

Covington County Schools  
Justification for Exceeding 1% of Tested Students  
Participating in Alternate Assessment

Section 1: District Demographics

Covington County School District, 1600

Total Student Enrollment: 2,882

Total Number of Students to test on MAAP and MAAP-A: 1,557

Total Number of Students with Disabilities Enrolled: 634

Total Number of Students with Disabilities to be Tested on MAAP and MAAP-A: 330

Total Number of Students with an SCD who will take the MAAP-A: 32

Section 2: District Description

Number of Schools: 8

Number of Classrooms That Primarily Serve Students with SCD's: 3

Special Programs that the district runs that would explain why the district is over 1% on the MAAP-A: 0

Section 3: Assurances

Description of the process used to determine and verify that all students marked as SCD met the definition:

Professional Development on December 11, 2017 using MDE SCD Determination Guidance Document and the Mississippi Alternate Assessment Decision Making Checklist

Using SCD report from MSIS, we pulled all information on students marked as SCD

Faculty paired in teams and reviewed all evaluation and diagnostic data, all IEP's, all re-evaluation or referral data, using the SCD Determination Guidance Document and MAAP-A Decision Making Checklist

Students who received a YES on all standards of the Determination Guidance Document and MAAP-A Decision Making Checklist were deemed to be appropriately classified

For those students who did not meet all standards and eligibility criteria, IEP meetings were convened for further review by the IEP committee

Non-SCD students were then changed in MSIS to reflect their Non-SCD status

Justification as to why students in the following categories meet the criteria for SCD:

Language/Speech: 0

Specific Learning Disability: 0

Other Health Impairment – 0

Visually Impaired – 0

Hearing Impaired – 0

Emotionally Disturbed – 0

District plan for lowering the number of students participating in alternate assessment in the future:

We will incorporate the two MDE documents, MDE SCD Determination Guidance Document and the Mississippi Alternate Assessment Decision Making Checklist as an integral part of all IEP meetings, eligibility determinations, and evaluations.

Continue to provide annual Professional Development sessions which focus on how to use and incorporate the MDE SCD Determination Guidance Document and the Mississippi Alternate Assessment Decision Making Checklist

#### Section 4: Signatures

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Babette Duty, Superintendent

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Lynn Smith, Board President

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