

State Assessments Participation 2021-2022 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 statewide assessment(s), and (2) who counts as a participant in statewide assessment(s).

DeSSA ELA/Literacy and Mathematics: Grade 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: A student counts as a participant when at least 1 item is answered on each portion (CAT and PT) of the test and the student receives a valid score. A student who only logs in and answers one part of the test (CAT or PT, not both) is a non-participant.

SAT: ERW/Mathematics/Essay (High School)

- (1) Expected: Any student enrolled during the School Day administration of the SAT.
- (2) Participant: A student counts as a participant when enrolled during the administration of the SAT (School Day and/or SAT Make-up day) and answers at least 1 item on the SAT for each of the three sections and receives a valid score.

DeSSA Science and Social Studies: Science – Grade 5, 8, HS Biology and Social Studies – Grade 4, 7, 11

- (1) Expected: Any student enrolled in a Delaware public school for the entire testing window up to the last two weeks.**
- (2) Participant: A student counts as a participant when at least 1 item is answered on the assessment and the student receives a valid score.

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

- (1) Expected: Any student enrolled in a Delaware public school for the entire testing window(s).
- (2) Participant for ELA and Math: A student counts as a participant when they complete the full blueprint in one window (in either fall or spring) and receives a valid score on the instructionally embedded assessment (SY 21-22 policy).
- (3) Participant for Science: A student counts as a participant when they complete all required testlets and receives a valid score on the summative test.

ACCESS 2.0 (WIDA Test for English Learners)

- (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: A student counts as a participant 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 (except for DeSSA-Alt students). 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.*