

2020-21  
New York  
State  
Alternate  
Assessment  
(NYSAA)

**Special Circumstance Codes:  
Administration of NYSAA in  
English Language Arts (ELA),  
Mathematics and Science  
through Dynamic Learning  
Maps (DLM)**

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Directions: The codes provided below are to be used for schools to designate the reasons why students who had been expected to participate in the NYSAA were unable to do so. In order to input any of these codes into the assessment record, the District Test Coordinator (DTC) must first enter the student's demographic information into the Educator Portal and then roster the student to a teacher. Next, the teacher must complete the first contact survey for the student. This results in a testlet being generated for the student. Once the testlet is generated, it must **NOT** be opened. Instead, the teacher must notify the DTC that a special circumstance code needs to be applied. The DTC enters the appropriate special circumstance code one time **per** content area **before** the test window closes. Documentation of the special circumstance must be kept on file by the LEA.

NYSAA Not-Tested Category	NYSAA Not-Tested Description	DLM Special Circumstance Code in Kite: Educator Portal
Absent	The student was in attendance for fewer than 30 school days as a NYSAA-eligible student between March 8-June 11, 2021 (ELA, Mathematics, and Science) and it was determined that there was not enough time to assess the student.	Chronic Absences (13813)
Not-Enrolled at Time of Test Administration	The student left the district before an assessment could be collected, or the student arrived in the district too late for the district to enter the student into SIRS as NYSAA eligible and an assessment could not be completed.	Other (9999)
Medically Excused	The student was too incapacitated to be tested because of an illness or injury resulting from a significant medical emergency, as documented by a medical practitioner. The medically excused option is reviewed by a school district administrator on an individual student basis. Students taking the NYSAA are not considered medically excused from testing because of their disability.	Medical Waiver (3454)
Took Another Assessment to Fulfill Testing Requirement	The student took another approved assessment (i.e., a New York State general assessment, Regents Competency Test (or approved alternative), Regents Examination (or approved alternative)) to fulfill the testing requirement in a particular content area.	Other Reason for Non-Participation (13831)

	The student was not administered the NYSAA based on a parent refusal of the NYSAA assessment. This does NOT include students who were unable to engage in the assessment at the time of the testing for whom a valid score of zero is appropriate.	Parent Refusal (13820)
Receiving Entirely Remote Instruction	The student was unable to participate in the NYSAA due to receiving entirely remote instruction during the test administration period due to the pandemic.	Student could not test due to COVID-19 (20203)