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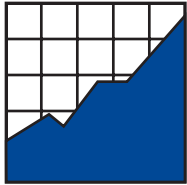
Steady Progress: State Public Reporting Practices for Students with Disabilities after the First Year of NCLB (2002-2003)

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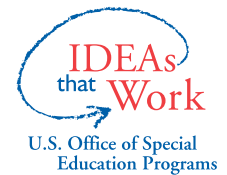
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Executive Summary

This report is the seventh analysis of state reports conducted by the National Center on Educational Outcomes (NCEO) to examine the extent to which states publicly report information about students with disabilities in statewide assessments. We present descriptions of statewide testing systems and examine whether these systems included participation and performance information for students with disabilities, as indicated by publicly available data. The majority of our information was obtained by analyzing states' Department of Education Web sites. If disaggregated information was not posted, the states were then asked to submit public documents that included these results.

For the 2002–2003 school year, the number of states that reported both participation and performance data on students with disabilities for their general assessments was 36. This number was just one more than for the 2001–2002 school year, in which only 35 states reported both participation and performance data. For the 2002–2003 year, participation data were presented in a variety of ways. The most common way was to present the number of students tested. Almost all states that reported participation data did this. Twenty-seven states went beyond the numbers to report rates of participation for state-level data.

General assessment performance data for students with disabilities also were reported in a variety of ways by states. Performance data reported on state's general assessments, more often now than in previous years, compared students with disabilities to general education students or the total population of students. The results clearly illustrate the achievement gap that exists between these two groups. Still, the gap does vary dramatically across states.

Alternate assessment participation and performance reporting for 2002–2003 was available in 29 states. This was up considerably from only 22 states in 2001–2002. Other states provided only performance data (four states) or only participation data (three states). The nature of the data presented on alternate assessments was usually just an overall count of students participating or an overall rate of students passing. Though some states did break participation and performance information down by grade level or content matter, many states still only provide aggregated numbers.

More states are reporting on the participation and performance of students with disabilities for their general and alternate assessments than ever before. Additionally, the quality of reporting and the level of detail have improved. With increased Web-based reporting, searching for specific data has become easier. Based on the data from states that do report results, some recommendations for how to further improve reporting practices are presented in this report.

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Overview

The issues of accountability for students in special education have been under discussion for many years (Ysseldyke et al., 1983) due to the fact that many states were not including the results of students with disabilities in their assessments. The 1997 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act required that each state report to the public, with the same frequency and in the same detail as it reports on the assessment of nondisabled children, data about the participation and performance of students with disabilities on regular and alternate assessment. The law spurred the National Center on Education Outcomes to begin looking at the extent to which and the ways in which states accomplished this task (Thurlow, Ysseldyke, Erickson, & Elliott, 1997).

The first report found that states varied in the way in which they reported information on students with disabilities, and that some formats were more “user friendly” than others (Thurlow, Langenfeld, Nelson, Shin, & Coleman, 1998). It also found that most states did not report information on either the participation or performance of students with disabilities. Reports in the following years found that states slowly made improvements in their reporting practices for students with disabilities by disaggregating the performance and participation of these students in their reports of school, district, and state educational progress. These reports covered the time span from 1998 to 2002 (Bielinski, Thurlow, Callender, & Bolt, 2001; Thurlow, House, Boys, Scott, & Ysseldyke, 2000; Thurlow, Langenfeld, Nelson, Shin, & Coleman, 1998; Thurlow, Nelson, Teelucksingh, & Ysseldyke, 2000; Thurlow, Wiley, & Bielinski, 2003; Ysseldyke, Thurlow, Langenfeld, Nelson, Teelucksingh, & Seyfarth, 1998). Despite slow changes from year to year, the overall change is still significant in the number of states reporting disaggregated performance data on at least some state tests across time, from 11 states in 1997 (Thurlow et al., 1997) to 48 states in 2002 (Thurlow & Wiley, 2004).

With the introduction of No Child Left Behind (NCLB), there is increased accountability for states to demonstrate the improved performance of students with disabilities in their statewide assessments. It requires that states publicly report the performance of all students, including those with disabilities, on their statewide exams. The 2002–2003 school year represents the first year that states were required to compare their reading and math data to the data from the baseline year (2001–2002) to demonstrate the changes in performance of all students, including those with disabilities.

