Multi-State Alternate Assessment (MSAA)

Use Your Checklist! Training for Test Administrators and Test Coordinators





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- Before test administration
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MSAA Overview





Overview of the Test

- Assesses three content areas
 - English Language Arts (ELA) Reading and Writing
 - Mathematics
 - Science
- ELA & Math: Aligned to the MSAA Core Content Connectors (CCCs)
- Science: Aligned to the Extended Performance Expectations (EPEs)
 - ELA & Math: Grades 3-8 and 11 (HS)
 - Science: Grades 5, 8, and 11 (HS)

All standards can be found at

https://www.msaastates.com/ccc-standards.html



Overview of the Test (cont.)

- One-to-one test administration
- Administered by a trained Test Administrator
- Formats (determined by what is appropriate for each student)
 Ocomputer based format (standard administration)
 - Paper-based format (downloaded from platform)
 - Accommodation should be documented in the current IEP
 - Combination of Computer-Paper administration
 - Accommodation should be documented in the current IEP

NOTE: Regardless of format, ALL student responses must be entered into the online platform, either by you or the student.

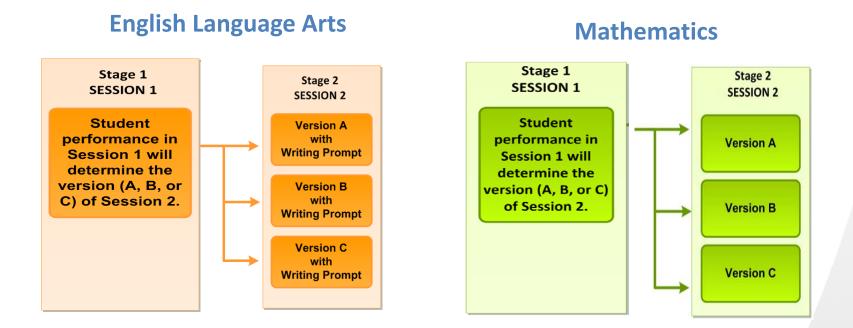


Overview of the Test (cont.)

- If a student requires a paper test, the Test Administrator will need to download and print the test for the student.
- If the student requires a paper test, please be sure that the Paper Version and Scribe accommodations are written on the student's IEP.



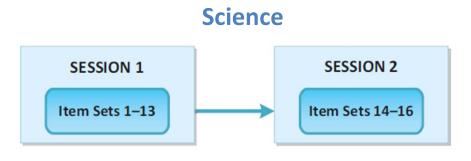
MSAA Test Design



Session 1 must be submitted into the MSAA system before moving on to Session 2.



MSAA Test Design (cont.)







MSAA Item Types

- Selected-Response: All contents
- Constructed-Response: ELA and Mathematics
- Student Writing Prompt: ELA

 Recommended: Administer the ELA portion of the test first!



Use Your Checklist!





TA and TC Checklist Overview

- Located in Appendix F of the Test Administration Manual (TAM)
- Intended to assist in ensuring a successful administration of the MSAA Test
 - Before administration
 - During administration
 - After administration



Test Administrator (TA) Checklist

| | Before Test Administration | TAM Pg. | 1 |
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| 3. | Activate TA account. TAs receive an auto-generated login username and password from noreply@cognia.org. Open a web browser and enter the TA's email address, enter the password provided, and click "Log in." Refer to the section titled "How to Access the MSAA Online Assessment System" in the <u>MSAA Online Assessment System User Guide for Test Administrators</u> for directions on how to activate your TA account. | N/A | |
| 4. | Consult district/school technology personnel (and the MSAA Service Center as needed) to: Ensure that the MSAA Online Assessment System is accessible and functioning on the computer or device that assigned students are using for testing. Troubleshoot technology issues. Refer to Appendix B (Technology Requirements) in the <u>MSAA Online Assessment System User Guide for Test Administrators</u> for specific information on supported browsers and operating systems. | | |
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| 7. | Download the DTA and any other documents needed for administration. | 6 | |
| 8. | Review and prepare test materials. Check IEP for accommodations. Create tactile graphics/object replacements. Upload vocabulary into AAC/AT devices. Ensure accessibility features function properly. Access sample items online at <u>www.msaaassessment.org/sample-items</u> | | |
| 9. | Confirm the student demographic information and complete the following forms: Learner Characteristics Inventory (LCI)* Accommodations: Before Test* Student Response Check (SRC)* *These tabs are located in the student's profile area in the MSAA Online Assessment System. Refer to the section titled "Before Testing" in the MSAA Online Assessment System User Guide for Test Administrators for more information. | | |

