

## New York State Alternate Assessment (NYSAA) Participation Decision-Making Flowchart

Students with severe disabilities in New York State (NYS) may be determined eligible by the committee on special education (CSE) to participate in the NYSAA. Consistent with the provisions in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), NYSAA is an appropriate assessment for a very small number of students with the most severe cognitive disabilities. In conjunction with guidance provided in NYSED’s [Eligibility and Participation Criteria – NYSAA](#), this flowchart should be used in the decision-making process to ensure that only those students with the most severe cognitive disabilities are taking the NYSAA.

