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Alternate Assessment
Participation Review Process
August 18, 2020



Agenda + Logistics

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Alternate Assessment Participation Review Process Overview

Alternate Assessment Participation Review Process

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires school systems exceeding 1.0 percent participation in the alternate assessment to submit information to the Department. In addition, BESE Bulletin 111 requires school systems exceeding 1.0 percent participation in the alternate assessment, in any content area, to request an alternate assessment participation review from the Department.

The alternate assessment review process ensures that students

- are held to the highest possible grade-level expectations, and
- participate in the most appropriate assessment to demonstrate academic growth.

Alternate Assessment Review Process Packages

School systems received their alternate assessment review process information via FTP in early August.

All school systems received the following files related to alternate assessment:

- School system memo
- Participation data files (system- and/or school-level)

School systems exceeding 1.0 percent participation received additional files including:

- Review request form
- Student-specific file request

Alternate Assessment Review Process Packages All Schools

All school systems must:

- Retrieve alternate assessment package from the FTP
 - Folder name "LEA Code_LEA Name_AA_2020"
- Review alternate assessment participation data

If school systems **did not exceed** 1.0 percent participation in any content area, they are not required take any additional actions.

Alternate Assessment Review Process Packages Schools Exceeding 1.0 Percent Participation

School systems **exceeding 1.0 percent** participation, in any content area, must take additional actions including:

- review alternate assessment participation data disaggregated by subgroups
- submit the alternate assessment review request which provides assurances that school systems:
 - address any disproportionality in participation rates
 - followed the State's participation criteria
 - train IEP team members
- submit, via FTP, up to 10 student specific files for review

These additional actions must be completed by September 2, 2020.

Alternate Assessment Participation Review Timeline

Month	School System Actions
Early August	receive and review alternate assessment packages and data
Mid August	receive support and guidance on how to complete the alternate assessment review process
	prepare student-specific files and complete review request
September 2	 upload the requested student-specific files to the FTP and submit review request document
September/	receive notification of alternate assessment participation review
October	outcomes and address outcomes, if needed



Alternate Assessment Review Process

Complete Review Submit Review Data Student Files Request Form ✓ review alternate assessment participation data to determine if there is any disproportionality in any subgroup

School System-Level Alternate Assessment Participation Data







			ELA			Math			Science
			Participation			Participation			Participation
	ELA Connect	ELA All Testers	Percentage	Math Connect	Math All Testers	Percentage	Science Connect	Science All	Percentage
Subgroup_Name	Testers	(Approx.)	(Approx.)	Testers	(Approx.)	(Approx.)	Testers	Testers (Approx.)	(Approx.)
All Students	24	1915	1.3	24	2145	1.1	6	2090	0.3
Black or African American	8	381	2.1	8	428	1.9	1	419	0.2
White	15	1373	1.1	15	1548	1	4	1496	0.3
Hispanic/Latino	0	30	0	0	31	0	0	30	0
Economically Disadvantaged	22	1315	1.7	22	1470	1.5	4	1434	0.3
Limited English Proficiency	1	10	10	1	14	7.1	1	10	10
Homeless	0	9	0	0	12	0	0	10	0
Military Affiliated	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	2	0
Foster Care	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	3	0
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School-Level Alternate Assessment Participation Data

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School_Name	Subgroup_Name	Testers	(Approx.)	(Approx.)	Testers	(Approx.)	(Approx.)	Testers	Testers (Approx.)	(Approx.)
Big High School	All Students	6	316	1.9	6	318	1.9	1	312	0.3
Big High School	Black or African American	3	119	2.5	3	119	2.5	0	115	0
Big High School	White	3	165	1.8	3	167	1.8	1	163	0.6
Big High School	Hispanic/Latino	0	19	0	0	19	0	0	18	0
Big High School	Economically Disadvantaged	6	223	2.7	6	225	2.7	1	218	0.5
Big High School	Limited English Proficiency	0	9	0	0	9	0	0	8	0
Big High School	Homeless	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	4	0
Big High School	Military Affiliated	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	2	0
Big High School	Foster Care	0	0		0	0		0	1	0
Medium Middle School	All Students	4	104	3.8	4	106	3.8	4	96	4.2
Medium Middle School	Black or African American	4	86	4.7	4	88	4.5	4	89	4.5
Medium Middle School	White	0	12	0	0	12	0	0	5	0
Medium Middle School	Hispanic/Latino	0	5	0	0	5	0	0	2	0
Medium Middle School	Economically Disadvantaged	3	88	3.4	3	89	3.4	3	86	3.5
Medium Middle School	Limited English Proficiency	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	
Medium Middle School	Homeless	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	
Small Elementary School	All Students	2	255	0.8	2	242	0.8	2	248	0.8
Small Elementary School	Black or African American	1	39	2.6	1	38	2.6	1	43	2.3
Small Elementary School	White	1	198	0.5	1	189	0.5	1	190	0.5
Small Elementary School	Hispanic/Latino	0	8	0	0	7	0	0	7	0
Small Elementary School	Economically Disadvantaged	2	140	1.4	2	131	1.5	2	136	1.5
Small Elementary School	Limited English Proficiency	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	3	0
Small Elementary School	Homeless	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	4	0
Small Elementary School	Foster Care	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0

