



Critical Fact Sheet

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Alternate Assessment 1% Participation: Updates, Results, Guidance and Trainings

Overview/Background:

- ▶ The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires states to ensure that the total number of students assessed in each subject, using an Alternate Assessment does not exceed 1.0%. States who anticipate they will exceed 1.0% in alternate assessment participation must submit a waiver request to the U.S. Department of Education (USED).
- ▶ Kentucky requested a waiver extension on August 6, 2019 for school year 2019-2020. The waiver is available on the [Kentucky Alternate Assessment Participation Waiver page](#) of the KDE website.

District Requirements:

- ▶ Waiver submissions require KDE to provide [District Assurances](#) that the district is following the State's guidelines for participation in the AA-AAAS and will address any disproportionality identified.
- ▶ 142 districts exceeded 1.0% participation in alternate assessments for school year 2017-2018.
- ▶ ESSA requires each district to submit an annual justification if the district alternate assessment participation rates are greater than 1.0% in one or more subject areas. Justifications include factors that may have contributed to the district exceeding 1.0% participation. The [Local District Justifications for Alternate Assessment Participation Summary](#) of the responses is available on the KDE website.
- ▶ Districts exceeding 1.0% participation in at least one subject for 2018-2019 school year will be required to submit an updated justification. Data will be available in late fall 2019.

2018-2019 Alternate Assessment Participation Monitoring Results:

Number of Districts	Number of Records Reviewed	Number of Records Compliant with Participation Guidelines Requirements	Percent of Records Compliant with Participation Guidelines Requirements
28	134	26	19%

New guidance developed:

- ▶ [Guidance for Admissions and Release Committees \(ARCs\) on Participation Decisions for the Kentucky Alternate Assessment](#) updated to include additional clarification and resources based on feedback.



- ▶ [Participation Guidelines Record Review Document](#) updated based on feedback from district
- ▶ [Parent Guide to Alternate K-Prep](#) (Spanish version available)

Participation for Alternate Assessment (P4AA) Project - Extensive statewide universal training, coaching and support plan

- ▶ [Statewide Online Training Modules](#)
 - ▶ Administrators track (DoSE, School Admins) – completed only once
 - ▶ Modules 1, 2, 4, & 5
 - ▶ ARC Chairpersons – Module 2
 - ▶ Educator track (Special Education Teachers, Related Service Providers) – completed only once
 - ▶ Modules 3 & 4
 - ▶ Annual Review Module (DoSE, School Admins, ARC Chairpersons, Special Education Teachers, Related Service Providers) – Completed Annually
- ▶ Regional Cooperative Trainings Available- Contact your regional cooperative representative

Timeline

Task	Projected Dates
KDE - AA-AAAS Benchmark Report Review	October – November 2019
Regional Capacity Training: CEC conference	November 24-26, 2019
District-level AA-AAAS participation data Review	November 2019
District Justifications	December 2019
Monitoring of Alternate Assessment Participation	Spring 2020

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