

A PARENT'S GUIDE TO COLORADO ALTERNATE (CoALT): DLM ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS AND MATH ASSESSMENTS

Assessments provide valuable information for students, parents and educators on whether students have mastered grade level and content standards and are on track to graduate prepared for the 21st century. These assessment results are intended to provide one measure in a body of evidence of your child's academic progress.



WHAT IS CoALT:DLM ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND MATH ASSESSMENT?

The CoAlt:DLM English Language Arts and Math Assessments is standards based and measures students progress towards the Extended Evidence Outcomes of the Colorado Academic Standards. This is a state mandated assessment for students with significant cognitive disabilities who are unable to participate in PARCC, even with accommodations. The CoAlt:DLM English Language Arts and Math Assessments are administered to students in grades 3-10.



WHEN IS MY CHILD BEING TESTED?

Testing Window

A testing window is a period of time where your student may test on some days and receive instruction on others. Students do not test during the entire window. For specific test dates for your student, please check with your child's teacher.

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WHAT SCORE(S) WILL MY CHILD RECEIVE?

Your child will receive a scale score and a performance level.

The CoAlt:DLM Consortia completed the Standard Setting in July, 2015. The CoAlt:DLM English Language Arts and Math Student Score Information will be provided to the Colorado Department of Education in the fall of 2015.



HOW WILL THESE SCORES BE USED?

The primary purpose of the assessment program is to determine the level at which Colorado students with significant cognitive disabilities meet the Extended Evidence Outcomes of the Colorado Academic Standards in the content areas of English Language Arts and Math Assessments at the end of the tested grade level. CoAlt results are intended to provide one measure of a student's academic progress relative to the Extended Evidence Outcomes.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For more information on assessments and testing accommodations, please visit the Accountability, Research, and Evaluation website: www.dpsare.com

We encourage you to be involved in your child's education. Please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher for ways you can help your child at home and availability of testing accommodations.

We also encourage you to go to <http://standards.dpsk12.org/standards-resources/> to find helpful information, including:

- A Parent's Guide to Technology
- Information for English Learners
- Colorado state resources

If you have questions or concerns about assessments, please contact your child's school directly or call Family Constituency Services at (720) 423-3054.