

SCHOOL SYSTEM ALTERNATE ASSESSMENT PARTICIPATION JUSTIFICATION

The Department provided 2020-2021 school year alternate assessment data to school systems for review. If your school system assessed more than 1.0 percent of students on the alternate assessment in the 2020-2021 school year, LDOE anticipates that your school system will assess more than 1.0 percent of students on the alternate assessment in the 2021-2022 school year. School systems that exceed the 1.0 percent threshold must complete a justification and request a participation review. ESSA requires the Department to make these justifications publicly available, provided that it does not reveal personally identifiable information about an individual student.

School System: Allen Parish School Board (002)

Enter the percentage of students who participated in the alternate assessment during the 2020-2021 school year. This information was disseminated to your school system via FTP on or before January 11, 2022.

	Participation Percentage for the 2020-2021 SY	
ELA: LEAP Connect Participation	1.20	%
Math: LEAP Connect Participation	1.20	%
Science: LAA 1 Participation	0.80	%

1. Explain why the school system exceeded an alternate assessment participation rate of 1.0 percent for the 2020-2021 school year. School systems must select **NA (Not Applicable)** or **Applicable** for each option below. **Applicable** must be chosen for at least one of the following and may be chosen for more than one of the following options:

NA

- a. If applicable, provide a brief description with supporting data that identifies specific programs or circumstances within the school system that may contribute to higher enrollments of students identified with significant cognitive disabilities that would result in an alternate assessment participation rate in excess of 1.0 percent. (Example: The school system has schools, community and/or health facilities that draw large numbers of students with significant cognitive disabilities.):

[Redacted area for response to option a]

NA

- b. If applicable, briefly describe how a small overall student enrollment in the school system contributes to the likelihood that even a small number of students found eligible to participate in the alternate assessment would result in a participation rate in excess of 1.0 percent. (Example: The total tested population is less than 300 and the total number of students participating in the alternate assessment is 3 or less.):

[Redacted area for response to option b]

Applicable





- c. If applicable, briefly describe any other or additional justification of variables that may contribute to the school system's alternate assessment participation rate in excess of 1.0 percent:

Allen Parish houses a Federal Correctional Complex, Federal Detention Center and a State operated correctional center. Often times family members of incarcerated individuals relocate to our district to be close to their family. In many instances their children have been determined to participate in Alternate Assessment.

2. By submitting this form, the school system assures that it is taking these required actions:

- The school system verifies that all students participating in the alternate assessment meet Louisiana's participation criteria.
- The school system verifies that any disproportionality in the percentage of students in any subgroup taking the alternate assessment will be addressed.

Required Signatures*

Special Education Director Signature*: 	Date: 02-17-22
Printed Name: K. Scott LeJeune	
Superintendent Signature*: 	Date: 2-17-2022
Printed Name: J. Kent Reed	