

Administration Policy 2020-2021 School Year

Smarter and Alt Assessments for ELA/Literacy and Mathematics: Grades 3–8

Business rule: Students assigned to grades 3–8, even those repeating the grade, will be assessed in each of these content areas at their current grade.

DeSSA-Alt Assessment for ELA/Literacy and Mathematics: (Grade 11)

Business rule: Alt students in grade 11, even those repeating the grade, will be assessed in each of these content areas at their current grade.

DeSSA Science (Grades 5, 8, and Biology) **and DeSSA-Alt Science:** (Grades 5, 8 and 10)

Business rule: DeSSA-Alt Students assigned to grades 5, 8, and 10, and General Ed. Students assigned to grades 5, 8, and high school biology course, even those repeating the grade, will be assessed in this content area at their current grade or course.

DeSSA Social Studies (Grades 4, 7, and 11)

Business rule: Students assigned to grades 4, 7 and 11, even those repeating the grade, will be assessed in this content area at their current grade.

PSAT: Grade 10

Business rule: Students assigned to grade 10, even those repeating the grade, will take the PSAT.

SAT: ELA/Mathematics/Essay (High School)

Business Rule: Students assigned to grade 11 will take the SAT School Day. *Any student repeating grade 11 will not be required to retest if they have taken the Delaware SAT School Day previously.*

Students who took the SAT on a Saturday (Aug.24, Sept 26, Oct.5, Nov.2, Dec.7) of their grade 11 year:

Business Rule: Students who took the test on a Saturday of their grade 11 year (ELA/mathematics/Essay) and received a proficient score in **ALL 3** areas (ERW, Math and Essay), will be included in accountability calculations.

Students in their third year of high school and not in grade 11:

Business rule: School districts and charter schools *may allow* Grade 9 or 10 students to take the SAT if the student is anticipated to be in grade 12 next school year.

Please note that these students will be included in accountability calculations.

Students who were in 11th grade and did not take the SAT as required:

Business Rule: Students who did not take the SAT and did not have a medical exemption will be included in accountability calculations as non-participants with a score of 0. *Please note: for accountability purposes only, these students are included only once in a school's accountability calculations.*

Students who skip a grade:

Business rule: If a student skips a grade 3-8, the student will not need to complete any assessments for the grade skipped (see *exceptions for SAT below*).

Data implications: Students skipping a grade will not be included in the participation rate calculation or results for either State Summary, Accountability or Federal Reporting.

Students who repeat a grade: Accountability/Federal reporting

Business rule: Students assigned to grades 3–8, even those repeating the grade, will be assessed in each of these content areas at their current grade.

Data implications: For all assessments, students who repeat a grade will be counted as part of the participation rate and their results will be included for the State Summary. For Accountability Reporting, repeaters' performance (including grade 11) on the second administration are **NOT** included in either the participation rate or results.

Students in grade 12:

Business rule: Students in grade 12 *that have not taken the SAT in a Delaware high school* are required to take the SAT during Fall, School Day, Make-Up Day or Saturday (Aug.-Dec. 2020) administrations.

Data implications: Grade 12 students taking the SAT for the first time in high school are counted as part of the participation rate and their results will be included for the State Summary, Accountability and Federal Reporting. However, for students who are in grade 12 and did not take the SAT as an 11th grader and did **not** skip 11th grade, scores will not be included in the accountability calculations a second time, but will be included in the State Summary and Federal Reporting.

NOTE: If students have a valid exemption for any DeSSA assessments, they will not be included in any participation calculations.