



Frequently Asked Questions

West Virginia Alternate Summative Assessment (WVASA)

Q. What are the benefits for students to take the WVASA?

A. The WVASA, also known as the Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) Assessment, provides important information that can be used to help improve instruction for each individual student. Results from the assessment can help teachers and school administrators pinpoint areas of weakness and identify possible achievement gaps to help teachers adjust instruction for each student. It is important that we obtain a valid measure of your student's academic achievement.

Q. Will students' WVASA scores affect their grades, promotion, or graduation?

A. WVASA results generally do not affect students' grades or grade-level advancement. However, results may be used to assess students' academic status when making decisions during the scheduling of courses, Student Assistant Team (SAT) meetings, etc.

Q. Can students take the test remotely?

A. No, remote testing is not allowed for the WVASA/DLM. All tests are administered in an in-person setting.

Q. Do virtual school students and public charter school students have to take the test?

A. Yes, virtual school students and public charter school students are considered public school students and are required to take the annual statewide summative tests at the grade level they are enrolled. The county will provide additional information regarding testing dates and times.

Q. Are virtual school students and public charter school students required to take the test at the school?

A. All students must take the WVASA/DLM in-person at the schools where they are enrolled or at off-site locations established by the county or charter school for testing. Counties and schools will determine a schedule and notify you of when and where your student is to report for testing. Counties and schools have several options for testing that will ensure all students can take their tests. Talk to your student's school to determine the best solution for ensuring your student can take the test.

For additional information regarding statewide assessments, please contact your student's school.