

**Delaware System of Student Assessments (DeSSA)
Test Administration Policy 2023-2024**

“All LEAs shall administer all applicable, required components of the DeSSA, including field test administrations.” [Title 14, 101 State Assessment System, Section 2.2](#)

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

Business rule: Students assigned to grades 3–8, including those repeating the grade, will be assessed in each of these content areas at their current grade in the indicated window.

DeSSA-ALT ELA/Literacy and Mathematics Instructionally Embedded (IE): Grades 3-8, 11

Business rule: DeSSA-ALT students assigned to grades 3-8 and 11 for ELA and Math, including those repeating the grade, will be assessed in the content area at their current grade or course. All students are required to participate in both the fall and spring administration and be assessed on at least 50% of the blueprint in each window, covering 100% by the close of the spring window.

DeSSA-ALT Science Summative: Grades 5, 8, 10

Business rule: DeSSA-Alt students assigned to grades 5, 8, and 10, including those repeating the grade, will be assessed in the content area at the current grade.

DeSSA Science Summative: Grades 5, 8, High School Biology

Business rule: Students assigned to grades 5, 8, and a high school biology* course, including those repeating the grade, will be assessed in this content area at their current grade or course.

Students taking Advanced Placement Biology who have taken a separate biology course as a pre-requisite for AP are **NOT expected to take the assessment. Students in the pre-requisite biology course should take the assessment.*

DeSSA Social Studies Through-Year System: Grades 4-8

Business rule: Students assigned to grades 4-8, including those repeating the grade, will be assessed in this content area at their current grade. All students are required to participate in

each administration window. All students are required to participate in field testing during the designated window(s).

DeSSA Social Studies Summative Grade 11

Business rule: Students assigned to grade 11, including those repeating the grade, will be assessed in this content area at their current grade.

DeSSA ACCESS (Multilingual Learners): Grades K-12

Business rule: Students identified as MLLs, assigned to grades K-12, including those repeating the grade, will be assessed in their current grade.

DeSSA PSAT: Grade 10

Business rule: Students assigned to grade 10 will take PSAT10. Any student repeating grade 10 will not be required to retest if they have taken PSAT10 previously.

DeSSA SAT ELA/Math/Essay: Grade 11

Business Rule: Students assigned to grade 11 will take the SAT School Day. Any student repeating grade 11 will not be required to retest if they have taken the Delaware SAT School Day previously.

For All DeSSA Assessments: Students who skip or repeat a grade

Business rule: If a student skips any grade 3-8, the student will not need to complete any assessments for the grade skipped.

Data implications: Students skipping a grade will not be included in the participation rate calculation or results for either State Summary, Accountability, or Federal Reporting.

Business rule: If a student repeats any grade, the student will be assessed for the grade repeated in each of these content areas at their current grade.

Data implications: For all assessments, students who repeat a grade will be counted as part of the participation rate and their results will be included for the State Summary.

For Accountability Reporting, repeaters' performance on the second administration are **NOT** included in either the participation rate or results.