



STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



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State Superintendent of Education

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Alabama
State Board
of Education

MEMORANDUM

Governor Kay Ivey
President

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education

Jackie Zeigler
District I

FROM: Eric G. Mackey *EGM*
State Superintendent of Education

Tracie West
District II
President Pro Tem

RE: One Percent (1%) Cap on the Alternate Assessment

Stephanie Bell
District III

The *Every Student Succeeds Act* (ESSA) requires states to ensure that the total number of students assessed in each subject using an alternate assessment (for a student with a significant cognitive disability) does not exceed one percent (1%) of the total number of students in the state assessed with statewide assessments. In Alabama, *the definition of a student with the most significant cognitive disability is a student with an intelligence quotient (IQ) of three standard deviations below the mean which is an IQ score of 55 or below that significantly impacts intellectual functioning and that exists concurrently with deficits in adaptive functioning (defined as essential for someone to live independently and to function safely in daily life).* [AAC 290-4-2-.03]

Yvette M. Richardson, Ed.D.
District IV

The Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) has compiled projected district data from enrollment of students who will participate in the 2022-2023 *Alabama Comprehensive Assessment Program (ACAP) Alternate* assessment. The ALSDE will notify the superintendent of each district that is projected to exceed the 1% participation no later than December 16, 2022. The ALSDE will also make available information about required training and requirements for the upcoming year.

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District V

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District VI

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Maggie Hicks, Student Assessment, at 334-694-4817 or by email at mhicks@alsde.edu.

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