Standards and Assessments by State

This document provides links to information about what each state uses for:

- **Academic Content Standards** – What students are expected to learn for each grade level. Apply to all students in a state, including those with disabilities. Most states have adopted the Common Core State Standards or close variations.
- **General Assessments** – Grade-level assessments taken by most students.
- **Alternate Assessments** – Assessments for students with the "most significant cognitive disabilities" (as defined by each state).
- **Alternate Academic Achievement Standards** – Academic expectations that reflect a reduction in the breadth, depth, or complexity of the regular academic achievement standards. States use a variety of terms for these standards including essential elements, extended standards, connectors, access points, and entry points. Some states develop their own alternate achievement standards. Others use one of the following:

  - Dynamic Learning Maps Essential Elements
  - Core Content Connectors (National Center and State Collaborative)

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State	Academic Content Standards	General Assessments	Alternate Assessments	Alternate Academic Achievement Standards
AL	AL Course of Study	AL Comprehensive Assessment Program (ACAP) ACAP Online (requires login)	ACAP Alternate	AL Extended Standards
AK	Alaska Standards	AK Assessment System	Alternate Assessment (DLM)	DLM Essential Elements (see links under Resources)

State	Academic Content Standards	General Assessments	Alternate Assessments	Alternate Academic Achievement Standards
AZ	AZ Academic Standards	AZ Academic Standards Assessment	Multi-State Alternate Assessment	Core Content Connectors
AR	AR Academic Standards	ACT Aspire	DLM Alternate Assessment	DLM Essential Elements
CA	CA Content Standards	CA Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) System	CA Alternate Assessments for ELA and Math	Core Content Connectors (see links under Resources and Communication Material)
CO	CO Academic Standards	CO Mathematics, English Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies Assessments (CMAS)	CoAlt - Alternate English Language Arts and Mathematics Assessments Math (DLM) CoAlt - Alternate Science and Social Studies Assessments	Extended Evidence Outcomes
CT	CT Core Standards	CT Summative Assessment system	CT Alternate Assessment System	Core Content Connectors

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DE	DE Common Core State Standards	DE System of Student Assessment (DeSSA)	DE Alternate Assessments (DLM)	DLM Essential Elements (See #8 under General Overview)
DC	Common Core State Standards Next Generation Science Standards	PARCC DC Science Assessment	Multi-State Alternate Assessment (ELA & Math) and DLM for Science	Core Content Connectors DLM Science Essential Elements
FL	Next Generation Sunshine State Standards (NGSSS)	Just Read Portfolio FL Assessments for Instruction in Mathematics (FAIM) Statewide Science Assessment	FL Standards Alternate Assessment (FSAA)	FL Standards Access Points
GA	GA Standards of Excellence	GA Milestones	GA Alternate Assessment 2.0 (GAA-2.0)	GAA 2.0 2021-2022 GSE Extended Content Standards
HI	Subject Matter Standards	Smarter Balanced Assessment (Math & ELA)	HI State Alternate Assessments (HSA-Alt)	

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		Next Generation Science Standards		
ID	Idaho Content Standards	ID Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) (scroll down for ELA, Math, & Science ISATs	ID Alternate Assessment (IDAA)	ID Extended Content Standards – ELA, Science, Math
IL	IL Learning Standards	IL Assessment of Readiness (IAR) Illinois Science Assessment (ISA)	Dynamic Learning Maps Alternate Assessment (DLM-AA)	DLM Essential Elements
IN	IN Academic Standards	IN Learning Evaluation Assessment Readiness Network (ILEARN)	Indiana's Alternate Measure (IAM)	IN Content Connectors
IA	IA Core Standards	IA State Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP)	IA Alternate Assessments (DLM)	IA Core Essential Elements
KS	KS Curricular Standards	KS Assessment Program (KAP)	DLM & Essential Elements	DLM & Essential Elements

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KY	KY Academic Standards	KY Summative Assessment (KSA)	Alternate KY Summative Assessment	KY Academic Standards – Alternate K-PREP
LA	LA Academic Standards	LA Measuring Results	Students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities	LA Connectors (scroll down)
ME	ME Standards	MAP Growth Assessments (Math & ELA/Literacy) New Meridian (Science)	Multi-State Alternate Assessment (MSAA) MSAA-Science	Core Content Connectors (under heading Preparing for Assessment)
MD	MD College and Career-Ready Standard	MD Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAP)	DLM – Mathematics, ELA and Science/Alternate Assessments	DLM Essential Elements (scroll down to Standards Being Assessed)
MA	MA Learning Standards	MA Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) (MCAS)	MCAS-Alternate Assessment (MCAS-Alt)	MA Curriculum Frameworks (scroll down to Resource Guides to the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks for Students with Disabilities)
MI	MI Academic Standards	MI Student Test of Educational Progress (M-STEP)	MI Alternate Assessment Program (MI_Access)	MI Alternate Content Expectations

