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SUBJECT: Age Ranges for Students with Disabilities Participating in the 2011-12
New York State Alternate Assessment (NYSAA)

NYSAA is a datafolio assessment that measures the progress of students with severe disabilities in achieving the learning standards through alternate grade level indicators. All students in the following age ranges who are eligible to take the NYSAA must be tested in 2011-12. Students with disabilities participating in the NYSAA are assessed according to chronological ages aligned with grade levels as indicated below. Students should be tested only once at each grade and in all the content areas indicated for each grade.

Please contact Cynthia Wilson at 518-474-5900 if you have any questions regarding the age ranges for students participating in the NYSAA.

Age Ranges for Testing on NYSAA in 2011–12		
Assessment	Birth Date	Student's Age Between September 1, 2011 and August 31, 2012
Grade 3 ELA & Math	September 1, 2002—August 31, 2003	9
Grade 4 ELA, Math, and Science	September 1, 2001—August 31, 2002	10
Grade 5 ELA and Math	September 1, 2000—August 31, 2001	11
Grade 6 ELA and Math	September 1, 1999—August 31, 2000	12
Grade 7 ELA and Math	September 1, 1998—August 31, 1999	13
Grade 8 ELA, Math, and Science	September 1, 1997—August 31, 1998	14
Secondary-Level ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies	September 1, 1993—August 31, 1994	18*

*Note: NYSAA-eligible students who do not meet the age criteria above and will be leaving school before they reach their eighteenth birthday must take the secondary-level NYSAA before they leave school (i.e., when they are 17 years old). NYSAA-eligible students with a birth date prior to September 1, 1993 who have not been assessed at the secondary-level must be assessed in 2011-12 before they leave school.