

Justification for exceeding the 1% participation rate in the Alternate Assessment for Students with Significant Disabilities

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires states to ensure the total number of students assessed in each subject, using the Alternate Assessment for Students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities, does not exceed one percent of the total number of all students in the state assessed with WV's State Tests. States that anticipate that they will exceed 1.0 percent in alternate assessment participation must submit a waiver request to the US Department of Education 90 days prior to the beginning of the alternate assessment testing window. Furthermore, the ESSA requires each district to complete and submit a justification when it anticipates exceeding 1.0 percent of students assessed in a subject with the alternate assessment. Justifications by each district will be reviewed by the department. All justifications will be posted and made publicly available provided that it does not reveal personally identifiable information about an individual student.

- Name of district
Grant
- Address of district
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- Percentage of students who participated in the Alternate Assessment in the 2016-2017 school year by subject.
1.06 - Math 1.05 - ELA
- Total number of students in district who are anticipated to participate in testing grades 3-8 and 11 during the 2017-2018 school year by subject.
850
- Total number of students in district who are anticipated to participate in the WV Alternate Assessment during 2017-2018 school year by subject.
9
- Calculation of district percentage of students on alternate assessment 1.06 %
- Description of how the district is assuring the IEP Teams are adhering to the criteria as outlined by the WV Participation Guidelines for AA-AAAS in determining student eligibility for participation.

All students on the Alternate Assessment have had their files reviewed during IEP meetings to determine that they were eligible. Additionally students who were not eligible any longer for the Alternate Assessment were placed in newly created SEE classes to teach college and career readiness content standards at a their individualized rate. Alternate standard check sheets are used to determine student's eligibility. Special Ed Teachers administering the AA-AAAS are required to complete the Kite Educator Portal Training and Policy 2340 with the District Testing Coordinator Annually. The Guidelines for Participation are provided to every special education teacher in the county to determine at all IEP meetings what accommodations can be used or are needed for all state mandatory evaluations.

2017 Alternate Assessment Participation

County Data

COUNTY	Math All assessed (#)	Math Alternate assessed (#)	Math Alternate Percent (%)	ELA All assessed (#)	ELA Alternate assessed (#)	ELA Alternate Percent (%)	Science All assessed (#)	Science Alternate assessed (#)	Science Alternate Percent (%)
Grant	849	9	1.06	857	9	1.05	354	4	1.13

WV Data

WV 2017 ASA Participation Percent (%) by Content Area

Math	ELA	Science
1.37	1.36	1.47

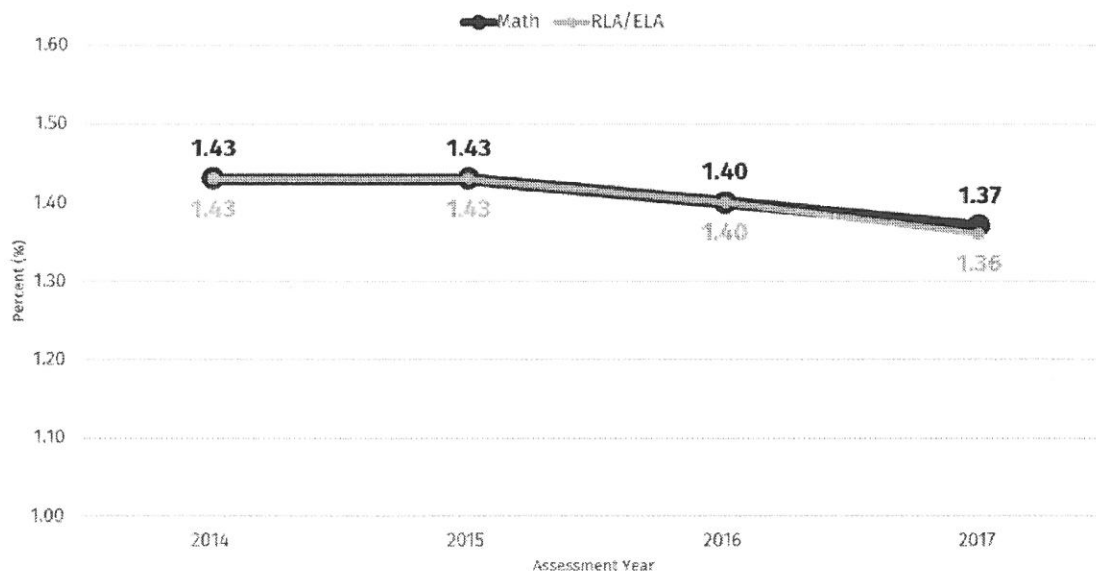
Math and ELA content areas given to Grades 3-8 and 11. Science content area given to Grades 5, 8, and 10. Data source: WVEIS RPTCRD17

WV Alternate Assessment Participation Percent (%) by Year and Content Area

Year	Math %	ELA/RLA %
2014	1.43	1.43
2015	1.43	1.43
2016	1.40	1.40
2017	1.37	1.36

2014 WESTEST2 Alternate Performance Task Assessment (APTA) tested grades 3-8 and 11, 2015 and 2016 WV Alternate Summative Assessment (ASA) tested grades 3-11, and 2017 WV ASA tested grades 3-8 and 11. Data sources: WVEIS report card file 307A for each assessment year

Participation in WV Alternate State Assessments: 2014 - 2017



Notes: WESTEST2 Alternate Performance Task Assessment (APTA) given in 2014 to grades 3-8 and 11; WV Alternate Summative Assessment given in years 2015 and 2016 to grades 3-11, and in 2017 to grades 3-8 and 11.
Data sources: WVEIS report card file 307A for each school year.