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SUBJECT: Birthdate Ranges for Students with Disabilities Participating in the 2020-21
New York State Alternate Assessment (NYSAA)

Students with disabilities participating in the New York State Alternate Assessment (NYSAA) are assessed according to chronological ages aligned with grade levels. The chart below provides information on the age ranges for students with disabilities participating in the 2020-21 NYSAA. Students should be tested based on their birthdate in the content areas indicated for each grade level.

Please contact the Office of State Assessment at 518-474-5900 if you have any questions regarding the birthdate ranges for students participating in the NYSAA.

Birthdate	NYSAA Grade and Component
September 1, 2011–August 31, 2012	Grade 3 ELA and Math
September 1, 2010–August 31, 2011	Grade 4 ELA, Math and Science
September 1, 2009–August 31, 2010	Grade 5 ELA and Math
September 1, 2008–August 31, 2009	Grade 6 ELA and Math
September 1, 2007–August 31, 2008	Grade 7 ELA and Math
September 1, 2006–August 31, 2007	Grade 8 ELA, Math, and Science
September 1, 2002–August 31, 2003	Secondary-Level ELA, Math, and Science*

* NYSAA-eligible students who do not meet the age criteria above and plan to exit school before they reach their eighteenth birthday must take the secondary-level NYSAA before they leave school (i.e., when they are 17 years old). NYSAA-eligible students with a birthdate prior to September 1, 2002 who have not been assessed at the secondary level, with the exception of those noted below, must be assessed in 2020-21 before they leave school. Please note, however, that NYSAA-eligible secondary-level students who were expected to participate in the spring 2020 NYSAA administration but could not do so because of the COVID-19 related cancellation of testing are not expected to take the NYSAA before they exit school.