Review Participation Data

School systems must review alternate assessment participation data to determine if there is any disproportionality in any of the following subgroups:

- races/ethnicities outlined in the State's ESSA plan;
- economically disadvantaged status;
- English language learner status;
- homeless status;
- military affiliation; and/or
- foster care.

School systems will describe the review process for disproportionality on the review request form. School systems will also use this form to document any plan for addressing disproportionality, if needed.

Complete and Submit Review Request

Alternate Assessment Review Process

Review Data

Complete Review Request Form

Submit Student Files

- ✓ review alternate assessment participation data to determine if there is any disproportionality in any subgroup
- ✓ describe review process and plan, if needed, to address disproportionality
- ✓ verify IEP team member training
- ✓ verify evaluation results are accurate in SER

Alternate Assessment Review Request Overview Page

School systems that exceed 1.0 percent participation in the alternate assessment must submit a participation review request and assurances form.

School systems must provide assurances they

- followed the State's guidelines for participation and
- will address any disproportionality in the percentage of students in any subgroup taking the alternate assessment.

School systems must provide evidence that they

- analyzed participation data;
- trained IEP teams on participation criteria; and
- reviewed student data for compliance to eligibility criteria.



ALTERNATE ASSESSMENT PARTICIPATION REVIEW PROCESS AND ASSURANCES

SCHOOL SYSTEM ALTERNATE ASSESSMENT PARTICIPATION REVIEW REQUEST AND ASSURANCES

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) established a 1.0 percent cap on the percent of students at the state-level who can participate in the alternate assessment. A state cannot prohibit a school system from assessing more than 1.0 percent of its students with an alternate assessment, so ESSA outlines specific actions school systems must take justifying the need to exceed the 1.0 percent alternate assessment participation threshold in any content area.

In accordance with BESE Bulletin 111, if LEAs exceed the 1.0 percent participation threshold, they are required to request a participation review. This process includes two components:

- 1. School systems must provide assurances that the school system
 - a. followed the State's guidelines for participation in the alternate assessment and
 - will address any disproportionality in the percentage of students in any subgroup taking the alternate assessment.
- 2. School systems must also provide evidence that the school system
 - a. analyzed participation data;
 - b. trained IEP teams on participation criteria; and
 - c. reviewed student data for compliance to eligibility criteria.

The alternate assessment participation review request documents are due by September 2, 2020. When completed, please submit all responses and any pertinent supporting documents via FTP following the "LEACode_LEAName_ReviewRequest_2020" file naming format.

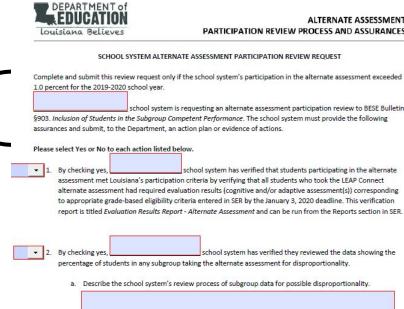
Complete Review Request Form

The review request form is a fillable PDF that includes:

- open text fields shaded in blue
- required fields outlined in red
- yes/no dropdown menu for each assurance

The top section of this first page requires school systems to enter the school system's name. Entering school system name will automatically fill all school system name fields in the form.

