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**SUBJECT:** Birthdate Ranges for Students with Disabilities Participating in the 2021-22  
New York State Alternate Assessment (NYSAA)

Students with disabilities participating in the New York State Alternate Assessment (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 2021-22 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.

Birthdate	NYSAA Grade and Component
September 1, 2012–August 31, 2013	Grade 3 ELA and Math
September 1, 2011–August 31, 2012	Grade 4 ELA, Math and Science
September 1, 2010–August 31, 2011	Grade 5 ELA and Math
September 1, 2009–August 31, 2010	Grade 6 ELA and Math
September 1, 2008–August 31, 2009	Grade 7 ELA and Math
September 1, 2007–August 31, 2008	Grade 8 ELA, Math, and Science
September 1, 2003–August 31, 2004	Secondary-Level ELA, Math, and Science*

\*NYSAA-eligible students who do not meet the age criteria above for the secondary level 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 secondary-level students who were expected to participate in the spring 2020 or spring 2021 NYSAA administration but could not do so are not expected to take the NYSAA before they exit school.

**Reminder: all NYSAA-eligible students noted in the secondary-level age range above are assigned to the Grade 9 cohort in Educator Portal,** regardless of the actual grade that the student is enrolled in at school. The grade must be 9 in the Educator Portal system.