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SUBJECT: Age Ranges for Students with Disabilities Participating in the 2015-16
New York State Alternate Assessment (NYSAA)

Students with disabilities participating in the NYSAA are assessed according to chronological ages aligned with grade levels. The chart below provides information on the age ranges for students with disabilities participating in the 2015-16 NYSAA. 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 2015–16		
Assessment	Birth Date	Student's Age Between September 1, 2015 and August 31, 2016
Grade 3 ELA & Math	September 1, 2006—August 31, 2007	9
Grade 4 ELA, Math, and Science	September 1, 2005—August 31, 2006	10
Grade 5 ELA and Math	September 1, 2004—August 31, 2005	11
Grade 6 ELA and Math	September 1, 2003—August 31, 2004	12
Grade 7 ELA and Math	September 1, 2002—August 31, 2003	13
Grade 8 ELA, Math, and Science	September 1, 2001—August 31, 2002	14
Secondary-Level ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies	September 1, 1997—August 31, 1998	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, 1997 who have not been assessed at the secondary-level must be assessed in 2015-16 before they leave school.