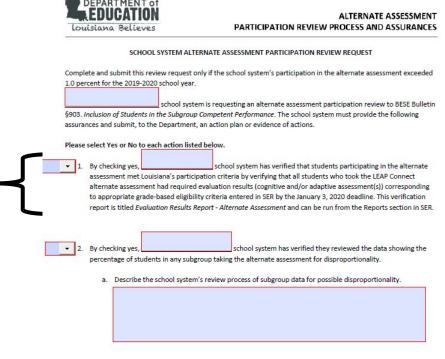
Assurances 1-5 of the form require a "yes" or "no" response and Item 6 is optional.



Complete Review Request Assurance 1 - Evaluation Results in SER

Assurance 1: Verify students participating in the alternate assessment met Louisiana's participation criteria. Verify that all students who took the LEAP Connect have accurate evaluation results entered in SER.

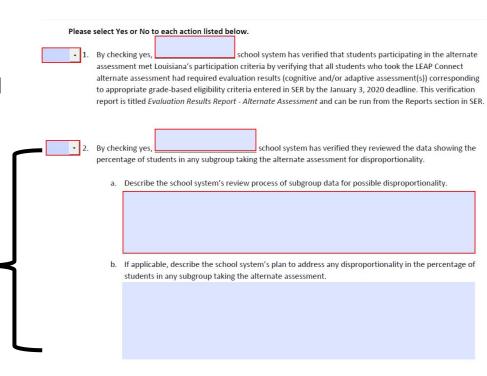
- Run a verification report from the Reports section in SER. This report is titled Evaluation Results Report -Alternate Assessment.
- Choose "yes" in the drop down menu once verification is complete.



Complete Review Request Assurance 2 - Disproportionality Review

Assurance 2: Verify data showing the percentage of students in any subgroup taking the alternate assessment was reviewed for disproportionality. Select "yes" in the corresponding drop down menu.

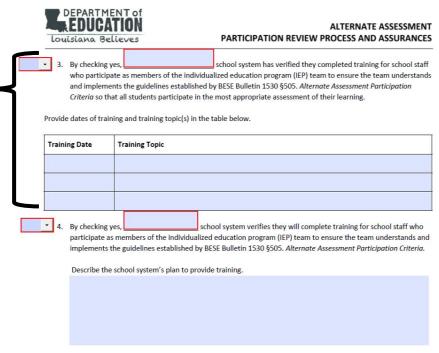
- Describe review process of subgroup data for possible disproportionality in the 2.a. text field.
- If applicable, describe plan to address any disproportionality in the 2.b. text field.



Complete Review Request Assurance 3 - IEP Team Training

Assurance 3: Verify training for IEP team members on the state's alternate assessment eligibility criteria.

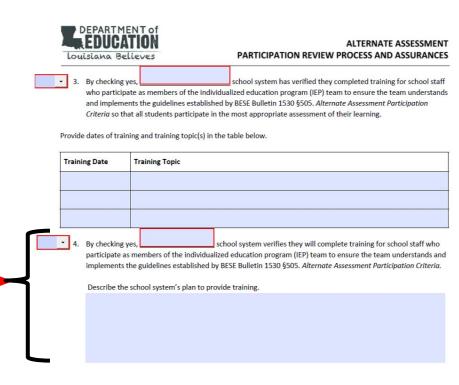
- Choose "yes" if training has already been completed. Next, complete the training table, including training date(s) and topic(s).
- Choose "no" if training has not been completed yet and move to assurance 4, outlining a plan for training delivery.



Complete Review Request Assurance 4 - IEP Team Training

Assurance 4: Verify school staff will be trained on the State's alternate assessment eligibility criteria by describing the training plan.

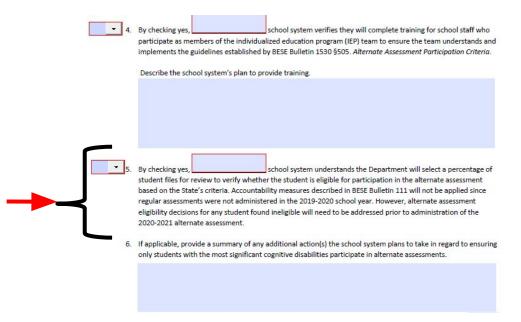
- Choose "yes" if training has not been completed yet or "yes" if additional trainings will be conducted.
- Complete assurance 4 by describing the plan for completing training in the text field provided.
- Choose "no" if the response to assurance 3 was "yes" indicating that training was completed already.



Complete Review Request Assurance 5 - Department File Review

Assurance 5: Acknowledge that school systems understand the Department will complete a review of a selected sample of student specific files to determine if any ineligible students participated in the alternate assessment.

