



## ASSESSMENT UPDATES

**April 1, 2020**

**Assessment and Accountability Waiver Approval:** The U.S. Department of Education (USED) has approved a request by the Delaware Department of Education (DDOE) to waive certain requirements in section 1111 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended (ESEA) related to assessment and accountability requirements. According to USED, DDOE’s [waiver requests](#) appear to meet all statutory requirements and, accordingly, USED intends to issue a formal approval of the DDOE waiver request in the coming weeks. DDOE has been granted permission by USED to begin to implement the waivers while awaiting formal approval. **Office of Assessment Contact:** [Theresa.Bennett@doe.k12.de.us](mailto:Theresa.Bennett@doe.k12.de.us)

Assessment	Update	Additional Information
<b>ACCESS 2.0</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The window is extended until June 30, 2020.</li> <li>• This will allow LEAs to have the option to complete student assessments.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Testing materials should remain securely stored until testing is complete.</li> <li>• If not using the option to test, materials are to be returned to DRC via UPS*.</li> <li>• Scores used for local decision-making only.</li> </ul> <p>*No one is expected to return materials while schools are closed.</p>
<b>DeSSA ELA &amp; Math</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Testing suspended for the year.</li> <li>• Platform will remain open.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interims and interim reporting system remain open through July.</li> <li>• Interims available for grades 3-10.</li> <li>• Digital Library (formative resources and professional learning) open for use by teachers K-12.</li> </ul>
<b>DeSSA Science &amp; Social Studies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Testing suspended for the year.</li> <li>• Platform closed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DRC Social Studies unit assessments and formative items available in Schoology.</li> <li>• Science End-of-Unit assessments available for grades 5, 8 and Biology in Performance Plus. Formative items available in Schoology.</li> </ul>
<b>SAT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make-up date suspended.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students who completed March 4</li> </ul>

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	<p>Students who missed make-up date will be eligible to test in the fall.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accommodated Tests:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ If students completed all 3 parts OR only Math and ERW, return tests to College Board. Students can receive a reportable total score without essay.</li> <li>○ If students did not finish Math <b>and</b> ERW, tests are sent to DOE for shredding. Students will be eligible to test in the fall.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Schools that did not finish PSAT10 can finish during fall make-up date.</li> <li>• Paper score reports for PSAT 8/9, PSAT 10 and PSAT 10 NMSQT are on hold until schools re-open.</li> </ul>	<p>School Day testing can retrieve their scores in the Student Portal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teachers cannot access scores until all assessments are returned and data validated.</li> <li>• Fall make-up, October 14, will be available for students who missed make-up date or did not finish testing during the accommodated window.</li> </ul> <p><b>Additional Options:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working with vendor on the option to offer vouchers for students interested in Saturday testing prior to fall make-up date.</li> <li>• Working with vendor on the option for students to have a second sitting for SAT if summer Saturday dates are cancelled.</li> </ul>
<b>DeSSA Alternate</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alternate Assessment – testing suspended for the year.</li> <li>• DCPS – students completed this window. Data available.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teacher resources remain available on Delaware <a href="#">DLM website</a>.</li> </ul>

**Note: DOE/OOA will provide communication to parents confirming the suspension of state testing and next steps, if appropriate for grade level and content area.**