed in this content area at their current grade.

All students are required to participate in Through Assessments during the designated window(s).

DeSSA ACCESS (English Learners) (grades K-12)

Business rule: Students identified as ELs, assigned to grades K-12, even those repeating a grade, will be assessed in their current grade.

PSAT: Grade 10

Business rule: Students assigned to grade 10, even those repeating the grade, will take the PSAT10.

SAT: ELA/Mathematics/Essay (High School)

Business Rule: Students assigned to grade 11 will take the SAT School Day. *Any student repeating grade 11 will not be required to retest if they have taken the Delaware SAT School Day previously.*

Students in their third year of high school and not in grade 11: LEAs *may allow* Grade 9 or 10 students to take the SAT if the student is anticipated to be in grade 12 next school year.

Please note that these students will be included in accountability calculations.

Students who were in 11th grade and did not take the SAT as required:

Business Rule: Students who did not take the SAT and did not have a medical exemption will be included in accountability calculations as non-participants with a score of 0. *Please note: for accountability purposes only, these students are included only once in a school's accountability calculations.*

Students who skip a grade:

Business rule: If a student skips a grade 3-8, the student will not need to complete any assessments for the grade skipped (see *exceptions for SAT below*).

Data implications: Students skipping a grade will not be included in the participation rate calculation or results for either State Summary, Accountability, or Federal Reporting.

Students who repeat a grade: Accountability/Federal reporting

Business rule: Students assigned to grades 3–11, even those repeating the grade, will be assessed in each of these content areas at their current grade.

Data implications: For all assessments, students who repeat a grade will be counted as part of the participation rate and their results will be included for the State Summary. For Accountability Reporting, repeaters' performance (including grade 11) on the second administration are **NOT** included in either the participation rate or results.

Students in grade 12:

Business rule: Students in grade 12 *that have not taken the SAT in a Delaware high school* are required to take the SAT during School Day or Make-Up Day.

Data implications: Grade 12 students taking the SAT for the first time in high school are counted as part of the participation rate and their results will be included for the State Summary, Accountability, and Federal Reporting. However, for students who are in grade 12 and did not take the SAT as an 11th grader and did **not** skip 11th grade, scores will not be included in the accountability calculations a second time, but will be included in the State Summary and Federal Reporting.

NOTE: If students have a valid exemption for any DeSSA assessments, they will not be included in any participation calculations. [For more information about Exemptions, see the Exemptions Policy \[include link\]](#)