

# 2025-2026 Alternate Assessments

- ✓ For students with the most significant cognitive disabilities (must meet eligibility criteria)
- ✓ Test Coordinators will identify eligible students using the Student Selector Application for MSAA and Alt ELPA Summative, October 1 – November 28, 2025
- ✓ Administered one-on-one

## MSAA (Multi-State Alternate Assessment)

- ✓ Test window: **March 9 – April 24, 2026**
- ✓ ELA, Mathematics (Grades 3-8 and 11) and Science (Grades 5, 8, and 11)
- ✓ Writing prompt
- ✓ Administration Information: [www.msaaassessment.org](http://www.msaaassessment.org)
- ✓ Monitoring for the 1% Threshold (if over 1% participation in Alternate Assessment) begins **November 2025**
- ✓ Training for test administrators and test coordinators starts **February 17, 2026**
- ✓ Refer to [ADE Alternate Assessment website](#) for additional MSAA resources

## Alt ELPA

- ✓ Alt ELPA Screener Test Window: **August 4, 2025 – May 8, 2026**
- ✓ Alt ELPA Summative Test Window: **January 26 – March 13, 2026**
- ✓ For EL students with the most significant cognitive disabilities (must meet eligibility criteria)
- ✓ [Alt ELPA Screener Training](#) opens August 12, 2025
- ✓ [Alt ELPA Summative Training](#) opens December 2025
- ✓ Refer to [ADE Alt ELPA website](#) for additional Alt ELPA resources

## Resources

- ✓ [MSAA Reporting Portal](#) for Spring 2025 ELA and Math open July 14 – September 12, 2025
- ✓ [Eligibility criteria](#) (revised July 2024) -The IEP team determines eligibility for alternate assessment participation, not a specific alternate assessment.
- ✓ [MSAA sample items, best practice videos, and writing prompt rubrics](#)
- ✓ Instructional supports are available on the [ADE Alternate Assessment website](#) and [MSAA States website](#)
- ✓ [Alternate Assessment Test Coordinator Handbook](#) – provides activities, dates, and instructions to guide Alternate Assessment District Test Coordinators