This report marks the seventh in a line of reports that have followed states’ practices in publicly reporting state assessment information for students with disabilities. We sought to build on the findings of earlier reports. More specifically, we investigated how states reported on the participation and performance of students with disabilities in their statewide assessments, including those that are part of their accountability system, their alternate assessments, and how they are reporting this information to the public.

Method

We began our search for information by reviewing every state's Department of Education Web site. We began collecting data in March 2004 and collected information for the 2002–2003 school year. We recorded assessments administered and documented whether participation and performance information was reported for students with disabilities. We also examined the way in which participation was reported and whether participation and performance information was reported for students who took a test with accommodations. By March 2004, a large percentage of states had already posted their 2002–2003 assessment data online in a way that made the data easy to locate and understand.

On April 27, 2004, we mailed a letter to each state director of assessment outlining our findings from the state's Web site (see Appendix A). We asked them to review our findings, correct for any misinformation, and provide the public document or Web site at which the correct information was available. We asked that they send us these changes by June 4, 2004. Many states that had changes to make either sent us printed documents with the data or directed us to a Web page that we had not found in our search. Several states gave us dates they expected their disaggregated assessment results to be posted. Overall, we received responses from 30 directors of assessment.

To ensure that our findings were as accurate as possible, we followed up these efforts with a letter to each state's director of special education (see Appendix B). These letters were mailed on June 25, 2004. The letters asked the directors to review our findings and make any changes by July 24, 2004. For states from which we had already received a response from the director of assessment, we noted that in the letter by stating that "These results were verified by your state's director of assessment, but if you have anything to add, please let us know." For states from which we did not hear from the director of assessment, we sent the same letter to the director of special education as we had sent to the director of assessment. Of the 50 states to which we sent letters, 23 responded with either corrections or to verify that the information that we had was correct.

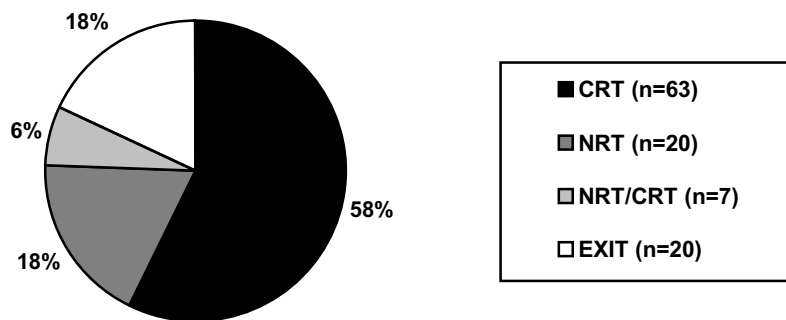
Finally, there were still 10 states for which we had not heard back from either the director of assessment or the director of special education. For three of those states we found information on students with disabilities for all their regular and alternate assessments. For another state we found disaggregated information for all their regular assessments and we knew that their alternate assessment had not been administered during the 2002–2003 school year. For the remaining six states, phone calls and e-mails were sent until we had confirmation from either the director of assessment or director of special education that our data were accurate.

Characteristics of State Assessment Systems

Appendix C lists all the state mandated general assessments that we identified for the 50 states. This list includes the state, the name of the test, the grades and content areas tested, and whether the state had publicly available disaggregated participation and performance data for students with disabilities for their 2002–2003 state assessments. We identified 110 separate statewide tests or testing systems. Thirty-five states had more than one general assessment.

Figure 1 breaks down the 110 testing systems by type: norm-referenced tests (NRT), criterion-referenced tests (CRT), exit tests used as a gate for graduation or earning a particular type of diploma (EXIT), and tests that combined standardized NRTs with additional state-developed test items (NRT/CRT). While we recognized that many exit exams may also be NRTs, CRTs, or both, the high stakes consequences for students on these exit exams indicated a need to create a separate category for these tests.

Figure 1. Types of General Assessments



Criterion-referenced tests comprised 58% of all the assessments that states administered in 2002–2003. In fact, only eight states (Florida, Indiana, Iowa, Missouri, Montana, New Mexico, North Dakota, and South Dakota) did not administer a CRT, though six of those states administered a test with both CRT and NRT components. Both norm-referenced tests and exit exams comprised 18% of tests administered. These numbers are similar to the 2001–2002 assessment pattern, in which 52% of tests were CRTs, 22% were NRTs, and 21% were exit exams (Thurlow & Wiley, 2004).

