

FACT SHEET ABOUT THE DESSA-ALT

Delaware Department of Education uses the Delaware System of Student Assessments Alternate Assessment (DeSSA-Alt) for our students with the most significant cognitive disabilities. This assessment provides academic standards that are used to measure academic achievement for the students who are eligible for the alternate assessment.

Throughout this school year, your child will be provided academic instruction in English Language Arts, Mathematics and Science using the Delaware Alternate Achievement Standards. In the spring, your child will test on the standards they have learned. The spring assessment window is March 11, 2019 through May 17, 2019.

During the spring assessment window, the approximate length of time for testing may vary depending on the subject, the grade-level, and each student's individual needs. The materials used in the testlets can be adapted to meet your child's needs. Although the testlets must be completed during our state's testing window, your child may complete the testlets over a period of several days during that window.

We anticipate that testing time will be as follows:

Content Area Tested	Number of Testlets	Approximate length of time for all testing in a subject, depending student's individual needs
English language arts	Approx. 5 testlets	70-90 minutes
Mathematics	Approx. 5 testlets	35-60 minutes
Science	Approx. 5 testlets	45-135 minutes

Your child's results are completely confidential (in accordance with the Confidential Information Protection provisions of Title V, Subtitle A, Public Law 107-346).

Additional information about the DeSSA-Alt is provided through Dynamic Learning Maps, please visit <https://dynamiclearningmaps.org/delaware/>. If you have questions, please contact your school Special Education Coordinator in your school/district.