| During Test Administration | TAM Pg. | ✓ Done |
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| 1. Read the DTA for the test assigned to the student. Use the DTA throughout the entire session as your guide and script exactly as it is written. The DTA will also inform you that you have completed the administration of each session of the test. Remember Session 1 must be completed before Session 2 is assigned. Implement the DTA as written and complete test administration. Organize all test materials according to the DTA and print a copy of any reference sheets or stimulus materials. Reference sheets and manipulatives are located at the beginning of the DTA for each session. | <u>19–21</u> | |
| 2. Provide accommodations as outlined in the Accessibility Features and Accommodations section. | 22-29 | |
| 3. Maintain test security. | 30 | ĵ. |
| 4. Continue to provide a comfortable and secure testing environment. TAs may pause and resume the test as indicated by student needs. TAs must follow best practices by administering the assessment when the student is most engaged and focused. If the student becomes fatigued or appears no longer engaged, it is appropriate to pause the test and resume when the student is better able to focus. This ensures that the student's true ability and best work are captured. The test may be administered over multiple days but must be completed by \$:00 pm ET on April 25, 2025. Refer to the section titled 'Administer and Navigate the Test' in the <u>MSAA Online Assessment System User Guide for Test Administrators</u> for specific directions on how to pause, resume, and submit a test. | <u>22–23</u> , <u>30</u> | |
| 5. Repeat items as necessary during administration. The TA may repeat items by rereading the directions, answer options, or passage as often as is reasonable to obtain a student's response to an item. All text must be read to students exactly as written, with no paraphrasing or <u>variation</u> of speed to emphasize words in ways that provide hints to the correct or incorrect responses. | 25 | |
| 6. Report security violations and test irregularities to your TC. All inappropriate test practices, security violations, and suspected irregularities must be reported to the TC. For information about your state's respective security agreements, use the website/email links on page 1 (State MSAA Coordinators) for state-specific policy information. | <u>1, 30</u> | |
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| 8. Ensure that all tests have been submitted and/or the Early Stopping Rule has been applied by your TC by 8:00 pm ET on April 25, 2025. Refer to the section titled "Administer and Navigate the Test" in the <u>MSAA Online Assessment System User Guide for Test</u> <u>Administrators</u> for specific directions. | 2 | |
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Test Coordinator (TC) Checklist

| | Before Test Administration | TAM Pg. | ✓ Don |
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| 1. | Sign and submit state-specific test security and confidentiality forms. Use the website/email links on <u>page 1</u> (State MSAA Coordinators) for state-specific policy information. | 1 | |
| 2. | Complete the MSAA Test Administration Training for TCs. TCs are <u>not</u> required to take the end-of-training final quiz. | <u>10</u> | |
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| з. | Ensure that TAs have received and completed the required training and can access the MSAA Online Assessment System. | <u>9, 10</u> | |
| 4. | Communicate all information received from the State MSAA Coordinator about MSAA to TAs. | N/A | |
| 5. | Ensure that technology capacity is met. Work with district/school IT personnel to ensure that the MSAA Online Assessment System is accessible and functioning on every computer that is used for testing. Refer to Appendix B (Technology Requirements) in the <u>MSAA Online Assessment System User</u> <u>Guide for Test Coordinators</u> for specific information on supported browsers and operating systems. | | |
| 6. | . Support TAs in developing a testing schedule so that all tests will be submitted within the administration window. | | |
| | During Test Administration | | ✓ Don |
| 7. | Monitor the administration of the test. As part of test security and validity, TCs should monitor administration for a portion of students to ensure appropriate test practices and appropriate student participation. Consult with your TAs regarding closing any tests for students who meet the criteria for the ESR. | <u>6–10,</u> <u>19–30,</u> <u>43–45</u> | |
| 8. | Ensure that students and TAs have the materials and resources needed to administer the test. | | |
| 9. | Maintain test security. Ensure that all test materials are in a secure and locked location when not testing. | | |
| 10 | 0. Report inappropriate test practices in accordance with state policy. | | |
| 11 | L. Report security violations and test irregularities to the State MSAA Coordinator. All inappropriate test practices, security violations, and suspected irregularities must be reported to the TC. For information about your state's respective security agreements, use the website/email links on <u>page 1</u> (State MSAA Coordinators) for state-specific policy information. | | |
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Before Test Administration





1. Ensure that the student meets state participation criteria and IEP team decision has been documented for grade 3 students, new students, and/or transfer students.

| | Participation Criteria | Participation Criteria Descriptors |
|----|--|---|
| 1. | The student has a significant cognitive disability. | Review of student records indicates a disability or multiple disabilities that significantly affect intellectual functioning and adaptive behavior.* *Adaptive behavior is defined as essential for someone to live independently and to function safely in daily life. |
| 2. | The student is learning content linked to grade-level content standards. | Goals and instruction listed in the IEP for this student are linked to the enrolled grade-level content standards and address knowledge and skills that are appropriate and challenging for this student. |
| 3. | The student requires extensive, direct individualized instruction and substantial supports to achieve measurable gains in a grade- and age-appropriate curriculum. | The student (a) requires extensive, repeated, individualized instruction and support that is not of a temporary or transient nature, and (b) uses substantially adapted materials and individualized methods of accessing information in alternative ways to acquire, maintain, generalize, demonstrate, and transfer skills across multiple settings. |



Excusal

BIE does NOT have an Excusal from Testing

- BIE does NOT have IEP
 Team Excusal Decision
- BIE does NOT have Parental Excusal Decision

Student MUST be administered the SRC and the ESR must be applied

 Meeting criteria for ESR is the only way a student can be excused from testing



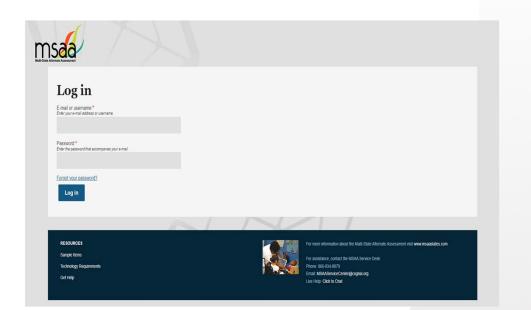
2. Sign and submit state-specific test security and confidentiality forms.