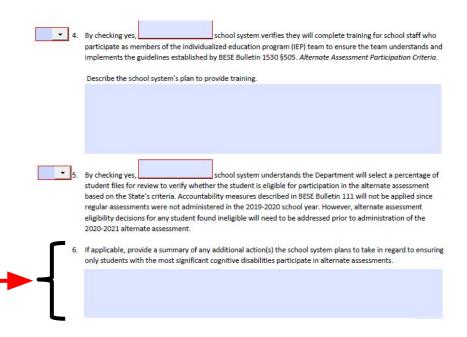
Select "yes" to acknowledge that the Department is conducting a file review.



Complete Review Request Item 6 - Additional Actions (optional)

Item 6: This item is optional.

School systems can include any additional actions they plan to take to ensure only students with the most significant cognitive disabilities participate in the alternate assessment.



Complete and Submit Review Request Contact Information and Signatures

Contact information

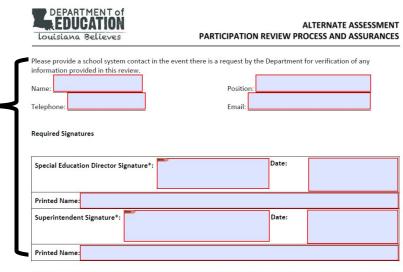
Provide contact's name, position, phone number and email address in the fields provided on the form.

Signatures

Provide signatures (ink or electronic) for both the special education director and school system superintendent.

Submit form

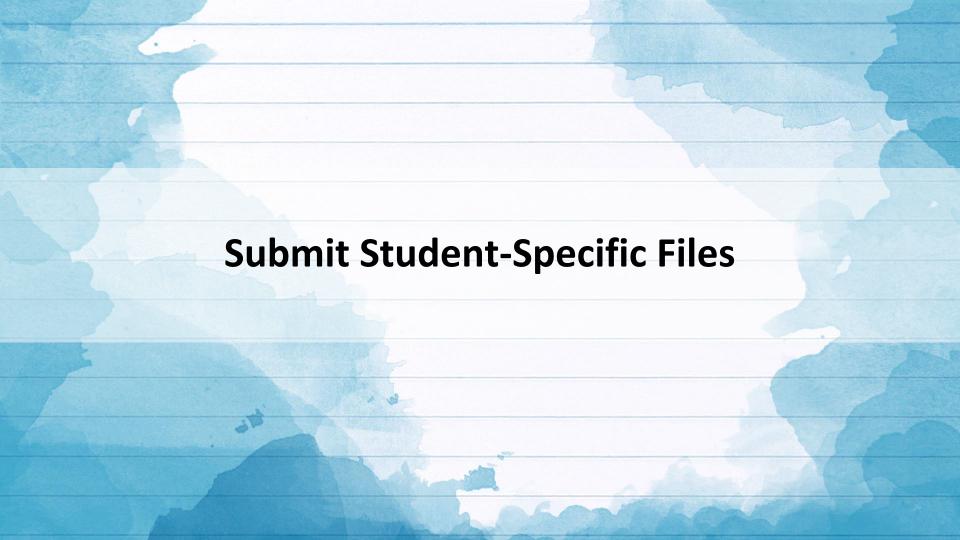
- Upload form to FTP no later than September 2, 2020.
- Use the file name format,
 "LEACode_LEAName_ReviewRequest_2020".



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 $^{{\}tt "LEACode_LEAName_ReviewRequest_2020"}.$

^{*} Original signatures should be kept on file at the school system.



Alternate Assessment Review Process

Review Data

✓ review alternate assessment participation data to determine if there is any disproportionality in any subgroup

Complete Review Request Form

- describe disproportionality data review process
- ✓ verify IEP team members were or will be trained on eligibility criteria
- ✓ verify evaluation results are entered in SER

Submit Student Files

- ✓ submit the requested student files that were in place on Jan. 3, 2020
 - EvaluationReport
 - IEP from SER will be reviewed unless submitted by school system

Alternate Assessment Participation Student-Specific File Review

The Department, pursuant to BESE Bulletin 111, Chapter 9, *Inclusion of Students in the Subgroup Component Performance* (Section §903.B.1.a.i.ii), will conduct a review of alternate assessment participation eligibility for the 2019-2020 school year to determine if ineligible students were administered the LEAP Connect alternate assessment.

The Department will issue review outcomes. School systems must address these outcomes for any student found ineligible prior to the administration of the next alternate assessment.

