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**SUBJECT:** Birthdate Ranges for Students with Disabilities Participating in the 2018-19  
New York State Alternate Assessment (NYSAA)

Students with disabilities participating in the NYSAA are assessed according to chronological ages aligned with grade levels. The chart below provides information on the age ranges for students with disabilities participating in the 2018-19 NYSAA. Students should be tested based on their birthdate in the content areas indicated for each grade level.

Please contact the Office of State Assessment at 518-474-5900 if you have any questions regarding the birthdate ranges for students participating in the NYSAA.

Birth Date	Assessment
September 1, 2009-August 31, 2010	Grade 3 ELA & Math
September 1, 2008-August 31, 2009	Grade 4 ELA, Math, and Science
September 1, 2007-August 31, 2008	Grade 5 ELA and Math
September 1, 2006-August 31, 2007	Grade 6 ELA and Math
September 1, 2005-August 31, 2006	Grade 7 ELA and Math
September 1, 2004-August 31, 2005	Grade 8 ELA, Math, and Science
September 1, 2000-August 31, 2001	Secondary-Level ELA, Math, and Science*

**\*Note:** NYSAA-eligible students who do not meet the age criteria above and will be exiting school before they reach their eighteenth birthday must take the secondary-level NYSAA before they leave school (i.e., when they are 17 years old). NYSAA-eligible students with a birth date prior to September 1, 2000 who have not been assessed at the secondary level must be assessed in 2018-19 before they leave school. All NYSAA-eligible high school students are assigned to the Grade 9 cohort in Educator Portal, regardless of the actual grade that the student is enrolled in at their school. The grade must be 9 in the Educator Portal system.