

Test Administration Policy 2022-2023 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 ELA/Literacy and Mathematics Summative: Grades 3–8

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

DeSSA-Alt ELA/Literacy and Mathematics Instructionally Embedded (IE): Grades 3-8 & 11

Business rule: DeSSA-Alt Students assigned to grades 3-8 and 11 for ELA and Math and even those repeating the grade, will be assessed in the content area at their current grade or course. All students must be administered at least 50% of the blueprint in the fall and spring windows, covering 100% by the close of the spring window.

DeSSA-Alt Science Summative: Grades 5, 8, & 10

DeSSA-Alt students assigned to grades 5, 8, and 10, even those repeating the grade, will be assessed in the content area at the current grade.

DeSSA Science Summative: Grades 5, 8, & Biology

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

Students taking Advanced Placement Biology who have taken a separate biology course as a pre-requisite for AP are **NOT expected to take the assessment. Students in the pre-requisite biology course should take the assessment.*

DeSSA Social Studies Through-System: Grades 4 and 6 Field Test and Grade 8 Operational

Business rule: Students assigned to grades 4, 6, and 8, even those repeating the grade, will be assessed in this content area at their current grade. All students are required to participate in each administration.

All students are required to participate in field testing during the designated window(s).

DeSSA Social Studies Summative: Grade 11

Business rule: Students assigned to grade 11, even those repeating the grade, will be assessed in this content area at their current grade.

DeSSA ACCESS (Multilingual Learners): Grades K-12

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

DeSSA PSAT: Grade 10

Business rule: Students assigned to grade 10, even those repeating the grade, will be assessed in their current grade.

DeSSA 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 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 3–8, 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 and SAT:

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 11 students taking the SAT will be 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 and will not be included in the State Summary and Federal Reporting.

NOTE: For any DeSSA Assessments, if students have a valid exemption, they will not be included in any participation calculations. For more information about Exemptions, see the Exemptions Policy in Schoology/DTC STC Group /Resources/DeSSA/Policies or [DOE Website](#).