



Test Coordinator Monthly Webinar

December 15, 2021

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Test Coordinator Monthly Webinars

- **Details:**

- **WHO:** district and school test coordinators, special education directors, EL directors, data managers, technology coordinators
- **WHAT:** pertinent information about state assessments, including monthly tasks, to support schools and LEAs in a successful test administration year
- **REGISTRATION:** the link to register for the entire series can be found at www.ride.ri.gov/tc

- **Webinar Calendar (Wednesdays at 10:00am) – Save the Dates!**

- January 19, 2022
- February 16, 2022
- March 16, 2022
- April 20, 2022
- May 18, 2022

Agenda for December 15, 2021

- Alternate Assessments: One Percent Waiver
- Close-out 2020-21 Assessment Cycle
 - ISRs Reminder and Poll
- Preparing for the 2021-22 RI State Assessments
 - Upcoming Training for State Assessments
 - RICAS, NGSA, DLM
 - State Policies Training: January Test Coordinator Webinar
 - Individual Test Updates
- Interim Assessment Testing Windows
- Questions, Contact Information, and Resource Slides

Alternate Assessments

One Percent Waiver

<https://www.ride.ri.gov/One-Percent-Rule-Assessment>

Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA): The One Percent Rule for Statewide Alternate Assessments

“The total number of students assessed in a subject using an alternate assessment aligned with alternate academic achievement standards...may not exceed 1% of the total number of students in the state who are assessed in that subject.”

Goals and Outcomes of Alternate Assessment & the One Percent Rule

Goals of the Alternate Assessment and ESSA:

- To include students with significant cognitive disabilities in assessment and accountability.
- To ensure that standards-based skills and content are taught at levels that are meaningful and challenging.
- To determine which knowledge and skills students have learned.
- To provide information to schools and parents/guardians on the achievement of students with significant disabilities (i.e., what they can do).

Goal of the One Percent:

- To ensure that all students found eligible for the alternate assessments are properly identified by collecting and using relevant evidence for each of the three criteria.

Overview of the One Percent Waiver Request Process

Step 1: State must complete the waiver request

- www.ride.ri.gov/dlm

Step 2: State must have all LEAs over 1% agree with the following assurances:

- Train IEP Teams on Eligibility for Alternate Assessment Criteria
- Ensure that IEP Teams correctly identify students using the criteria.
- Ensure that families are informed that their student will participate in DLM and explain any implications of this decision.
- Ensure that a signed Participation Criteria for Alternate Assessments Form is in each student's record.
- **UPDATE:** *The assurances were included in the CRP so all LEAs signed the assurances this year. A separate form does not need to be submitted.*

Step 3: RIDE must post the waiver for public comment

- **Survey Link:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OnePercent>

Step 4: RIDE submits the waiver request, public comment, and other documentation, to USED by January 5, 2022.

Step 5: Wait for approval/denial of waiver from USED.

Meeting the Participation Requirements for the One Percent Waiver

- Must have tested at least 95% of **all students*** in grades that are tested (3-8, 11), in each content area where a waiver is being requested:
 - ELA
 - Math
 - Science
- Must have tested at least 95% of **students with disabilities** in grades that are tested (3-8, 11) in each content area where a waiver is being requested:
 - ELA
 - Math
 - Science

Content Area	Grade Levels	Alternate Assessment	General Education Assessment
ELA	3-8, 11	DLM ELA	RICAS and SAT
Mathematics	3-8, 11	DLM math	RICAS and SAT
Science	5, 8, 11	DLM science	NGSA

* This year only, we were provided an opportunity to requested a waiver from meeting the 95% participation rate. We had to provide data to show we met the 95% participation rate in 2018-19 for each content area.

Participation Rates for Students with Disabilities

Content Area	Total Number of students	Number of students assessed	% Participation: all students	Number of students with disabilities	Number of students with disabilities assessed	% Participation: students with disabilities
MATH						
2018-19	75,343	73,981	98.19%	11,807	11,375	96.34%
2020-21	73,676	64,575	87.65%	11,965	10,045	83.95%
ELA						
2018-19	76,062	74,669	98.17%	11,800	11,369	96.35%
2020-21	73,459	64,907	88.36%	11,963	10,113	84.54%
SCIENCE						
2018-19	32,513	31,486	96.84%	4,769	4,458	93.48%
2020-21	32,159	26,469	82.31%	5,120	3,938	76.91%

We did not include science in our waiver because we didn't meet the minimum 95% participation rate for students with disabilities in 2018-19. The waiver for science would have been denied.

Calculating the 1%

What percentage of students were assessed using the alternate assessments?

1% Calculation

Calculated for each content area and subgroup separately

$$\frac{\text{DLM: Total assessed students}}{\text{DLM, RICAS, SAT, NGSA: Total assessed students}} \times 100 = \% \text{ assessed}$$

NOTES:

- Grade 10 does not have an alternate assessment. Students assessed with PSAT10 are not included in calculations.
- No test scores are used.
- Includes students enrolled in the LEA who took the state assessments in an outplacement school either within or outside of Rhode Island.
- Same calculation for all subgroups.

