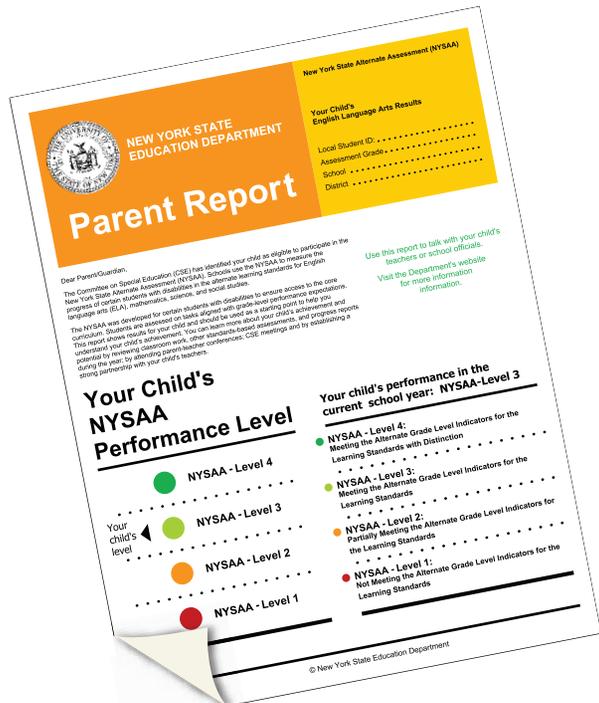


Parent & Family Resources

Parent Report: Your Child's NYSAA Results

Administrators at your child's school send a Parent Report home to you each year with your child's results on the NYSAA.

These results can be used as a starting point to help you understand your child's progress in meeting the learning standards.



DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS?

Contact the New York State Education Department's Office of State Assessment at:

(518) 474-5902

For more information

VISIT THE NYSED WEB PAGES AT:

<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/assessment/nysaa/>

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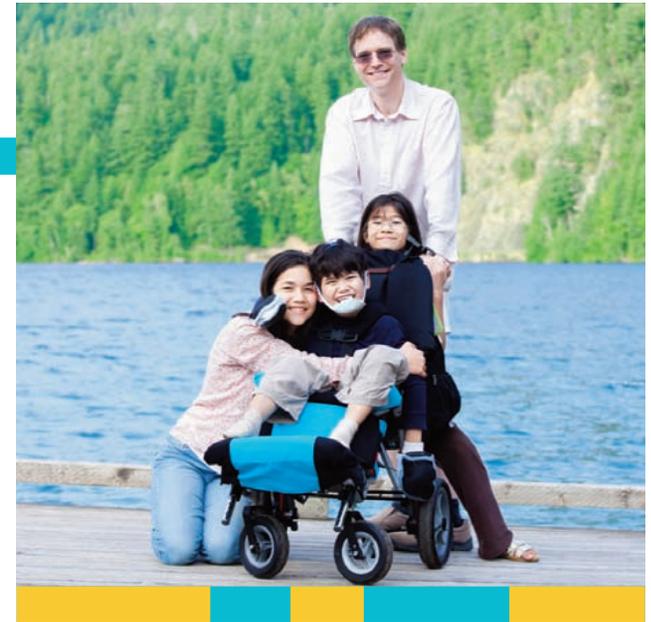
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A Parent's Quick Guide to the New York State Alternate Assessment (NYSAA)



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What is the New York State Alternate Assessment (NYSAA)?

The NYSAA is a portfolio-style assessment of work your child completed. Your child's special education teacher develops the "datafolio" in the Fall. Your child completes the work and it is scored in the Spring.

What do we mean by Students with Severe Disabilities?

Students with severe disabilities means students who have limited cognitive abilities, combined with behavioral and/or physical limitations and who require highly specialized education, social, psychological and medical services in order to maximize their full potential for useful and meaningful participation in society and for self-fulfillment.

Who should take the NYSSA?

NYSAA Participation Criteria

Only students with severe cognitive disabilities are eligible for the NYSAA. The CSE determines whether a student with a severe cognitive disability is eligible to take the NYSAA based on the following criteria:

the student has a severe cognitive disability, significant deficits in communication/language, and significant deficits in adaptive behavior; **and**

the student requires a highly specialized educational program that facilitates the acquisition, application, and transfer of skills across natural environments (home, school, community, and/or workplace); **and**

the student requires educational support systems, such as assistive technology, personal care services, health/medical services, or behavioral intervention.



The NYSAA measures student progress in:

- English language arts (ELA)
in grades 3-8 and one time at the high school level
- Mathematics
in grades 3-8 and one time at the high school level
- Science
in grades 4 and 8, and one time at the high school level
- Social Studies
one time at the high school level

Scores

What are NYSAA scores used for?

NYSAA scores show you and your child's teachers how your child is progressing.

They also show how well your school is doing and if students are on track for and making progress on the learning standards.

New York State's P-12 Common Core Learning Standards are for All Students

Federal laws require that all students are assessed in ELA, Math, science and Social Studies. Starting in 2013-14, the NYSAA measures the Common Core Learning Standards for English language arts and mathematics. For students assessed on the NYSAA, the learning standards are reduced in depth and breadth. As a result, NYSAA students benefit from learning standards that better meet their individual needs.



What happens to my child's NYSAA datafolio?

After scoring, NYSAA datafolios remain in the school district for one year. After one year, parents may request to have their child's datafolio sent home.