

1.0 Percent Justification Form 2023–24 Training

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Section 1: Contact Information

1.0 Percent Participation Justification Form 2023–24

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The *Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)* requires each public school unit to complete and submit a justification when it anticipates exceeding 1.0 percent of students assessed in a subject area (i.e., reading, mathematics, and/or science) utilizing the NCEXTEND1 alternate assessment. Justifications forms from each public school unit will be reviewed by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) and follow up actions will be determined based on the information provided in this form. Staff from the exceptional children and accountability and testing departments in each public school unit should collaborate to provide the requested information on this form. Responses to Sections 1–4 and the designated signatures are required; it is optional to include additional information (see page 4). After these forms are received from each public school unit, this justification form will be publicly available. As such, the document **must not contain any personally identifiable information**. If necessary, additional pages may be attached to this form.

Section 1: Contact Information

Enter contact information for the primary public school unit staff member responsible for overseeing the completion of the justification form.

3-Digit Public School Unit Code: Click or tap here to enter text.

Contact Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Contact Phone No.: Click or tap here to enter text.

Public School Unit Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Contact Title: Click or tap here to enter text.

Contact E-Mail: Click or tap here to enter text.

Section 2: Analyzing Contributing Factors

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Did the Individualized Education Program (IEP) teams utilize the alternate assessment [eligibility criteria](#) and the [North Carolina Alternate Assessment Decision Making Flow Chart](#) to make alternate assessment participation decisions?

Yes

No

Describe how exceptional children case managers have been informed **and** trained on the *Alternate Assessment Eligibility Worksheet and Assurance document* included in [the Every Child](#) Accountability and Tracking System (ECATS).

Click or tap here to enter text.

Does the public school unit have any student(s) participating in the alternate assessment with the primary eligibility areas of: Specific Learning Disability, Orthopedic Impairment, or Speech Language Impairment?

Yes

No

If yes, explain the criteria the IEP team used to determine how the students met the criteria for participation in the alternate assessment.

Click or tap here to enter text.

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Does the public school unit provide a targeted program that may contribute to a higher enrollment of students with significant cognitive disabilities?

Yes No

If yes, explain your answer below:

[Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Does the public school unit have a small overall student population that increased the likelihood of exceeding the 1.0 percent threshold?

Yes No

If yes, explain your answer below:

[Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Section 3: Assurances

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What data sources are used to determine eligibility for students participating on the *Extended Content Standards* that align with the alternate assessment?

Provide your response below:

[Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Describe the public school unit's process for transitioning a student's instruction from the North Carolina *Standard Course of Study* to the *Extended Content Standards* or from the *Extended Content Standards* to the North Carolina *Standard Course of Study*.

Provide your response below:

[Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Describe the public school unit's annual process for ensuring instruction and assessment on the *Extended Content Standards* is the most appropriate based on the individual needs of the student.

Provide your response below:

[Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

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In the public school unit, how are parents or guardians directly informed annually about the implications of the *Extended Content Standards* in relation to not earning a high school diploma?

Provide your response below:

[Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Describe the process for auditing Exceptional Children IEP records for students instructed on the *Extended Content Standards* and participating in the alternate assessment.

Provide your response below:

[Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Section 3: Assurances

After completing the Disproportionality Excel document, answer the following guiding questions.

1. In reviewing the data, what subgroups in your public school unit have the largest discrepancy between participants on the general assessment and the alternate assessment?

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Disproportionality Worksheet for Public School Units



2022–23 Data Reading Grades 3–8 (Combined)

	Male Subgroup Percentage	Female Subgroup Percentage	Economically Disadvantaged Subgroup Percentage	Hispanic Subgroup Percentage	American Indian Subgroup Percentage	Asian Subgroup Percentage	Black Subgroup Percentage	White Subgroup Percentage	Multiple Subgroup Percentage
Percent of NCEXTEND1 participants									
Percent of general participants									
Percentage difference (+/-)	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

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B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Grade	Subject	Num	Den	Percent	Male pct X1	Male pct All
ALL38	RD	7680	69471	1.1	67.4	51.1

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Notes:

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Section 4: Resources and Technical Assistance

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What resources and technical assistance does the public school unit need from the NCDPI to ensure that students are being assessed using the appropriate assessment?

Click or tap here to enter text.

Signatures

Superintendent or School Director _____ Date _____

Exceptional Children Director or Coordinator _____ Date _____

Public School Unit Test Coordinator _____ Date _____

The completed justification form must be signed by the superintendent or school director, exceptional children's director or coordinator, and public school unit testing coordinator. The form must be scanned and emailed to alternateassessment@dpi.nc.gov by July 8, 2024.

The NCDPI will notify public school units in writing if further information is needed and will include next steps. For questions, please contact your Exceptional Children Director or regional accountability office.



Justification Form Reminders

- **Possible reasons why a form may be returned for a resubmission:**
 - Personally identifiable information is contained within the form
 - Example: “We have one 4th grade student with Down Syndrome.”
 - A statement such as “The student(s) were on the Extended Content Standards when they enrolled in our public school unit.”
 - Answers that are left blank
 - Signatures missing
 - The fillable template is not completed electronically, or the template is completed on a previous year’s form.

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