

1.0 Percent Participation Justification Form 2018–19

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 (i.e., English Language Arts/Reading, Mathematics, and/or Science) 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 Sections 1–4 and the designated signatures are required; it is optional to include additional information (see page 5). 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.

Section 1: Contact Information

Enter contact information for the primary district/charter school staff member responsible for overseeing the completion of the justification form.

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| 3-Digit LEA/Charter Code: 78B |
| Contact Name: Jill Britt |
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| District/Charter Name: Southeastern Academy Charter School |
| Contact Title: Testing Coordinator |
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Section 2: Analyzing Contributing Factors

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

Indicate how all members of the IEP teams have been informed or trained on the alternate assessment eligibility criteria and the North Carolina Alternate Assessment Decision Making Flow Chart. Check all that apply.

| Training Method | School Administration | Special Education Staff | Parents | Related Service Staff |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Face-to-face training | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Online training | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Given copy of guidance documents | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| No training provided | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other, please explain below | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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Other, please explain below:

Click or tap here to enter text.

Does the district or charter school identify students to participate in the alternate assessment that do not traditionally participate (i.e., Speech and Language Impairment, Specific Learning Disability, etc.)? If yes, please explain how the district determined these students meet the criteria for participation in the alternate assessment.

☒ Yes

☐ No

Explain below:

We ensure that multiple evaluations and data points are available to show a significant cognitive disability and functional delay, and that the student's disability impacts their ability to take part in the standard course of study. We use testing and the data obtained by researched based interventions to show that the participating student needs extensive and repeated individualized instruction and support in order to grow academically.

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

☐ Yes

☒ No

Explain below:

Click or tap here to enter text.

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Does the district or charter school have a small overall student population that increased the likelihood of exceeding the 1.0 percent threshold?

We currently have only 218 students in our school. Two of our students are on the Extend 1 course of study and are currently in testing grades which puts us over the 1% threshold

☒ Yes

☐ No

Explain below:

Section 3: Assurances

Does the district or charter school have a process in place to monitor alternate assessment participation?

☒ Yes

☒ No

Explain below:

With only 218 students in our school the participation is closely monitored by our MTSS team.

Does the district or charter school have a process in place to identify and address disproportionality in alternate assessment participation (specifically, among race, gender, or socioeconomic status groups)?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Explain below:

Since we have only 2 students participating in alternative assessments the sample size isnt large enough to make determine if there is a disporportion.

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Section 4: Resources and Technical Assistance

What resources and technical assistance does the district or charter school need from the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction to ensure that students are being assessed using the appropriate assessment?

N/A

Signatures

Superintendent/Charter School Director

Kristen M. Stone

Date

3-25-19

Exceptional Children Director/Coordinator

Kristen M. Stone

Date

3-25-19

LEA/Charter School Test Coordinator

Julie Bull

Date

3-25-19

The completed justification form must be signed by the superintendent/charter school director, exceptional children's director/coordinator, and LEA/charter school testing coordinator. The form must be scanned and emailed to alternateassessment@dpi.nc.gov by May 3, 2019.

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 5 for additional information that can be included but is not required.