States Reporting Disaggregated 2002–2003 General Assessment Data for Students with Disabilities

Figure 2 summarizes the different ways in which general assessment data were reported in all 50 states. Overall, 72% of states reported disaggregated participation and performance information on students with disabilities for all their assessments, 2% reported performance for all assessments (but not participation data), 20% reported participation and performance information for some assessments, and 6% did not report any disaggregated information.

Figure 2. States that Disaggregate Assessment Results for Students with Disabilities

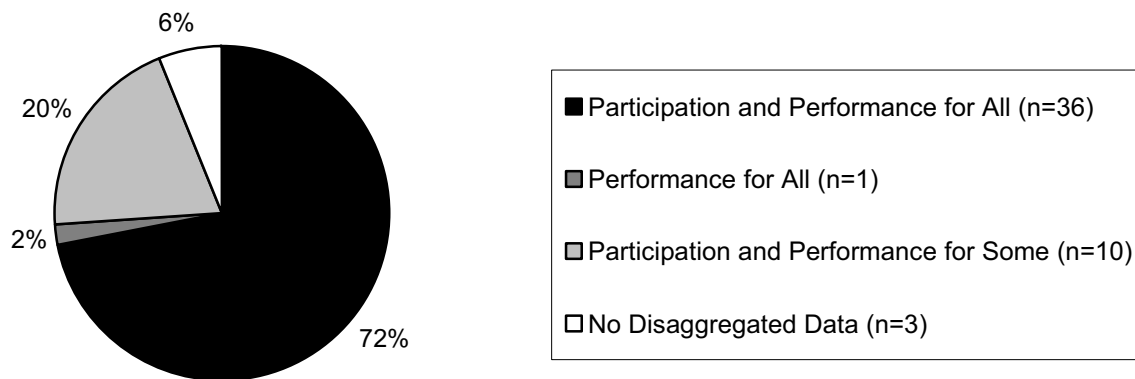
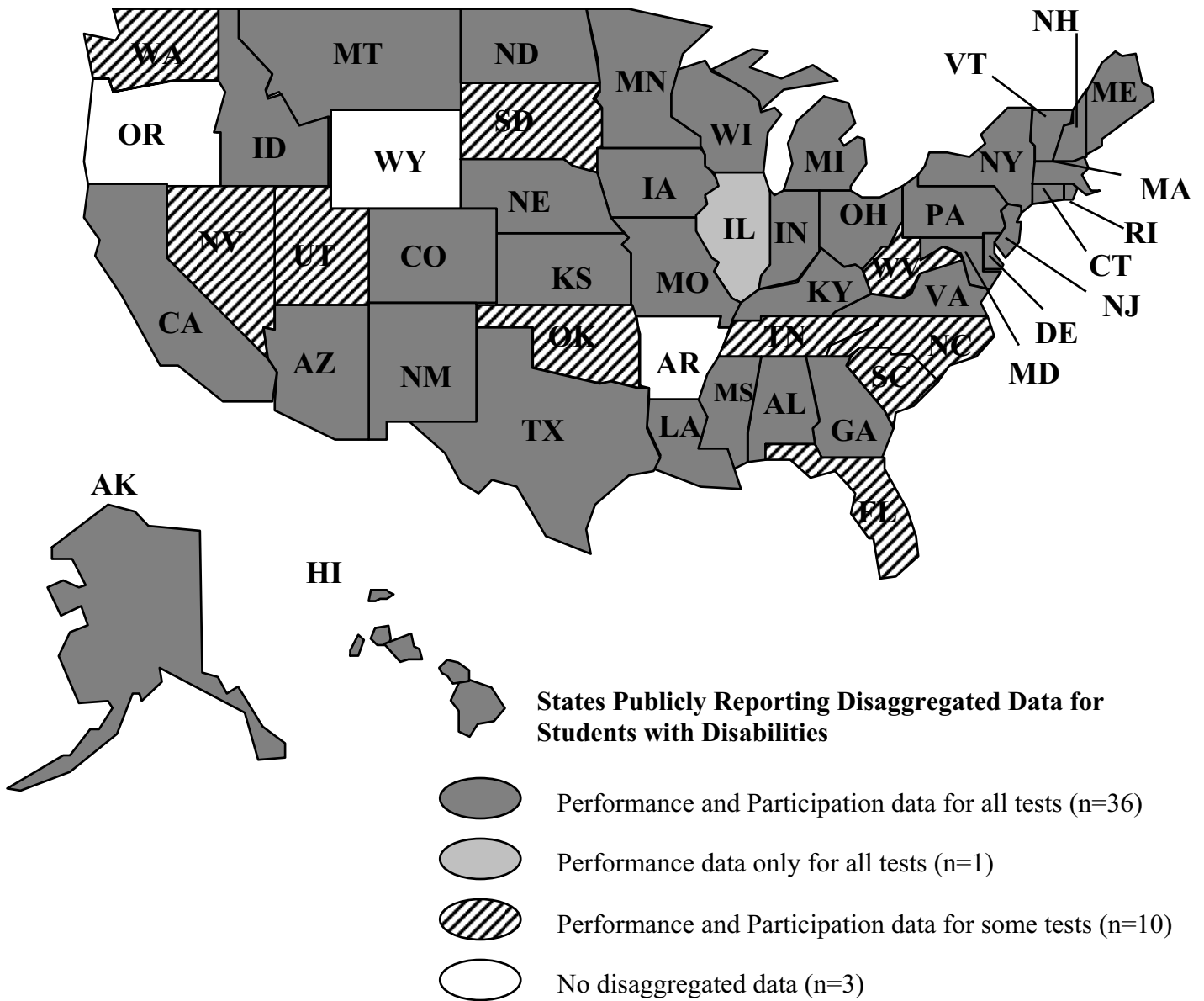


