

Month XX, 2025

Dear Parent or Guardian

Again, this year, Maryland will be using the Dynamic Learning Maps® (DLM®) alternate assessment to use for our students with the most significant cognitive disabilities. The DLM assessment provides academic standards that are used to measure academic achievement for students who are eligible for the alternate assessment.

Throughout this school year in [SCHOOL'S NAME], your child will be provided academic instruction in English language arts, mathematics, and science using the Maryland standards.

In the spring, during our state's assessment window, your child will be required to take testlets. No student is exempt from participation in the Maryland State Assessment Programs. These testlets will be in English language arts, mathematics, and science. Each testlet includes questions from one or more of the standards that your child's teacher used for instruction during the school year. The spring assessment window for our state is March 10<sup>th</sup>-May 16<sup>th</sup> 2025.

During the spring assessment window, the number of testlets and the approximate length of time for testing may vary depending on the subject, the grade level, and each student's individual needs. The materials used in the testlets can be adapted to your child's needs. The testlets must be completed during our state's assessment window, but your child may take the testlets over a period of several days during that window as needed.

We anticipate that testing time will be as follows:

Subject Area Tested	Number of Testlets	Approximate length of time
English language arts	9 testlets	90–135 minutes
Mathematics	6–8 testlets	60–120 minutes
Science	9–10 testlets	90–140 minutes

Your child's results are completely confidential (in accordance with the Confidential Information Protection provisions of Title V, Subtitle A, Public Law 107–346). Scores from the testlets will be used to determine student progress and make instructional decisions.

If you would like additional information about the Dynamic Learning Maps alternate assessment, please visit <http://dynamiclearningmaps.org/>. If you have questions, please contact me at [TELEPHONE NUMBER] or via e-mail [E-MAIL ADDRESS].

We are excited that our district will take part in the Dynamic Learning Maps alternate assessment again this year, and that your child will be participating.

Sincerely,

School Principal Name