

# FACT SHEET



## Dynamic Learning Maps

2020-2021

### General Information

- Alternate Assessment for Students with the **Most Significant Cognitive Disabilities**
- Student participation is determined by the student's IEP team using the DLM Participation Guidelines, Alternate Assessment Flow Chart, and rubric for determining participation on the Kansas Alternate Assessment
- Students who take an alternate assessment will take it in all content areas: English language arts (ELA), math and science
- ELA and math assessed in Grades 3-8 and 10
- DLM science assessed in Grades 5, 8 and 11
- Students are instructed and assessed on Essential Elements
- A computer-based assessment that is dynamic which adapts to students' strengths and needs, and gives teachers a powerful tool to help guide student learning
- Provides consistency in expectations across grades and achievement levels
- Emphasizes skill similarities in content learning and skills achievement even though ways of performing may be highly diversified
- New and returning teachers complete required training in the fall.

### Assessment Format

- Computer delivered and teacher administered testlets
- 5 linkage levels for ELA and math
- 3 linkage levels for science
- Inclusion of instructionally-relevant tasks
- The First Contact Survey and PNP are reviewed and updated at the beginning of each school year
- The First Contact Survey is used to determine the recommended linkage level for each testlet
- Teachers are able to choose the ELA and math Essential Elements and linkage levels that best meet the students needs
- Students will test on one testlet (3-5 items) per Essential Element
- Advanced feedback and reporting system (including growth modeling)



## What Are Learning Maps?

- The Map includes all skills needed by students in each content area
- Provides instructional guidance as students move up the maps
- Accommodates diverse learners by providing a range of examples for performing expectations
- Grounded in clear expectations for learning and achievement

## Two Testing Windows

- Instructionally Embedded Assessment (Fall and Spring) – teachers choose Essential Elements and linkage level for the student
- Blueprint requirement must be met in both windows
- Science (only required in Spring window) – adaptive; teachers do not choose linkage level
- Fall test window: September 14, 2020 – December 18, 2020
- Spring test window: February 1, 2021 – May 7, 2021

- ELA, Math and Science Blueprints/Record Sheets are located at <http://dynamiclearningmaps.org/kansas>
- Progress reports available for both fall and spring test windows show what skills are mastered

## Scores Reported

- Student performance levels are reported to schools and parents
- Student scores for DLM ELA and math are from both instructionally embedded windows
- Student scores for Science are from the nine testlets the student takes during the year end assessment (spring test window)

## Website and Contact Information

Information about DLM can be found at <http://dynamiclearningmaps.org/kansas>

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