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Alternate Assessment Participation Rate Across Years

www.ride.ri.gov/InstructionAssessment/Assessment/OnePercentRule.aspx

	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Total number of students assessed	76,476	75,169	73,759	Canceled	64,575
Total number of students assessed using DLM	900	994	933		815
Percent assessed using DLM	1.2%	1.34%	1.26%		1.26%
Number of LEAs exceeding the 1% cap		27	29		24

LEA Participation

www.ride.ri.gov/InstructionAssessment/Assessment/OnePercentRule.aspx

Three scenarios found in LEA participation rates:

- **Woonsocket:** Number of tested students in 2021 is lower than in previous years and students taking DLM also decreased, yet percentage went up, this is most likely due to low participation.
- **Cumberland:** If the number of tested students is relatively unchanged; the number of students taking DLM increased, then this may indicate a closer look at eligibility processes is needed.
- **West Warwick:** Number of tested students decreased and the number of students taking DLM remained the same, yet the LEA's percentage went up, this is most likely due to the decrease in the overall number of students who were tested last year.

LEA	Total number of students assessed: Math (2018-19)	Total number of students assessed: Math DLM (2018-19)	% of students assessed: Math DLM (2018-19)	Total Tested Math (2021-21)	Total Tested DLM Math (2020-21)	% of Students Assessed Math (2020-21)
Woonsocket	3,170	61	1.92%	2,214	48	2.17%
Cumberland	2,428	39	1.61%	2,386	50	2.10%
West Warwick	1,858	22	1.18%	1,332	22	1.65%

Alternate Assessment Timeline

www.ride.ri.gov/assessment-manuals

- Rhode Island Guide to Required Training:
 - Test coordinators must complete the DLM Online Training Modules.
- Test Coordinator Manual

Timeline:

- **Now** - Test Administrator Online Training Modules are available in Moodle.
- **January 10:** Students will be available in Kite Educator Portal to roster.
- **February 3:** [DLM Test Coordinator Training](#) for district and school personnel involved in planning for and administering DLM.
- **March 21:** Last day to complete the First Contact Survey and PNP in Kite Educator Portal.

Close-out of 2020-21 Assessment Cycle

2020-21 Assessment Reporting

www.ride.ri.gov/assessment-results

- RI-ADP and RIDE Student Data Portal feedback request
 - https://jamboard.google.com/d/1mvOHgYiYR_IgE4TFctB6DI70FN56eLJMLjG XKcTpNEs/edit?usp=sharing
- Individual Student Reports (ISRs) Reminder:
 - All ISRs have been shipped to districts for DLM (summer), NGSA (September), RICAS (November)
 - Districts must distribute to families within *one month* of receipt
 - Districts must also provide a copy to outplacement schools
 - **Reminder:** Access to PDF/digital version of ISRs available
 - RICAS (via PearsonAccessNext)
 - NGSA (via NGSA Reporting Portal)
 - PSAT10/SAT School Day (RIDE-generated, via RIDE Portal's Student Data Portal)
 - **RICAS ISRs - NEW this year:** Personalized video link to animation explaining the ISR and student's scores located on front and back cover of ISR
 - Poll on ISRs distribution (link in chat)

Preparing for the 2021-22 RI State Assessments

Updates: ACCESS for ELLs

- **ACCESS/Alt ACCESS Test Coordinator Training** presentation, webinar recording, and FAQ are posted at www.ride.ri.gov/assessment-training (click on the ACCESS for ELLs tab).

Testing Dates

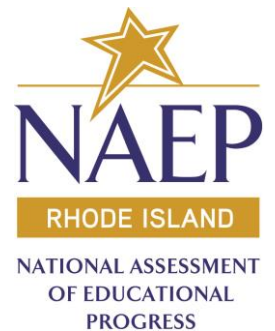
12/2/21-2/18/22	WIDA AMS test setup available for test sessions
12/21/21	Districts receive test materials
12/21/21-2/11/22	Additional test materials ordering window in AMS
1/10/22-2/18/22	Test Window
2/25/22	Deadline for shipping completed test materials to DRC
4/29/22	Districts receive reports - Online
5/12/22	Districts receive reports - Printed

Updates: NAEP

www.myNAEP.com

December Activities

- Field Staff Scheduling Call
- Review and verify the list of selected students
- Complete students with disabilities and English Learners information
 - Special Educators can be assigned access to accommodations section
- Plan assessment day logistics
 - Consider how COVID protocols will impact building capacity
- Notify parents/guardians
 - Sample letter in available on www.myNAEP.com for customization
 - Parent notice is required before students can be assessed
- Manage school and teacher questionnaires



