

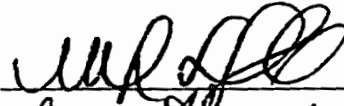
## 1.0 Percent Participation Justification Form 2017–18

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> 250	<b>District/Charter Name:</b> Craven County Schools
<b>Contact Name:</b> Lynn Hardison	<b>Contact Title:</b> EC Director
<b>Contact Phone No.:</b> 252-514-6344	<b>Contact E-Mail:</b> lynn.hardison@cravenk12.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><i>IEP teams work closely with district EC liaisons and school psychologists to ensure that students' eligibility placement meets NC guidelines for EC services and NCEXTEND1 placement criteria.</i></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><i>In 2016-2017 Craven County Schools administered 192 NCEXTEND1 assessments (combined RD, MA, SC) in grades 3-8, 10, and 11. The total number of NCEXTEND1 and standard EOG/EOC assessments was 17,626. Thus, NCEXTEND1 testing was 1.08% of the total number of tests administered. Our district has very defined processes in place to ensure appropriate placement regardless to race, gender, or socioeconomic status.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plans for how disproportionality will be addressed:</li> </ul> <p><i>It is noted that the percent of male and EDS students that participate in NCEXTEND1 is higher; however, given the comparison of males enrolled in adaptive classrooms this percent is comparable. We continue to monitor students identified with intellectual delays to ensure that placement is appropriate and meets NC guidelines.</i></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><i>Our district serves a residential facility for students and adults with severe intellectual disabilities. Several of the school age children attending this facility attend our schools.</i></p>	

**Signatures**

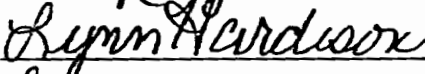
Superintendent/Charter School Director



Date

4.27.2018

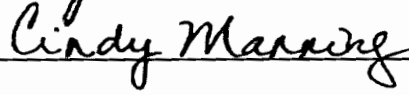
Exceptional Children Director



Date

4/27/18

LEA/Charter Test Coordinator



Date

4/27/18

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.