Alternate Assessment Breakdown Report

Monitoring School Year: 2024 - 2025 | Assessment School Year: 2023 - 2024 | D0253 Emporia | Status: Submission Approved by KSDE on 12/03/2024

Based on the data provided in KIAS, our district had student(s) in the following disability categories taking the DLM.

- [x] Autism
- [ ] Blind/Visually Impaired
- [ ] Deaf-Blind
- [x] Developmentally Delayed
- [ ] Emotionally Disturbed
- [ ] Hearing Impaired/Deafness
- [x] Intellectual Disability
- [x] Multiple Disability
- [ ] Orthopedic Impairment
- [x] Other Health Impaired
- [ ] Specific Learning Disability
- [ ] Speech and Language Impairment
- [ ] Traumatic Brain Injury

Based on the data provided in KIAS for disproportionality, our district needs to address disproportionality (A risk ratio greater than 3.0 needs to be addressed.)

- [ ] Yes
- [x] No

Percentage of students performing at target or advanced on the DLM for the school year.

ELA:	22%
Math:	0%
Science:	0%

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[X] **Please provide a narrative that includes the data types and processes that the IEP teams are utilizing to qualify students for the Alternate Assessments (DLM) in the box below and press Save.**

In an effort to address disproportionality, the cooperative has updated Webkidss, our IEP platform, to include a comprehensive rubric for determining student eligibility for the KS Alternate Assessment as part of the forms within each student file.
Guidance shared with Leadership team members and certifed staff has been that the DLM rubric will be reviewed annually in detail for students who are currently taking the alternate assessment, or being considered for the alternate assessment.

The district will review our policies, practices and procedures for how we identify students for the DLM and place an emphasis on ensuring that we are correctly identifying the correct students male and female for the alternate assessment. When we compare our Alternate Assessment numbers from last year, we are making gains in reducing the number of students who take the Alternate Assessment. Our goal is to continue to decrease our disproportionality.
District Special Education teachers have been given access to the DLM resources that are currently available on the DLM website for KSDE. The Special Education Coordinators and the School Psychologists for our member districts collaborate with IEP team members at IEP annual review meetings in order to revisit the criteria that must be met to qualify for the DLM Alternate Assessment. They review all documents provided by KSDE associated with the DLM.
FHSEC staff continue to be diligent about reviewing the criteria for the DLM Alternate Assessment at all annual meetings in an effort to move students to the general state assessment.
Professional Development regarding the DLM Alternate Assessment has been provided at multiple PLC opportunities this year and will continue to be provided moving forward. PD will occur in large and small group settings to ensure that special education staff members receive the information in multiple ways.

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[X] **What are the district's next steps to ensure that annually the appropriate test is administered to each student?**

The student IEP teams are utilizing the DLM criteria and participation guidelines, the alternate assessment flow chart, and the DLM rubric found both at KSDE and in Webkidss in order to determine whether a student is appropriate to be provided instruction via the Essential Elements as part of the DLM assessment. IEP teams also look at state assessment data from the previous years to help make informed decisions.

USD 253 hosts all of the specialized programs for our students with the most significant needs. That fact alone has a tendency to contribute to our percentages of students taking the alternate assessment at times. We will continue to provide targeted and consistent guidance and professional development to our teachers to ensure they recognize the importance of students having an opportunity to take the general state assessment, in lieu of the alternate assessment, as appropriate based on student needs.

We continue to communicate to FHSEC providers that if a student does not have documented deficits or needs in the areas of adaptive and functional performance, they are not an eligible candidate to be considered for the DLM Alternate Assessment. If the student is participating in inclusion within the general education setting in a core subject, they should be strongly considered for the general assessment within that subject area.
FHSEC will continue to provide Professional Development specific to the DLM identification process, rubric and criteria, including the DLM flowchart, at the beginning of every school year, with follow up reviews and guidance being provided throughout the course of the school year.
FHSEC will also be using the 1% threshold fact sheet (updated on May 2024), in addition to other DLM identification/qualification assistance documents, in order to more fully explain Alternate Assessment in Kansas to new staff.

Based on the data for our district, our LEA needs additional training.

[ ] Yes [X] No

Our district anticipates testing over 1% of our students in one or more content areas during the school year.

[X] Yes [ ] No

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District DLM Assurances

If your district anticipates testing over 1% of its assessed students in a sbject using the DLM for the school year, please submit assurances for each of the following five items:

- [X] 1. Individualized Education Program (IEP) teams have correctly identified students with the Most Significant Cognitive Disability. http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=887
- [X] 2. The district has measured the achievement of, at least 95% of all students, including students with disabilities in tested grades.
- [X] 3. Students who will be participating in an alternate assessment receive instruction aligned to the alternate academic acievement standards, the Essential Elements. https://dynamiclearningmaps.org/erp_ie https://dynamiclearningmaps.org/sci_resources
- [X] 4. Parents are informed of their child's participation in an alternate assessment and implications of participating.
- [X] 5. Addresses any disproportionality in the percentage of students in any subgroup taking the alternate assessment.

- [X] I understand that the assurances submitted will be posted by KSDE in accordance with federal regulations. (34 CFR 200.6(c)(3)(iv))

By Submitting this form, the district verifies that all students participating in the DLM meet the KSDE participation criteria (http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=887) or will request technical assistance to meet the criteria (https://www.ksdetasn.org/).

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Superintendent Name	**Date**
Tara Glades	12/3/2024
Special Education Director Name	**Date**