- Test Security Agreement will be in a pop-up window upon initial login into the MSAA Assessment System
- TAs will need to accept agreement to have full access to secure materials



3. Activate TA account.

- Email will be sent from <u>noreply@cognia.org</u> with a link and login credentials
- 2. Update password as instructed in the MSAA System
- 3. Login to MSAA System at www.msaaassessment.org





4. Consult district/school technology personnel (and the MSAA Service Center as needed).

| Device | Version |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Windows computer | Windows 10 or newer |
| Mac (Apple OS X) computer | Mac OS X 13.x or newer |
| Chromebook | Chrome OS 121+ |
| Linux | Ubuntu 18.04, Fedora 39 or newer |
| iPad 2 or newer | iPadOS 15.x+ |
| Android tablet | Android OS 12+ |
| Windows tablet | Windows 10 or newer |



| Browser | Version | To Install |
|---------|--------------|--|
| Chrome | 121+ | www.google.com/chrome |
| Firefox | 115+ | www.mozilla.com |
| Edge | 125+ | Already installed on all Windows computers |
| Safari | 17.x+, 18.x+ | Already installed on all Mac computers |



5. Complete MSAA Test Administration Training.

| Module # | Module Title |
|----------|--|
| Module 1 | MSAA Overview |
| Module 2 | Navigating the MSAA Online Assessment System |
| Module 3 | Test Administrator and Test Coordinator Responsibilities |
| Module 4 | The Writing Prompt |
| Module 5 | Accessibility Features and Accommodations |
| Module 6 | Student Response Check and Early Stopping Rule |

*MSAA Science Training Module



6. Review state-specific policy links and contact information.





7. Download the DTA and any other documents needed for administration.

| Test Administration Manual (TAM) | Provides policies and procedures for TAs and TC to prepare and administer the MSAA Test | Test Administration Manual Test Administration Window Administration Window |
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| Online Assessment System User Guide | Describes the MSAA System features and provides very detailed directions on how to perform required functions in the MSAA system before, during and after administration. | Mit a Unite a descenario fuginari los facilitaris Terra descenarios |
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| Directions for Test Administration (DTA) | REQUIRED Secure material Contains essential administration information specific to your student's test | Foring 2024 Directions for Test Administration English Language Arts (ELA) Grade 8 Sample Items |



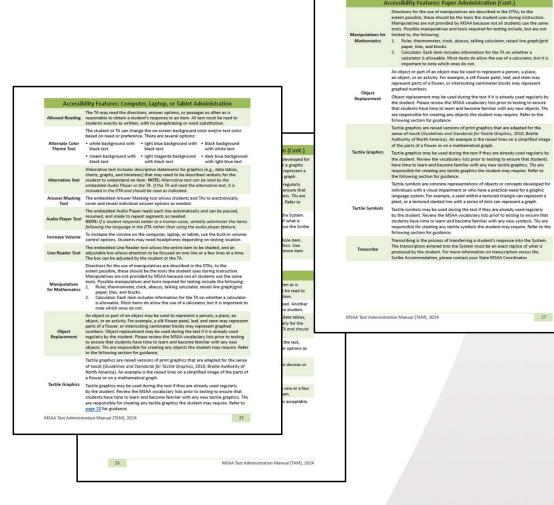
The DTA <u>must</u> be utilized when administering the Test. It provides all directions for a successful 1:1 MSAA administration and includes the following:

- · directions and scripts for each item
- details about manipulatives required to administer a test item, such as calculators and counters
- reference sheets that contain important graphics
- scoring rubrics for constructed-response items (CRs)
- writing prompt script, mentor text (when applicable), graphic organizer, student response templates, and stimulus materials for all writing prompts in each gradelevel ELA DTA
- specific directions to administer the braille versions of ELA foundational reading items in grades 3 and 4





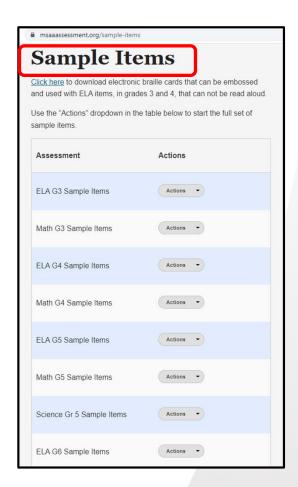
- Review your student's IEP accommodations and compare those to the list in the TAM
- Identify the equipment that will be used for testing
- Ensure that the accessibility features function properly





Access the sample items

 (available all year) and
 familiarize yourself with the
 assessment format and features.



www.msaaassessment.org/sample-items



• Read the DTA!

- Create tactile graphics and object replacements
- Upload vocabulary into AAC/AT devices
- Cutout all CR cutouts beforehand
- Find a system that works best for you!



