



Dynamic Learning Maps Alternate Assessment

Purpose

This guidance is intended to update educators, IEP teams, and administrators of changes to the 2020 fall administration of the Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) Alternate Assessment. Further guidance will be out for the requirements for the spring 2021 administration.

Fall Window Participation

DLM is the assessment Iowa uses to meet federal mandates for a summative alternate assessment. Iowa has previously elected to meet this mandate by embedding the assessment in two instructional windows (Fall and Spring). Since DLM does not currently have a process in place for remote administration for the 2020–2021 year, only the Spring window will be required. This meets the requirements in new legislation, SF2310, which states that state and federal assessments will not be waived this school year.

For students in grades 3-11 that participate in the DLM, there will be no required assessments for the Fall 2020 Assessment Window. Fall testlets will be available and administration is encouraged for students that are receiving in-person or hybrid instruction to complete onsite. Information from the assessments can be used for consideration to determine COVID-19 Recovery Services.

Questions

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