Reminder

RIDE Interim Assessments

- Winter window
- Opens January 3 and closes February 26
 - Select 2 – 3 week window for administration within this timeframe

Reference Information

2021-2022 State Assessment Calendar: Elementary & Middle School

State testing windows are posted at www.ride.ri.gov/Assessment-Schedules

Test	Content Area(s)	Grades	Test Window Opens	Test Window Closes
ACCESS for ELLs	ELP	K-12	January 10, 2022	February 18, 2022
Alternate ACCESS for ELLs	ELP	1-12	January 10, 2022	February 18, 2022
NAEP (selected schools)	Reading, Math Civics & U.S. History	4, 8 8	January 24, 2022	March 4, 2022
RICAS	ELA	3-8	March 28, 2022	April 29, 2022
	Math	3-8	April 25, 2022	May 27, 2022
DLM	ELA, Math	3-8	April 4, 2022	May 27, 2022
	Science	5, 8, 11		
NGSA	Science	5, 8, 11	April 25, 2022	May 27, 2022

2021-2022 State Assessment Calendar: High School

State testing windows are posted at www.ride.ri.gov/Assessment-Schedules

Test	Content Area(s)	Grades	Test Window Opens	Test Window Closes
ACCESS for ELLs	ELP	K-12	January 10, 2022	February 18, 2022
Alternate ACCESS for ELLs	ELP	1-12	January 10, 2022	February 18, 2022
DLM	ELA, Math Science	3-8, 11 5, 8, 11	April 4, 2022	May 27, 2022
PSAT10	Reading, Math	10	April 13, 2022 (primary)	April 15, 2022
			April 26, 2022 (make-up)	April 28, 2022
RI SAT School Day*	Reading, Math	11	April 13, 2022 (primary)	April 15, 2022
			April 26, 2022 (make-up)	April 28, 2022
NGSA	Science	5, 8, 11	April 25, 2022	May 27, 2022

* **RI SAT School Day** also has a Paper test date (April 13; make-up April 26) for homeschooled students and RI students enrolled in out-of-state schools. However, some students requiring a paper test as an accommodation may either be tested on April 13 or during the accommodated testing window, depending on the type of accommodation.

Primary RIDE Website Resources

These websites are referenced the most in our state assessment guidance materials

Webpage Name	Contents	Link
RISAP Test Coordinator Information	Updates, memo archives, monthly webinar registration link and recording/presentation archive, help desk and general RISAP info	www.ride.ri.gov/TC
Assessment Schedules	State testing windows for all assessments	www.ride.ri.gov/Assessment-Schedules
Assessment Manuals & Materials	Manuals, guides, and links to assessment websites to support administration	www.ride.ri.gov/Assessment-Manuals
Statewide Assessment Training	Training requirements and resources for test coordinators and test administrators, training calendar	www.ride.ri.gov/Assessment-Training
Assessment Accommodations	Accommodations and Accessibility Features Manual, assessment-specific resources	www.ride.ri.gov/Accommodations
Assessment Exemptions	Information about medical exemptions	www.ride.ri.gov/Exemptions
Assessment Results	Assessment reporting website resources and archive	www.ride.ri.gov/Assessment-Results
Released Items / Practice Tests	Released items, practice tests, and other resources	www.ride.ri.gov/Released-Items

Supplemental RIDE Website Resources

Additional websites that may be helpful to find or share information about RI's state assessments

Webpage Name	Contents	Link
Resources for Families	General information about standards, curriculum, and assessment for families	www.ride.ri.gov/Families
Technical Reports	Technical specifications and reports for state assessments	www.ride.ri.gov/Technical-Reports
One Percent Rule	Information on the one percent threshold, statewide, on the number of students taking alternate assessments	www.ride.ri.gov/One-Percent-Rule-Assessment
Interim Assessments	Funding opportunity for LEAs to purchase ELA, math, or science interims from select vendors	www.ride.ri.gov/Interims
Assessment-Specific:	ACCESS for ELLs	www.ride.ri.gov/ACCESS
	DLM Alternate Assessment	www.ride.ri.gov/DLM
	NAEP	www.ride.ri.gov/NAEP
	Next Generation Science Assessment	www.ride.ri.gov/NGSA
	PSAT10 / RI SAT School Day	www.ride.ri.gov/SAT
	RICAS	www.ride.ri.gov/RICAS

Assessment Office Resources

- Assessment Mailbox: assessment@ride.ri.gov
- Assessment Resources: www.ride.ri.gov/TC
 - Manuals: www.ride.ri.gov/assessment-manuals
 - Training: www.ride.ri.gov/assessment-training
 - Accommodations: www.ride.ri.gov/accommodations
- Assessment Data Portal:
 - Public Site: <https://www3.ride.ri.gov/ADP>
 - Confidential Site: <https://portal.ride.ri.gov/Account/Login>
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