



Introduction

Greetings!

Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) is the new alternate assessment for students with significant cognitive disabilities in your state. We are planning three field tests from January through June 2014 and **we want YOU to join us!**

Will you please help the DLM Consortium reach our goal of maximum student participation in the field tests?

If you plan for state-wide participation, an SEA should complete one survey. If you plan for participation at the Local Education Agency level, please share this message and survey with your LEAs, cooperatives, or state-level schools. If your state allows waivers at the school level, please have the LEA reply to the survey with student participation estimates; we'll gather specific individual school information later. Please **do not** ask individual schools or teachers to complete the survey.

The primary goal of this survey is to gather your best estimates on the numbers of students who will participate in each field test. We will use this information to further refine our field test plans.

Please reply by October 14.

Thank you.
The DLM Team

Your state

I am answering this survey in my role as a

- State Education Agency representative
- Local Education Agency representative

Field Test Overview & Questions

Why participate?

While we value your participation, we strongly encourage districts to participate in all three tests because of the immense value to individual students, educators, and the DLM Consortium. ALL districts who volunteer will be included.

- Students and teachers who participate this year will be more familiar with DLM and the computer-based test delivery system when the assessment becomes operational in 2014-15
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- The more who participate, the better chance we have to try out as many test items as possible so the operational test has many more options.
- When more students participate, especially in more than one field test, we learn more about how students should move through the map. The more we learn, the better the DLM system will be at recommending testlets for students in the future.

When are the field tests?

The three field test windows are:

- January 15-31
- March 17-April 11
- May 1-end of school year

What content will be tested?

Field tests will include English language arts and math components. During each field test, a student will answer approximately 15 items in each subject area.

Which students will participate?

Criteria for field test participants

- are students with significant cognitive disabilities
- are in grades 3-8 or high school (9-10 and 11-12)
- participate in the Alternate Assessment based on Alternate Achievement Standards

For more details on the activities, students, and anticipated feedback of the field tests, see the [Research Activity Schedule](#).

Field Test #1 will be conducted January 15 - January 31, 2014. Approximately how many students meeting all three criteria above will participate in Field Test #1?

Field Test #2 will be conducted March 17 - April 11, 2014. Approximately how many students meeting all three criteria above will participate in Field Test #2?

Field Test #3 will be conducted May 1 - near end of school term, 2014. Approximately how many students meeting all three criteria above will participate in Field Test #3?

What is the last date you would want students to participate in Field Test #3?

mm/dd/2014

Your school district's information. (Leave blank if completing this survey as an SEA.)

District Name

District Number

Street Address #1

Street Address #2

City

Zip Code

Please provide your contact information.

Professional Title

First Name

Last Name

Email address

Phone number

Did you complete this survey based on all districts or a subset of districts?

- All districts
- A subset of districts

Closing

Thank you for your assistance in gathering this information. We will confirm your participation in one or more field tests and provide you with initial information about them (including timelines) by the end of October. If you have questions, please e-mail: d1m@ku.edu.