



Dynamic Learning Maps® Alternate Assessment Participation Criteria for the Alternate Assessment

Verify Student Eligibility for the Alternate Assessment

If you believe a student may be eligible for the alternate assessment start the conversation early in the school year. As a reminder, the alternate assessment is for students with special needs who have the most severe cognitive disabilities.

- Annually, IEP teams use the [Decision Making Worksheet for the Alternate Assessment](#) to determine if the alternate assessment is appropriate for student.
- Parents should already be involved in the yearly IEP review process. Please make sure parents continue to be involved in these conversations. Parents, as well as a certified special education teacher and school administration must all sign off on any assessment decisions made on the Decision Making Worksheet.
- The [Accessibility Manual](#) provides guidance to IEP teams in the selection and use of the supports available for the alternate assessment. Please share this manual with members of the IEP team to determine what accessibility supports should be provided for the student during testing.