Mathematics Session 1 List of Reference Sheets and Cutouts

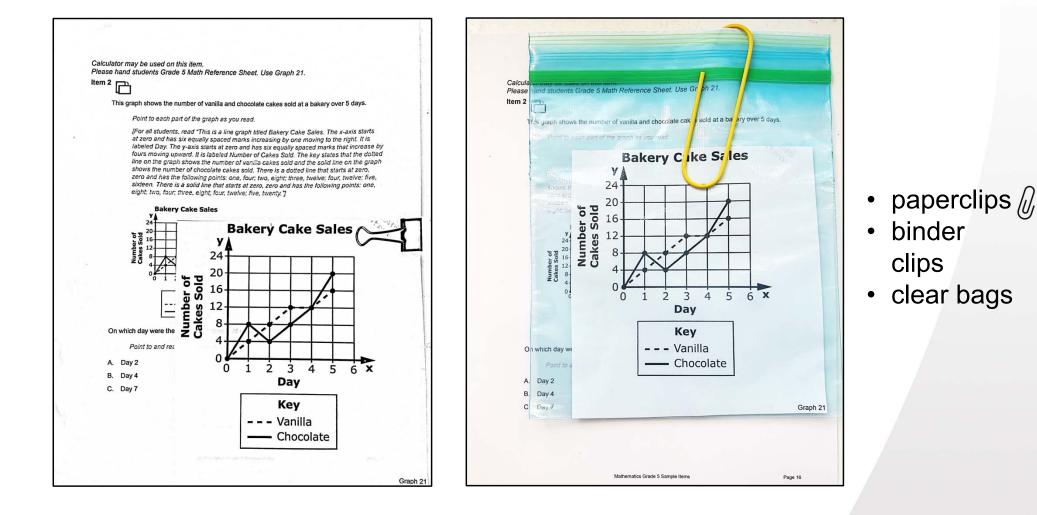
The reference sheets and CR cutouts, or their adapted equivalents, must be provided as instructed in the DTA.

Note: Counters should be used as they are normally used during instruction. If an item lends itself to the use of counters, it will be listed below and also mentioned at the top of the item in the DTA.

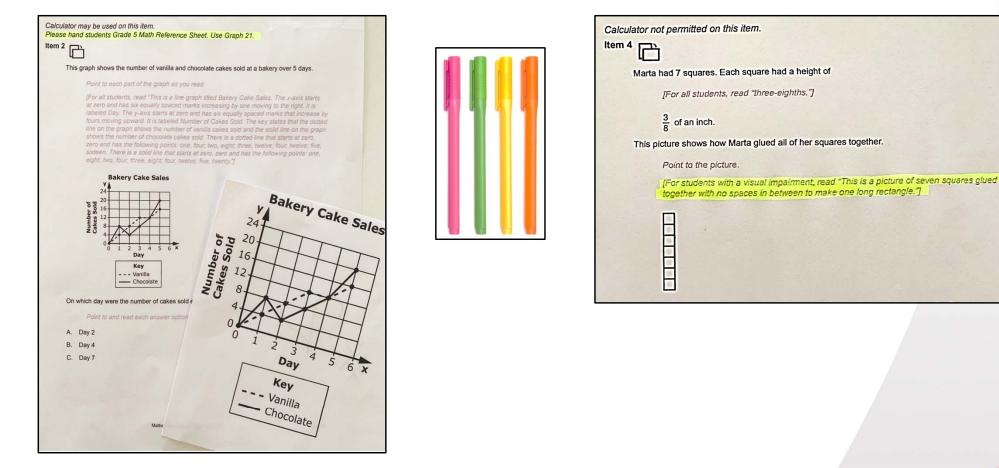
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Up to 78 counters (Items 5, 9, 17, 20) Reference Sheet Graph 21 (Item 2) Printed student response cutout found in Mathematics Constructed-Response Cutouts section (Item 24)

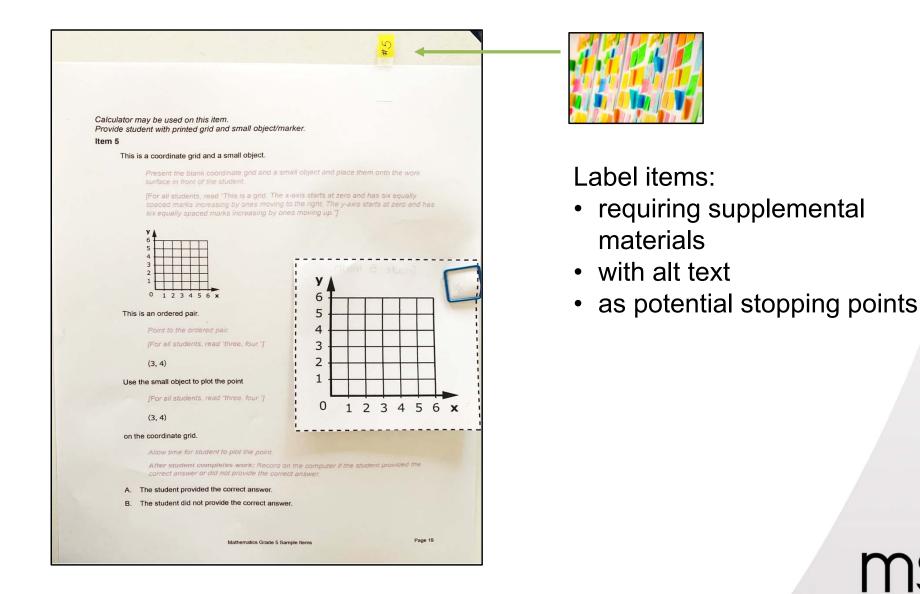




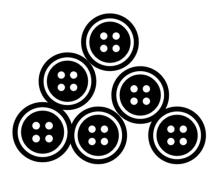
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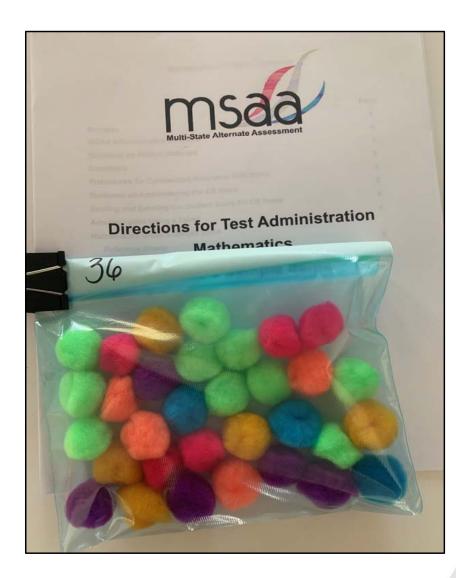






Multi-State Alternate Assessment







- 9. Confirm the student demographic information and complete the following forms:
 - Learner Characteristics Inventory (LCI)*
 - Accommodations: Before Test*
 - Student Response Check (SRC)*





What is the Student Response Check (SRC)?

