



# Pilot Planning: Member Information

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Timeline: October 21 – November 22, 2013

## Purpose

The purposes of the Dynamic Learning Maps™ Pilot Test are to address these questions:

- How well does student entry work?
- Are our assumptions accurate on expectations (i.e., number of testlets/approximate administration time)?
- What feedback do educators have regarding system functionality, administration manuals, manipulatives used in the classroom, and testlet design?
- How well does student-technology interface work?
- What are the views on the accessibility features?

## Participants

We will recruit a minimum of 1,800 students with 600 students across each grade band:

- 3-4
- 7-8
- 10-11

## Eligible Students

Eligible students:

- Are enrolled in a targeted grade band for the 2013-14 academic year
- Participate in your alternate assessment based on alternate achievement standards

## Ineligible Students

Because of the limited scope and functionality in the pilot, the following students are **not** eligible to participate:

- Students with hearing impairments who require read-aloud translated into sign language
- Students with visual impairments that cannot be accommodated with magnification

## Assessments

Each student will participate in a total of three English Language Arts (ELA) and three mathematics testlets. Each testlet has 3-5 items and will be arranged in order of least difficult to most difficult. Total assessment time is 90 minutes or less. More information about the contents of the assessment and the assessment process will be provided by September 9.

Multiple testlets may be taken consecutively on the same day or may be administered at separate times on different days within the testing window (October 21-November 22). The test administrator, typically the student's teacher, will be given instructions for exiting students

from the system based on engagement with the system. There will be an option to pause an assessment for up to 28 minutes without losing data. Administrators will also have the option to enter responses into the system on behalf of the student.

Features available for pilot	Features NOT available
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read-aloud (Female voice)</li> <li>• Magnification</li> <li>• Sentence highlighting</li> <li>• AT devices, including one or two switches</li> <li>• Options for test administrator to input responses for students</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Translation of read-aloud into sign-language</li> <li>• Braille or refreshable Braille</li> <li>• Single-switch scanning with auditory cues</li> </ul>

### System Requirements

- In general, use the [DLM SYSTEM TECHNOLOGY SPECIFICATIONS](#) for guidance.
- Pilot assessments need to be administered on desktop or laptop computers.
- Pilot testlets will not be ready to display on iPads.

### Data Collection Overview

Task	Target Date
1. DLM™ sends email to SEA which includes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Letter template from SEA to LEA</li> <li>b. Link to DISTRICT RECRUITMENT SURVEY</li> <li>c. PILOT PLANNING: MEMBER INFORMATION handout</li> </ol>	August 6
2. SEA replies to DLM email to indicate their state’s interest in participating	August 9
3. LEA completes online survey	August 16
4. DLM confirms pool has been met <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If no, return to Step 1 for additional recruiting</li> <li>• If yes, DLM selects districts to participate in Pilot Test</li> </ul>	August 19
5. DLM sends notification to districts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Selected districts will receive instructions for completing a survey and/or a data file with additional student and educator information</li> <li>• Districts not selected will receive a thank you message</li> </ul>	August 21
6. Educators complete online survey and/or data file information	September 6
7. Teachers selected for pilot.	September 9

Remaining steps in timeline will be provided by September 9