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**TO:** District Superintendents  
Superintendents of Schools  
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**SUBJECT:** Birthdate Ranges for Students with Disabilities Participating in the 2023-24  
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 2023-24 NY SAA. 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 518-474-5902 or by email at [emscassessinfo@nysed.gov](mailto:emscassessinfo@nysed.gov) if you have any questions regarding the NY SAA.

Birthdate	NYSAA Grade and Component	Reaches this Age Between September 1, 2023 and August 31, 2024
September 1, 2014–August 31, 2015	Grade 3 ELA and Math	9
September 1, 2013–August 31, 2014	Grade 4 ELA and Math	10
September 1, 2012–August 31, 2013	Grade 5 ELA, Math, and Science*	11
September 1, 2011–August 31, 2012	Grade 6 ELA and Math	12
September 1, 2010–August 31, 2011	Grade 7 ELA and Math	13
September 1, 2009–August 31, 2010	Grade 8 ELA, Math, and Science	14
September 1, 2005–August 31, 2006	Secondary-Level ELA, Math, and Science**	18

\*NYSAA-eligible students who meet the age criteria for 5<sup>th</sup> grade are expected to take Grade 5 Science this year.

\*\*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 NY SAA before they leave school (i.e., when they are 17 years old).

**Reminder: all NY SAA-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.**