- A task during which a student is asked to demonstrate their preferred mode(s) of communication.
- Used to determine if the student demonstrates an observable response mode.
 - An observable response mode is a predictable and consistent behavior or movement that is able to be understood by a communication partner as intentional communication.
- Ensures that the student will be able to participate in the assessment and respond to test items.
- Three question, content-neutral task used to ensure the TA can clearly identify which answer a student chooses for a selected response item.

You do not need to conduct the SRC if you are certain that the student has an observable mode of communication so that you may enter a student's response in the MSAA System with confidence.

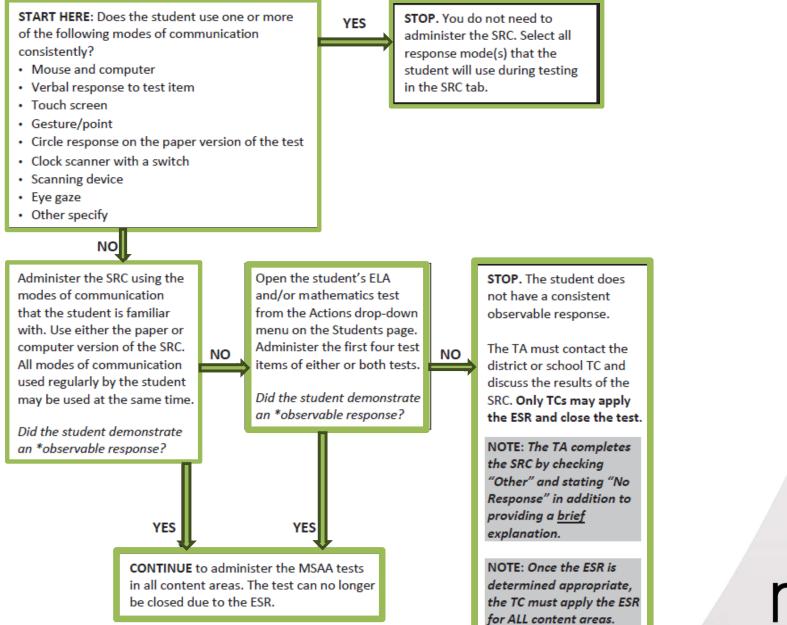


Early Stopping Rule (ESR)

- Ending the testing experience after the SRC is conducted is called the Early Stopping Rule (ESR).
- The lack of an observable response mode is the **only** reason the ESR can be applied.
- The ESR cannot be applied based on the students
 - behavior
 - stamina
 - knowledge of the content
 - frustration level
 - refusal to participate in the test
- TAs do not have permission to apply the Early Stopping Rule and close a test.



Using the SRC and Early Stopping Rule Flowchart





10. Create a comfortable and secure testing environment.

- Determine the optimal assessment time and setting for each individual student.
- Familiarize students with the process
- Take into consideration specific manipulatives that work for each student.
- Mirror the instruction in the classroom.
- Use the administration window.





Test Coordinator Checklist – Before Test Admin



Test Coordinator Checklist

| Before Test Administration | | | | | | | |
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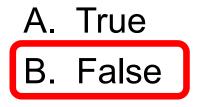


• How should the MSAA be administered?

- A. Is best administered within a small group
- B. Can be administered to a whole class
- C. Must be administered individually



• Use of the Directions for Test Administration (DTA) is *optional* during administration of the test to a student.





• Where can the TA and TC Checklists be located?

