

PARTICIPATION AND RESULTS POLICIES

In order to ensure consistent policies across reporting systems, the Office of Assessment and the Office of Data Management determined the rules that will be used to determine if a student will count as a participant in Statewide Assessments and how the results will be shown for given scenarios. The assessments included within this policy include Smarter ELA/Literacy, Smarter Mathematics, DCAS Science, DCAS Social Studies and US History.

These policies apply to both the State Summary and the Delaware School Success Framework.

Participation

BASIC RULE: For a student to count as a participant in the participation calculation, the student must be enrolled on the last day of the test window and either complete:

- 6 or more items CAT/PT combined;
- 6 or more items on DCAS Science or Social Studies (starting 2015-16 for Science/Social Studies).

If the student does not meet the criteria above, the student will be counted as a non-participant in the participation calculation.

Three options for determining the way in which a student may be included in the participation calculation:

- (1) Included in participation calculation – follow BASIC RULE to determine if they will or will not count as a participant;
- (2) Included in participation calculation BUT the student automatically counts against participation rate as a non-participant even if the student meets criteria for the BASIC RULE; or,
- (3) Excluded from the participation calculation (same as special exemption).

Results

BASIC RULE: student will receive a Performance Level (PL) and Scale Score if they count as a participant (see participation criteria) and completes at least:

- 60% of combined Computer Adaptive Test (CAT) and Performance Task (PT);
- 100% of DCAS Science or Social Studies Tests

If a student meets criteria above but does not complete both portions of the Smarter Assessment, it would be considered “attempted”. If the student completes fully both portions of the Smarter Assessment, it is considered “completed”.

Three options for determining the way in which a student’s score may be included in the results:

- (4) Receives a Performance Level AND a scale score if student meets criteria of BASIC RULE;
- (5) Only receives a Performance Level – forced to PL 1; or,
- (6) Does not receive either a Performance Level or a scale score.

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SCENARIO	PARTICIPATION	RESULTS
Student counts as a participant, but does not count as "attempted" (e.g., a student completes more than 6 items but less than 60% of the combined CAT and PT)	(1)	(5)
What if student does not meet threshold of participation (e.g., student completes 5 or fewer items)?	(1)	(6)
Student completes CAT but does not sign into PT	(1)	(4)
Student completes more than 60% but less than 100% of the CAT and PT combined (considered attempted but not completed)	(1)	(4)
Student skips a grade and must take content that is missed from previous grade	(1) count in the grade student skipped	(4) count in the grade student skipped
Student repeats a grade and tests in that grade – took test previous year	(1)	(4)
Student repeats a grade and tests in that grade – did NOT take test previous year	(1)	(4)
Test is "forced complete" at end of test window	(1)	(4)
Student changes schools within the state (e.g. before testing window opens; during the testing window)	(1)	(4)*
Student moves into state 16 or more school days BEFORE test window closes	(1)	(4)*
Student has tested on SBAC assessment in another state and moved to Delaware 16 or more school days BEFORE test window closes	(1) Student still required to test	(4)
Parent refusal after a student has already started or completed a test	(1)	(4)
Parent Refusal – student did not sign into CAT or PT	(2)	(6)
Student only signs in to CAT and PT but does not complete any items	(2)	(6)
Entire test is completed and then invalidated due to test security incident (student or teacher related)	(2)	(6)
Test is partially completed and then invalidated due to test security incident (student or teacher related)	(2)	(6)
Student moves into state WITHIN 15 school days test window closing	(3)	(6)
Student has tested on SBAC assessment in another state and moved to Delaware WITHIN 15 school days test window closing	(3)	(6)

*Full academic year rules apply for accountability