

OAAP (1%) Cap Guide

Federal Regulation

The United States Department of Education has a cap of 1% on the percentage of all students tested whose scores can be reported in accountability as Proficient or Advanced based on an assessment using alternate achievement standards. The alternate assessment used in Oklahoma is the Oklahoma Alternate Assessment Program (OAAP). Any OAAP assessment records that cause a district to exceed the 1% cap will be reported as limited knowledge for NCLB accountability reporting purposes. The original performance level will still be retained for all other reporting (e.g., student achievement by grade).

CAP Guidelines

- Only Math and Reading require the 1% caps.
- The 1% cap is calculated separately at the district level for the following subject groups:
 - Grades 3-8 Math
 - HS Algebra I
 - Grades 3-8 Reading
 - English II
- If a district exceeds the cap, the appropriate number of exams will be adjusted to Limited Knowledge. For example, if a district has 20 FAY students scoring Proficient or Advanced on OAAP exams, and the 1% cap allows for 15 students to count, then 5 exams must be reported as Limited Knowledge to bring the district under the cap. The adjusted exams are distributed to all sites within the district proportionally based on the number of Proficient or Advanced OAAP exams at that site.

You can use the following formula to calculate the number of Proficient or Advanced OAAPs allowed for your district:

Total number of students tested in the subject group for accountability purposes * .01, rounded up

Waiver to the 1% Cap

Any district that expects to exceed the 1% cap may request a waiver to the cap by submitting a written letter to the Department of Education. The letter must include a description of the reasons the LEA is seeking a waiver and supporting documentation that the LEA has implemented several safeguards that limit the inappropriate use of alternate achievement standards (e.g., implementing State guidelines through the IEP process; informing parents about the actual achievement of students, etc.). More information can be found at the following link:

<http://www.ok.gov/sde/sites/ok.gov.sde/files/documents/files/Process%20for%20Requesting%20a%20Waiver%20to%20the%20NCLB%201%25%20OAAP%20Cap.pdf>.