A. Appendix F of the Test Administration Manual (TAM)

- B. The most current student IEP
- C. The principal's office



During Test Administration





During Test Administration

| 2. | Ensure that the student meets state participation criteria and IEP team decision has been documented for grade 3 students, new students, and/or transfer students. | 1, 7 | | | |
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| During rest Auministration | TAIVI PE. | V DON |
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| 1.1. Read the DTA for the test assigned to the student. Use the DTA throughout the entire session as your guide and script exactly as it is written. The DTA will also inform you that you have completed the administration of each session of the test. Remember Session 1 must be completed before Session 1 is assigned. Implement the DTA as written and complete test administration. Organize all test materials according to the DTA for adm session. To the State | <u>19-21</u> | |
| 12. Provide accommodations as outlined in the Accessibility Features and Accommodations section. | 22-29 | |
| 13. Maintain test security. | 30 | Č. |
| (4. Continue to provide a comfortable and secure testing environment. TAs may pause and resume the test as indicated by student needs. TAs must follow best practices by administering the assessment when the student is most engaged and focused. If the student becomes fatigued or appears no longer engaged, it is appropriate to pause the test and resume when the student is better able to focus. This ensures that the student's true ability and best work are captured. The test may be administered over multiple days but must be completed by 8:00 pm ET on April 25, 2025. Refer to the section titled 'Administer and Navigate the Test' in the <u>MSAA Online Assessment System User Guide for Test Administrators</u> for specific altrections on how to pause, resume, and submit a test. | <u>22–23</u> , <u>30</u> | |
| 5. Repeat items as necessary during administration. The TA may repeat items by rereading the directions, answer options, or passage as often as is reasonable to obtain a student's response to an item. All text must be read to students exactly as written, with no paraphrasing or <u>variation</u> of speed to emphasize words in ways that provide hints to the correct or incorrect responses. | 25 | |
| 16. Report security violations and test irregularities to your TC. All inappropriate test practices, security violations, and suspected irregularities must be reported to the TC. For information about your state's respective security agreements, use the website/email links on <u>page 1</u> (State MSAA Coordinators) for state-specific policy information. | <u>1, 30</u> | |
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| 17. Report all inappropriate test practices, security violations, and suspected irregularities to your TC. All inappropriate test practices, security violations, and suspected irregularities must be reported to the TC. For information about your state's respective security agreements, use the website/email links on page 1 (State MSAA Coordinators) for state-specific policy information. | <u>1, 30</u> | |
| Ensure that all tests have been submitted and/or the Early Stopping Rule has been applied by your TC by 8:00 pm ET on April 25, 2025. Refer to the section titled "Administer and Novigate the Test" in the <u>MSAA Online Assessment System User Guide for Test</u> <u>Administrators for specific directions.</u> | 2 | |
| 19. Complete the Accommodations: After Test tab. Following the administration of the test, the TA records in "Accommodations: After Test" the accommodations the student <u>actually used</u> during the test. Refer to the section titled "After Testing" in the <u>MSAA Online Assessment System User Guide for Test</u> <u>Administrators</u> for specific directions. | N/A | |
| 10. Complete the End-of-Test Survey (EOTS). The EOTS has been developed to learn from the experience of each TA administering the test. After the TA submits <u>all</u> of the | 2 | |
| student's content area tests, the TA completes only <u>one</u> EOTS per the My Student list. Refer to the section titled "After Testing" in the MSAA Online Assessment System User Guide for Test Administrators for specific directions. | | |
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DTA Front Matter

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Directions

Become familiar with the different types of directions for test administration provided in the TAM and in this DTA, and be prepared to follow them when administering the test. The gray, italicized text indicates any actions the TA should perform, such as pointing to specific parts of the item or placing materials on the work surface. If the item includes alternative text, gray italicized text inside brackets directs the TA to read the alternative text that describes the graphic to the student. All language referring to students with a visual impairment is inclusive of students who are blind or visually impaired.

Please see the example below:

| | Reading Item Example |
|---|--|
| Directions | |
| Reference the | passage part. TA reads tem text to the student. |
| We are going to read a what the word drift me | some sentences from the passage again. Listen for clues that tell you eans. |
| | er lanterns with candles into the sky. They wish for happiness. They wish In the lanterns drift in the sky." |
| Point to the bo | Effored word - Directions for TA to point to the boldfaced word in the question. |
| What does the word d | TA reads tem text to the student. |
| Point to and re | ad each answer option. Directions for TA to point to and read each answer option. |
| | eth a visual impairment, read "A. This is a picture of a gift fying down with pillow. Here eyes are closed."] The made alternative less to student with a visual impairment. |
| A tall asleep | TA mads ilem text to the student. with a visual impairment, read '10. This is a pittore of a girl looking at a for." TA reads alternative text to student with a visual impairment. |
| B. float around [For students v catch a ball.7] | TA reads item foot to the student. with a visual impairment, read "C. This is a picture of a dog jumping to TA reads alternative led to student with a visual impairment. |
| C. play outside — Would you like to read | TAreads Rem leat to the student. This question again, yes or no? The student amover yes, "the TAreads Re and the student. Re student amover the baginning. |





Directions

We are going to read an informational text and a poster about the Chesapeake Bay region.

The Chesapeake Bay Region

[For all students read, "This map shows the Chesapeake Bay region. The Chesapeake Bay borders Delaware, Maryland, Washington, D.C., and Virginia and flows into the Atlantic Ocean."]



The Chesapeake Bay region is a special place. It is a body of water that touches many different areas: Maryland; Virginia; Delaware; Washington, DC; and the Atlantic Ocean. It has an important history, and it is an interesting place to visit.

The History of the Chesapeake Bay Region

The name Chesapeake is from a Native American word. The Algonquian people are Native American people. They lived in the region before Europeans came to North America. They called the bay "Chesepioc."

Life in the Chesapeake Bay Region



The bay includes both fresh water and salt water. Water from rivers and an ocean flow into it. Many plants, animals, and people live in and around the bay.

People get together to help keep the bay clean and safe for everyone. Fishermen work there. Catching crabs is their specialty. A lot of goods from all over the world are shipped in and out of the bay.

The Chesapeake Bay region is also a fun tourist destination. Many people come to visit it.

Now we are going to read a poster about saving the Chesapeake Bay.

[For all students, read "The title of this poster is 'Save the Bay Day.' It has a map, a list, and pictures of animals. The map shows the Chesapeake Bay region. The list reads 'Who: People who care about the Chesapeake Bay, 'What: A cleanup of the Chesapeake Bay,' When: June fifth, eight A.M. to noon,' Where: Rivers, streams, and beaches of the Chesapeake Bay, 'Why: To help clean the bay for the animals and plants that live there.' The pictures are a crab, a tree, and a segull.']

