

2021-22 Alternate Assessment Justification

The following must be completed by districts that contribute to the state exceeding the 1% cap for students participating in the alternate assessment and will be posted on the department website upon receipt.

District Name: Tipton County

	% of Alternative Assessments 2017-18	% of Alternate Assessments 2018-19	% of Alternate Assessments 2020-21	% of Alternate Assessments 2021-22	Projected % of Alternate Assessments 2022-23
MSAA ELA	1.85%	1.99%	1.53%	1.65%	1.60%
MSAA Math	1.90%	2.01%	1.55%	1.67%	1.60%
TCAP- Alt Science	1.68%	<i>*Field test year, no data available</i>	1.47%	1.60%	1.76%

1. **Eligibility Determination Process:** Describe the policies, training and supports in place to ensure IEP teams appropriately identify students for participation on the alternate assessments related to each of the three criteria. *Completing the form in EasyIEP is not sufficient justification. The description should include training or processes to ensure the IEP team is carefully considering both the student's data and the implication of participation in the alternate assessment.*
 - a. Criterion One: The student has a significant cognitive disability. Only students with the most significant cognitive disabilities should be considered for the alternate assessment.
 - b. Criterion Two: The student is learning content linked to (derived from) state content standards.

- c. **Criterion Three:** The student requires extensive direct individualized instruction and substantial supports to achieve measurable gains in the grade- and age-appropriate curriculum.

Tipton County continues to address Alternate Assessment participation during the monthly consulting meetings. All special education consulting teachers are asked to train the staff in their buildings regarding the Alternate Assessment requirements. Review of the eligibility process is also discussed ongoing with the school psychologists. All of the students that are eligible for alternate assessment meet the criteria in all areas. The decisions are made each year with the IEP team which includes the parent/guardian.

- 2. **Disproportionality:** Using your data by primary eligibility, describe your district data, including disproportionate participation on the alternate assessment and a plan for reducing/eliminating disproportionality.

The number of participants are about the same. Tipton County has remained fairly constant in the calculation throughout the last 5 years. The number of SWD with significant cognitive disabilities continues to increase each year. The number of students participating in the alternate assessment has been as follows:

2017-18	133 Participants
2018-19	135 Participants
2020-21	108 Participants
2021-22	101 Participants
2022-23	107 Participants

We will continue to discuss and evaluate the students each year when making the decision for the alternate assessment participation. The teams are confident they are making the correct decision for all of our SWD.

- 3. **Informed Parent Participation:** Describe the process and practices used to adequately inform parents of the eligibility requirements and implications of participation to ensure active parent participate in the IEP team discussion.

All of the parents/guardians are involved in the eligibility determination for participation in the alternate assessment. Detailed PWN are sent to the parents that are unable to attend as well

as a follow-up phone call to explain the decision. Parents are encouraged to participation via Teams meeting if they are able or unavailable to meet in person.

4. **Support Requested:** Please detail any support needed from the department. (All reasonable requests for supports will be considered.)

At this time, Tipton County does not feel there is a need for additional support. The TDOE personnel is always available to be reached via phone/email when questions arise.

Assurance: The district is committed to ensuring all students are participating in the most appropriate assessments. Students determined eligible for the alternate assessment will meet the three criteria.

Signed: Sharon Belieu
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