State	Academic Content Standards	General Assessments	Alternate Assessments	Alternate Academic Achievement Standards
MN	MN K-12 Academic Standards	MN Comprehensive Assessments (MCAs)	MN Test of Academic Skills (MTAS)	MTAS Achievement Level Descriptors
MS	MS College- and Career-Ready Standards (scroll to documents tab on lower right)	MS Academic Assessment Program (MAAP)	MAAP-Alternate (DLM)	See links to Alternate Academic Achievement Standards under Resources (Essential Elements for English Language Arts and Math Mississippi Extended Science Frameworks for science)
MO	MO Learning Standards	MO Assessment Program (MAP) - Grade Level	MO Assessment Program-Alternate Assessment (MAP-A) (DLM)	DLM Essential Elements
MT	MT K-12 Content Standards	MT Required Assessments	Multi-State Alternate Assessment	Core Content Connectors
NE	NE College and Career Ready Standards	NE Student-Centered Assessment System (NSCAS)	NSCAS Alternate Summative Assessment	NE Extended Indicators

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NV	NV Academic Content Standards	NV Assessments	NV Alternate Assessment	NV Academic Content Standards Connectors
NH	College and Career Ready Standards	NH Statewide Assessment Program	Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM)	DLM Essential Elements
NJ	NJ Student Learning Standards	NJ Assessment	Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM)	DLM Essential Elements
NM	NM Content Standards	NM State Assessments	Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM)	DLM Essential Elements
NY	NY Next Generation Learning Standards	NY Testing Program	NY Alternate Assessment (DLM)	DLM Essential Elements
NC	Academic Standards	State Tests	Alternate Assessments	Achievement Level Descriptors (under Resources)
ND	K-12 Education Content Standards	ND State Assessment	ND Alternate Assessment (DLM)	DLM Essential Elements
OH	OH Learning Standards	OH State Tests	OH Alternate Assessment for Students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities (AASCD)	OH Learning Standards Extended (OLS-E)

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OK	OK Academic Standards	OK Testing Program (OSTP)	OK Alternate Assessment Program (OAAP)	DLM Essential Elements
OR	OR Standards & Instruction	OR Statewide Assessment System (OSAS)	OR Extended Assessment (ORExt)	ORExt (see Alternate Academic Achievement Standards tab) ELA Alternate Achievement Standards Math Alternate Achievement Standards
PA	PA Core Standards	PA System of School Assessment (PSSA)	PA Alternate System of Assessment (PASA) (DLM)	PA Essential Elements
PR	PR Core Standards	Medición y Evaluación para la Transformación Académica (META-PR)	Medición y Evaluación para la Transformación Académica Alterna (META-PR ALT)	
RI	RI Core Standards	RI Comprehensive Assessment System (RICAS)	RI Dynamic Learning Maps	DLM Essential Elements
SC	SC College and Career Ready Standards	SC College- and Career-Ready Assessments (SC READY)	SC-Alt	

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		SC Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SCPASS)		
SD	SD Core Content Standards	SD Math & ELA Assessments	Alternate Assessment	Multi-State Alternate Assessment Core Content Connectors
TN	TN Academic Standards	TN Comprehensive Assessment Program	Alternate Assessment	Multi-State Alternate Assessment Core Content Connectors
TX	TX Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS)	State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STARR)	STARR Alt 2	STAAR Alternate 2 Essence Statements
UT	UT Core Standards	Readiness Improvement Success Empowerment (RISE)	Special Education Accessibility, Accommodations, and Assessment (DLM)	DLM Essential Elements
VT	VT Adopted Standards	VT Comprehensive Assessment System	Alternate Assessments	VT Alternate Achievement Level Descriptors

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VA	VA Standards of Learning	VA Standards of Learning and Testing	VA Alternate Assessment Program (VAAP)	VA Essentialized Standards of Learning
WA	Learning Standards & Instructional Materials	State Testing	WA Access to Instruction and Measurement (WA-AIM)	Access Points Framework
WV	WV College and Career Ready Standards	WV General Summative Assessment	WV Alternate Summative Assessment (DLM)	DLM Essential Elements
WI	WI Academic Standards	WI Student Assessment System (WSAS)	Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM)	DLM Essential Elements
WY	WY Content and Performance Standards	WY Test of Proficiency and Progress (WY-TOPP)	WY-ALT	Extended WY Content and Performance Standards
USVI	Standards - US VI	Smarter Balanced Assessment	Multi-State Alternate Assessment	Core Content Connectors