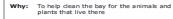


 Who:
 People who care about the Chesapeake Bay

 What:
 A cleanup of the Chesapeake Bay

 When:
 June 5th, 8 A.M.—noon

 Where:
 Rivers, streams, and beaches of the Chesapeake Bay





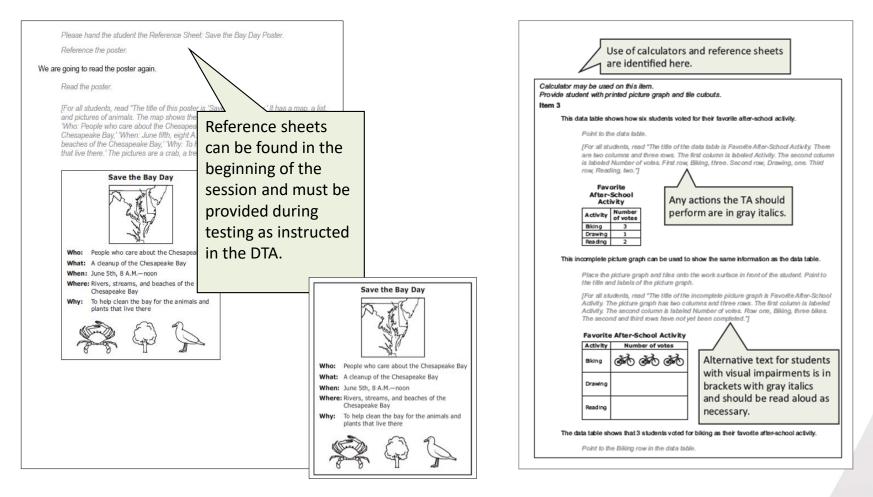
Any actions the TA must perform are in gray italics.



Any script the TA must read aloud to the student is in black.

NOTE: Both types of alternative text will be in brackets with gray italics and should be read aloud as directed in the DTA.







Example Science DTA

| 3-ESS-2.1: Represent data in tables and graphical displays to describe typical weather cond during a particular season. | | | | |
|---|------------|---|---|--|
| | Response B | ooklet: page 4 | | |
| | | Teacher Script | | |
| Text to be read aloud is in boldfaced black (if TA is reading the assessment). | SAY | This data table shows winter weather conditions in New York in 2015. Indicate and read the data table to the student. The data table is titled "Winter Weather Conditions in New York." It lists data for weather conditions. Average snowfall is forty-three centimeters. Average temperature is thirty-one degrees Fahrenheit. Based on the data table, which sentence best describes winter in New York? | | |
| | ASK | Indicate and read each response option to the student. It has few windy days. It is warm with lots of rain. It is cold with lots of snow. | Any actions the TA should perform are in italics. | |
| | | Student Response | | |
| | RECORD | Fill in the circle for the student's response. A. It has few windy days. B. It is warm with lots of rain. C. It is cold with lots of snow. | | |
| | | O D. No Response | | |



12. Provide accommodations as outlined in the Accessibility Features and Accommodations section.

Accommodations

Accommodations are changes to the standard administration of an assessment that do not alter the construct being measured.

- Assistive Technology
- Paper Version
- Scribe
- Sign Language



Security Requirements

- Maintain all printed test materials in a secure, locked location.
- Protect secure materials from view by other students, teachers, parents, school staff, or other individuals.
- Do not duplicate, reproduce, or share items or other secure test materials.
- Give *all* printed test items or other printed material to the TC for secure shredding.
- Delete any test materials, items, and information from the computer and any AT used by the student after testing is complete



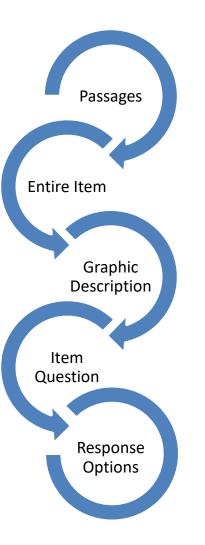
14. Continue to provide a comfortable and secure testing environment.





15. Repeat items as necessary during administration.

- Students may require repetition of items or parts of items
- TAs can reread as often as possible in order to obtain a student response.
- TAs are not allowed to paraphrase or emphasize words that would provide hints to correct or incorrect response options.





Examples of Test Irregularities:

- Failing to sign/submit the security agreement
- Failing to use the DTA
- Changing the wording of test directions, items, answer options, or any other text
- •Using materials other than the DTA
- •Using materials not indicated in the DTA
- Providing students with a preview of the test



16. Report security violations and test irregularities to your TC.

Other Examples of Test Irregularities:

- Providing answers, clues or cueing
- Manipulating test materials that may hint to correct answer
- Changing a student's answer
- Using Test materials for instructional purposes
- Sharing test materials with anyone who is not a trained TA/TC or student taking the Test
- Leaving the MSAA Online Assessment System unattended while logged in
- •Administration of the Test by a staff member who did not complete training modules and passed the final quiz



Test Coordinator Checklist – During Test Administration

| | | During Test Administration | | | | | |
|---------------|-----|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| \rightarrow | 7. | Monitor the administration of the test. As part of test security and validity, TCs should monitor administration for a portion of students to ensure appropriate test practices and appropriate student participation. Consult with your TAs regarding closing any tests for students who meet the criteria for the ESR. | | | | | |
| \rightarrow | 8. | Ensure that students and TAs have the materials and resources needed to administer the test. | | | | | |
| \rightarrow | 9. | Maintain test security. Ensure that all test materials are in a secure and locked location when not testing. | | | | | |
| \rightarrow | 10. | Report inappropriate test practices in accordance with state policy. | | | | | |
| \rightarrow | 11. | Report security violations and test irregularities to the State MSAA Coordinator. All security violations and suspected irregularities must be reported to the TC according to the website/email links on <u>page 1</u> (State MSAA Coordinators) for state-specific policy information. | | | | | |
| \rightarrow | 12. | Ensure that all tests have been submitted or closed by 8:00 pm ET on April 26, 2024. | | | | | |

