

## 1.0 Percent Participation Justification Form 2017–18

The *Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)* requires each district and charter school to complete and submit a justification when it anticipates exceeding 1.0 percent of students assessed in a subject area with the NCEXTEND1 alternate assessment. Justifications from each district and charter school will be reviewed by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI), and follow up actions will be determined based on the information found in the justification document. Staff from the Exceptional Children and Accountability Divisions in each district and charter school should collaborate to provide the following information on the justification document. Responses to numbers 1–4 are required; it is optional to include additional information (see page 3). This justification document will be publicly posted. As such, the document **must not contain any personally identifiable information**. If necessary, additional pages may be attached to this form.

1. Enter contact information for the primary district/charter school staff member responsible for overseeing the completion of the justification form.	
<b>3-Digit LEA/Charter Code:</b> 11b	<b>District/Charter Name:</b> ArtSpace Charter School
<b>Contact Name:</b> Lucy Sawyer	<b>Contact Title:</b> Special Education Coordinator
<b>Contact Phone No.:</b> 828-298-2787	<b>Contact E-Mail:</b> lucy.sawyer@artspacecharter.org
<p>2. Enter a description of how the district/charter school will assure that Individualized Education Program (IEP) teams are adhering to the eligibility criteria as outlined in the <i>Testing Students with Disabilities</i> publication when determining student eligibility for participation in the alternate assessment.</p> <p style="text-align: center; padding: 20px 0;">Participation in alternative assessments is determined for individual students by IEP teams during annual IEP meetings. Only students with significant cognitive disabilities that negatively impact academic achievement, require extensive and repeated individualized instruction to make meaningful gains and are graded on the extended content standards are considered for alternative assessments .</p>	
<p>3. Enter a description of how any disproportionality among race, gender, or socioeconomic status groups is defined and plans for how that disproportionality will be addressed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Description of how any disproportionality among race, gender, or socioeconomic status groups is defined:</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center; padding: 10px 0;">ArtSpace reports no disproportionality among race, gender, or socioeconomic status groups.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plans for how disproportionality will be addressed:</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center; padding: 10px 0;">N/A</p>	
<p>4. Enter additional justification of variables not covered but deemed essential to understanding why the district/charter school has a higher rate of alternate assessment participation.</p> <p style="padding: 20px 0;">ArtSpace has a higher than 1% rate of students participating in the Extend 1 assessment because 1.5% of our student population are students with cognitive disabilities. ArtSpace is a charter school of choice with enrollment determined by lottery.</p>	

**Signatures**

Superintendent/Charter School Director Lori Cozys Date 3.24.18  
Exceptional Children Director [Signature] Date 3-23-18  
LEA/Charter Test Coordinator Hollis McKeown Date 3/23/18

The completed justification form must be signed by the superintendent/charter school director, exceptional children's director, and testing coordinator. The form must be scanned and emailed to [alternateassessment@dpi.nc.gov](mailto:alternateassessment@dpi.nc.gov) by **May 4, 2018**.

The NCDPI will notify districts/charter schools in writing if further information is needed and will include next steps. For questions, please contact your Exceptional Children Director or Regional Accountability Coordinator.

**Note:** See page 3 for additional information that can be included but is not required.