

# About the DeSSA-Alt

Delaware uses the Dynamic Learning Maps® (DLM®) alternate assessment to assess our students with the most significant cognitive disabilities. The DLM assessment provides academic standards that are used to measure academic achievement for students who are eligible for the alternate assessment.

Throughout this school year, your child will be provided academic instruction in English language arts, mathematics, and science, using the Delaware Content standards, followed by periodic, short 5–15 minute testlets in each of those subjects. During the fall assessment window, students are assessed in English language arts and mathematics, and during the spring assessment window, students are assessed in all subjects.

For our state, the Fall assessment window is September 13 to December 17, 2021 and the Spring assessment window is February 7 to May 20, 2022.

During each window, the approximate length of time for testing may vary depending on the subject, the grade level, and each student's individual needs. The materials used in administration of the testlets can be adapted to meet your child's needs. Although the testlets must be completed during our state's testing windows, your child will complete the testlets over the course of that window.

We anticipate that testing time will be as follows, depending on the subject and the student's individual needs:

<b>Content Area Tested</b>	<b>Fall Window</b>	<b>Spring Window</b>
English language arts	70–105 minutes	70–105 minutes
Mathematics	40–80 minutes	40–80 minutes
Science	Optional	45–135 minutes

Your child's results are completely confidential (in accordance with the Confidential Information Protection provisions of Title V, Subtitle A, Public Law 107-346).

If you would like additional information about the Dynamic Learning Maps alternate assessment, please visit <http://dynamiclearningmaps.org/>. If you have questions, please contact your school's IEP team leader.