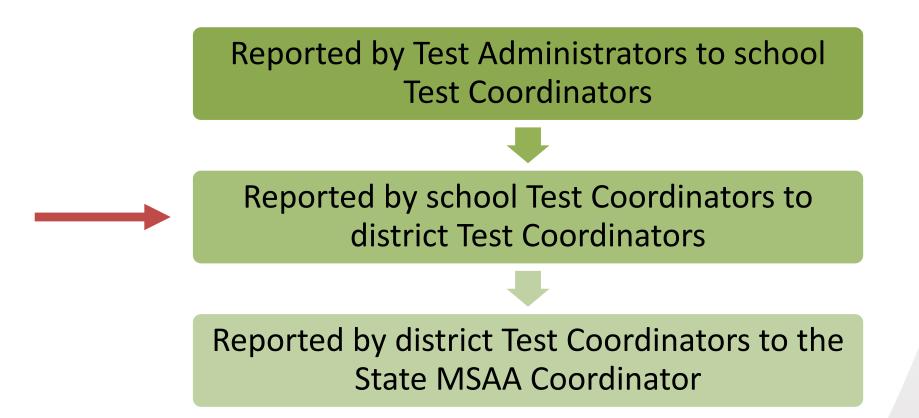


After Test Administration





17. Report all inappropriate test practices, security violations, and suspected irregularities to your TC.



Please note: BIE does not have district Test Coordinators as the schools are the LEAs. If the school Test Coordinator requires support, please contact the MSAA BIE Program Manager.



18. Ensure that all tests have been submitted and/or the Early Stopping Rule has been applied by your TC by 8:00 pm ET on April 25, 2025. *Refer to the section "Administer and Navigate the Test" in the <u>MSAA Online Assessment System User Guide for Test Administrators</u> for specific directions.*

APRIL 2025

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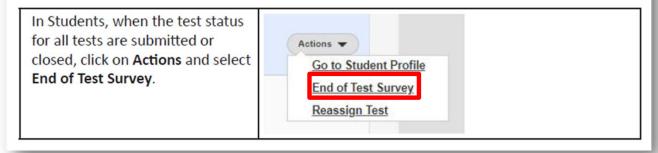
19. Complete the Accommodations: After Test tab.



20. Complete the End-of-Test Survey (EOTS).

End-of-Test Survey

After test administration is complete for all students, complete one End-of-Test Survey.





21. Permanently delete all secure testing materials from electronics and AAC devices.

22. Turn in paper test materials to TC for secure shredding.

Delete all secure materials from...

- Computers
- Tablets
- AAC/AT Devices

Paper materials for secure shredding...

- DTAs
- Paper-Based Tests
- Cutouts
- Reference Sheets
- Scoring Rubrics
- Braille Cards
- Writing Prompt Materials



Test Coordinator Checklist – After Test Administration

After Test Administration

- **13. Report all inappropriate test practices, security violations, and suspected irregularities to the State MSAA Coordinator.** All inappropriate test practices, security violations, and suspected irregularities must be reported to the TC according to the website/email links on page 1 (State MSAA Coordinators) for state-specific policy information.
- 14. Securely shred all printed copies of the test, DTA, scoring rubrics, braille cards, and student work (e.g., writing materials).

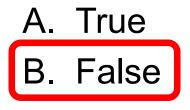


Tips and Tricks

- One checklist should be used per student and per subject
- Write student name and subject on top of checklist
- Keep checklist accessible for frequent and quick reference
- If you are administering to lots of students:
 - Keep one location where all checklists stay (i.e. a binder, file cabinet, bulletin board) OR keep with individual student's testing materials
- Check off steps as you go!



 TAs are encouraged to paraphrase the Directions for Test Administration (DTA) while administering the test to a student to make the administration quicker and easier.





• Where can answers for all technology, system-based questions be located?

A. User Guides

- B. Test Administration Manual (TAM)
- C. Directions for Test Administration (DTA)



- Where is the contact information located for questions concerning BIE specific policies?
- A. Page 1 of the User Guides
- B. Page 1 of the Test Administration Manual (TAM)
- C. Page 1 of the Directions for Test Administration (DTA)



Who to contact...

- If you have eligibility, policy, test security/irregularity, or IEP questions:
 - Test Coordinator
 - BIE MSAA Program Manager
- Technology questions about equipment to administer the test:

 Test Coordinator and school or district technology personnel
 MSAA Service Center as needed
- Login or password concerns, locked tests, or online platform issues:
 - MSAA Service Center
- Administration questions:
 - Refer to the Test Administration Manual (TAM) and/or User Guides
 - Consult with your Test Coordinator
 - Consult with the BIE MSAA Program Manager



Upcoming Participation Opportunities for MSAA

- MSAA Science Item Content & Bias Sensitivity Review
 - BIE panelists encouraged to apply
- Panelist tasks include:
 - Attending the virtual orientation May 12, 2025
 - Independent review May 19-22, 2025
 - Attend the virtual group panelist feedback session May 22, 2025



Questions?