Figure 3 indicates which of the 50 states reported their data in each of the four ways shown in Figure 2. States that reported disaggregated data for students with disabilities at the state level generally reported results at the district and school level, too.

Figure 4 shows the number of states that reported participation and performance data for the tests that they include in their statewide accountability systems. Only a subset of assessments in many states are part of their No Child Left Behind accountability system. When we examined just the NCLB assessments, we found that 40 reported participation and performance for students with disabilities on *all* of these assessments. Although this is more than the number of states reporting information on all the assessments given in a state, it is still not all of them. As evident in Figure 4, the states that do disaggregate for all accountability assessments are spread across the U.S.; they are states with both small and large populations. The states that reported disaggregated 2002–2003 data for their general assessments did so regardless of whether they had just one assessment or multiple assessments, and regardless of whether they tested in just a few grades or in as many as 10 grades. The tests that are part of each state’s accountability system are indicated by an asterisk before the test name in Appendix C.

Figure 3: States that Report 2002–2003 Disaggregated Results for Students with Disabilities



Of the six states that reported participation and performance information for *some* of their accountability assessments, half were only missing data on one test. These states were Florida, Nevada, and South Carolina. South Carolina reported all of the performance data for all of its tests. It was only missing participation data for one of its assessments. For those states that did not report disaggregated information, Wyoming and Oregon reported disaggregated information at the district level.

States Reporting 2002–2003 Alternate Assessment Data for Students with Disabilities

As shown in Figure 5, results from our Web searches and mailings revealed that 29 states publicly reported both participation and performance results at the state-level for their alternate assessment. An additional four states reported performance only, and three states reported participation only. Thus, 28% of states did not report any type of information about their alternate assessment. However, 58% of states did report both participation and performance for their alternate assessment, which is an increase over 44% in the 2001–2002 school year.

