

Office of Assessment		
Inventory of Statewide Social Studies Assessments (Grades 4, 7, and EOC)		
Name of assessment	DCAS Social Studies	DCAS-Alt1 Social Studies
<i>Entity requiring assessment state – SEA or other agency; district; or school</i>	State Education Agency	State Education Agency
Grade(s) tested	Grades 4, 7, and end of US History course	Grades 4, 7, and 9
Course(s) or subjects tested	Social Studies	Social Studies
Which students are eligible or required to take assessment?	All students in grades 4, 7, and completion of US History course	Students with disabilities in grades 4, 7 and 9 as determined by State Participation Criteria
Type of assessment <i>summative; interim/bench- mark; formative; diagnostic</i>	Summative/EOC	Summative
Number of years assessment has been administered in the district	5 years	2 years
To which content standards is the assessment aligned? <i>(source of alignment verification)</i>	Delaware Content Standards in Social Studies and EOC expectations	Delaware Content Standards Grade Band Extensions (based on Delaware Social Studies Standards)
Intended purpose(s) of the assessment	Measure student achievement toward the content standards	Maximize access to the general education curriculum and direct instruction in the classroom by providing important pedagogical expectations and data that guide classroom decisions

Intended use(s)1 of the assessment	1. Determine student achievement toward the content standards 2. Help teachers improve classroom instruction	Ensure all students with disabilities are included in Delaware's statewide assessment and accountability system
Users of the assessment	State, district, school, teachers, and parents	SEA, LEA, teachers
Do users of the assessment use it for its intended use(s)?	Yes, test results are used to determine student achievement in Social Studies and provide useful information about student readiness for higher level courses in Social Studies. Districts, schools, and teachers use data to help inform curricular and instructional decisions	Yes (SEA and LEA); some teachers use to adjust instruction
Type of administration	Online tests	One-on-one testing; teacher uses script and materials provided; test administrator enters student responses into an on-line system
Item type(s)	Multiple choice and technology-enhanced items	Multiple-choice items
Accommodations	Available for students with special needs, such as Braille, and translated version in Spanish	A small list of accommodations are available, but test administrator may use any accommodation for which the student already receives as part of regular instruction (with a few exceptions)
Test administration time	Untimed, usually takes 1-2 hours	Varies by student, but typically about 1 hour
Testing window	April 13 - June 4, 2015	March 2 - June 2, 2015
Test frequency	Once a year in spring	Once a year in spring

Time between test administration and results to users	Immediately upon the completion of the test to individual students	When test administrator submits scores through on-line system, the score results are presented immediately.
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