Accountability measures will not be applied for the 2019-2020 school year as regular assessments were not administered.

The student-specific file selection lists the supporting documentation required for the Department to conduct a review of eligibility.

The chart at the bottom of this document

- contains up to 10 unique ID numbers of students whose files must be sent to the Department for review and
- must be completed with page numbers that contain evaluation results used to determine if the student is eligible to participate in alternate assessment.

This chart must be submitted with the student files.



PARTICIPATION REVIEW PROCESS

STUDENT SELECTION SAMPLE ALTERNATE ASSESSMENT PARTICIPATION REVIEW

ACTION REQUIRED: Submit selected student specific special education records

Student sample selection and submission of supporting documentation: The Department selected the following student files for alternate assessment participation review. Each school system must submit between 1 and 10 student files for

- · All required student specific information must be submitted via FTP in a secure format to protect the transmittal of personally identifiable information on, or before, September 2, 2020.
- · Each student file must be saved as its own file to follow the file name format "StudentIDNumber LEACode".
- All individually named student files should be zipped or combined by school system into one folder named to follow the file name format "LEACode_ LEAName_AAReviewStudentFiles".
- All student files must have the student's UID number on each student specific file.

Supporting documentation by student: The following items must be submitted and/or accessible in the SER system for

- ☐ Evaluation and/or reevaluation report that was in place on January 3, 2020 (all pages and signatures) must be
- submitted: the Department is unable to access these in SER.
- Reevaluation waivers must also include the report that was in place immediately prior to the waiver. Reported scores must be obtained through an initial evaluation or reevaluation process and integrated into the evaluation report submitted for this student file review.
 - Grades 3-8: The evaluation report submitted must contain the results of the cognitive functioning assessment reported in terms of full scale IQ score that was entered in SER and used to determine eligibility for the alternate assessment.
 - Grades 9+: The evaluation report submitted must contain the results of the cognitive functioning assessment reported in terms of full scale IQ score and/or adaptive behavior skills assessment score(s
- that were entered in SER and used to determine eligibility for the alternate assessment. (Optional) IEP that was in place on January 3, 2020; the Department is able to access this in SER.
- (Optional) Alternate assessment participation criteria checklist(s); the Department is able to access this in SER.
- Completed student sample chart that indicates the page number(s) of the full scale cognitive assessment score and/or adaptive behavior assessment score(s) used to determine eligibility for the alternate assessment. School systems can use the chart below to add the page number(s) of the full scale cognitive and/or adaptive behavior

*Note: Other relevant information may be requested.

Unique ID #	Report page number(s) with cognitive and/or adaptive behavior scores

Schools systems must submit files for all selected students.

- Evaluation report that was in place for the student on January 3, 2020, and,
- Contains results that qualified the student to be eligible for LEAP Connect.
 - Grades 3-8: cognitive functioning results
 - Grades 9+: cognitive and/or adaptive functioning results
- Waivers must include the report that was in place immediately prior to the waiver(s).
- Complete the chart by indicating the page number(s) of the cognitive and/or adaptive assessment result(s).



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The following files may be submitted, but can be accessed in SER and are optional.

- OPTIONAL: Submit the student's IFP that was in effect. on January 3, 2020.
- OPTIONAL: Submit the alternate assessment. participation checklist in effect on January 3, 2020.



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All student files must be saved individually for each student and must contain the student's ID Number.

- Follow the file name format
 "StudentIDNumber_LEACode" if there is just one file per student.
- Use the same naming convention and add an identifier, for example, "StudentIDNumber_LEACode_IEP" or "StudentIDNumber_LEACode_Evaluation" if there is more than one file per student.
- Zip all student files in one folder named
 "LEACode_LEAName_AAReviewStudentFiles"



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Summary of Key Actions

- ✓ Review <u>alternate assessment participation data</u>
- ✓ Complete and submit the alternate assessment <u>review request form</u>
 - Sign form and save using file name "LEACode_LEAName_ReviewRequest_2020"
- ✓ Compile and <u>submit the required student specific records</u> to the Department
 - Follow file naming format "StudentIDNumber_LEACode"
 - Zip student files in folder named "LEACode_LEAName_AAReviewStudentFiles"

School systems are responsible for completing and uploading the review request form and all requested student specific files to the FTP no later than **September 2, 2020.**

Please reach out to specialeducation@la.gov with any questions.