

Participation Guidelines for Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM)

Participation in the NJ DLM alternate assessment requires a response of “Yes” to Question 1 and to Questions 2 & 3 for each of the applicable content areas. Based on the guideline questions below, a student may participate in the DLM in a content area and the general assessment in another content area, although this is rare. An administrator must ensure the guidelines are used appropriately during the IEP meeting, and sign below to approve the designated student assessment(s). The signature must be from a district administrator that oversees the IEP process and instruction.

Participation Criterion	Participation Criterion Descriptors	Agree (Yes) or Disagree (No)? Provide documentation for each		
1. The student has a significant cognitive disability	Review of student records indicate a disability or multiple disabilities that significantly impact intellectual functioning and adaptive behavior.	Yes / No		
2. The student is primarily being instructed (or taught) using the DLM Essential Elements as content standards	Goals and instruction listed in the IEP for this student are related to the enrolled grade level NJSLS and DLM Essential Elements, as well as address knowledge and skills that are appropriate and challenging for this student.	ELA: Yes / No	Math: Yes / No	Science: Yes / No
3. The student requires extensive direct individualized instruction and substantial supports to achieve measurable gains in the grade-and age-appropriate curriculum.	The student <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. requires extensive, repeated, individualized instruction and support that is not of a temporary or transient nature and b. uses substantially adapted materials and individualized methods of accessing information in alternative ways to acquire, maintain, generalize, demonstrate and transfer skills across multiple settings. 	ELA: Yes / No	Math: Yes / No	Science: Yes / No

You may not use the following factors when determining participation in NJ DLM alternate assessment:

- A student’s disability category or label
- Percent of time student receives special education
- Academic and other services student receives
- Educational environment or instructional setting
- English Language Learner (ELL) status
- Low reading level/achievement level
- Anticipated student’s disruptive behavior or emotional duress
- Poor attendance or extended absences
- Expected poor performance on the general education assessment
- Impact of student scores on accountability system
- Need for accommodations (e.g., assistive technology/AAC) to participate in assessment process
- Administrator decision

English Language Arts Check One Only: Student will participate in DLM ____ or General Assessment ____
Mathematics Check One Only: Student will participate in DLM ____ or General Assessment ____
Science Check One Only: Student will participate in the DLM ____ or NJSLSA-S ____

Student Name _____ Grade Level 3 4 5 6 7 8 11 (Circle Applicable Grade)

Administrator Name _____ Date _____

Administrator Signature _____