

Delaware System of Student Assessments (DeSSA)**Assessment Participation****2023-2024 School Year**

In order to ensure consistent policies across reporting systems, the Department of Education has established the following rules to determine: (1) who is expected to take statewide assessment(s), and (2) who counts as a participant in statewide assessment(s).

DeSSA ELA/Literacy and Mathematics Summative: Grades 3–8

- (1) Expected: Any student enrolled in a Delaware public school for the entire testing window up to the last two weeks.**
- (2) Participant: A student counts as a participant when at least 1 item is answered on each portion (CAT and PT) of the test and the student receives a valid score. A student who only logs in and answers in one part of the test (CAT or PT, not both) is a non-participant.

DeSSA SAT EBRW/Math/Essay: Grade 11**DeSSA PSAT: Grade 10**

- (1) Expected: Any student enrolled during the School Day administration of the PSAT or SAT.
- (2) Participant: A student counts as a participant when enrolled during the administration of the PSAT or SAT (School Day and/or Make-up Day) and answers at least 1 item in each of section and receives a valid score.

DeSSA Science: Grades 5, 8, HS Biology**DeSSA Social Studies: Grades 4, 6, 8, 11**

- (1) Expected: Any student enrolled in a Delaware public school for the entire testing window(s) up to the last two weeks.**
- (2) Participant: A student counts as a participant when at least 1 item is answered on the assessment and the student receives a valid score.

DeSSA-ALT ELA/Math: Grades 3-8, 11**DeSSA-ALT Science: Grades 5, 8, 10**

- (1) Expected: Any student enrolled in a Delaware public school for the entire testing window(s) up to the last two weeks.**
- (2) Participant: A student counts as a participant when at least 1 item is answered on each of the assessments and the student receives a valid score.

DeSSA ACCESS: Grades K-12

- (1) Expected: Any student enrolled in a Delaware public school who is currently identified as Multilingual Learner (MLL) up to the last two weeks.**
- (2) Participant: A student counts as a participant when they answer at least 1 item for each domain.

[ACCESS Attemptedness Criteria](#)

NOTE: If students have a valid exemption for any DeSSA assessments, then they will not be included in the participation calculation.

** Any student enrolled in a Delaware public school for the entire testing window or up to the last two weeks of testing (for students transferring from out of state) are expected to participate in testing. Homebound students will test with a paper/pencil version of the test administered by a trained school test administrator (except for DeSSA-Alt students). Schools must submit documentation to support their request for exemption, if applicable. Nonpublic school students, both home school and private, are not allowed to take the state tests. Students must be enrolled in a public district/school to receive such services.