Figure 5. Information States Reported for their Alternate Assessment

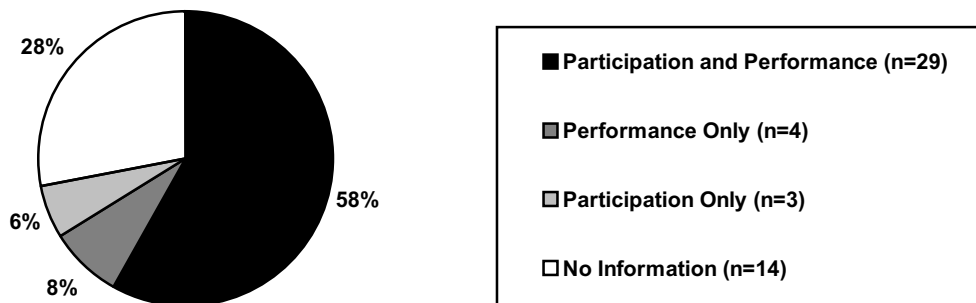


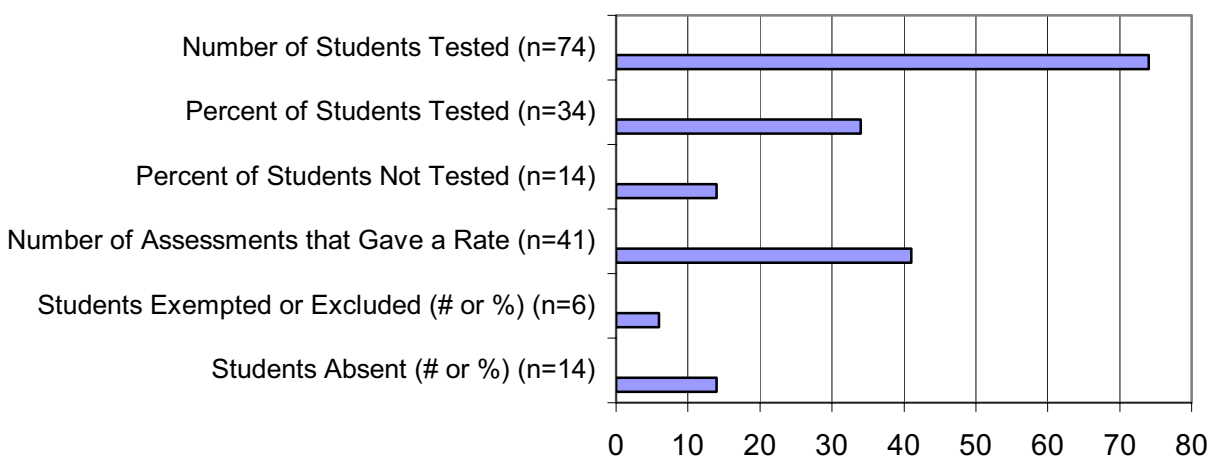
Figure 6 illustrates which states reported alternate assessment participation and performance data. There is no obvious geographic pattern to the states that did not report alternate assessment data. The states with no information are not states that did not have an alternate assessment in 2002–2003.

Assessment Participation in 2002–2003

General Assessment Participation Results

Among the states identified as providing participation data for students with disabilities, the way in which this information was reported varied (see Appendix D). Figure 7 illustrates the number of assessments with disaggregated participation data and how those participation data were reported. Information is presented in terms of the number of assessments for which participation data were available, not in terms of the number of states. For example, in Alabama there are three assessments and each is counted separately. We used this approach because not all states report participation in the same way across assessments. For example, one state might report only a count of students tested for one assessment, but for another assessment it might report a count tested, a percent tested, and a percent not tested.

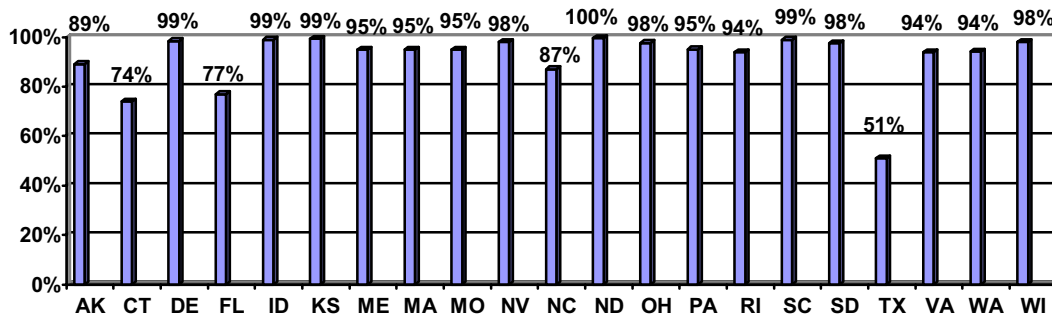
Figure 7. Participation Reporting Approaches for General Assessments (Number of Tests=110)



Reporting a percentage of students tested is more informative than just reporting the number of students tested, although there are good reasons to report both the number and the percentage. Twenty-seven states (41 assessments total) reported either the percent of students tested or the percent not tested for at least one of their assessments. For 34 assessments, the percent of students tested was given, and for 14 assessments, the percent of students *not* tested was given. Seventy-four assessments provided the number of students tested, making this by far the most frequent way of reporting participation data. The number or percent of students who were exempt or excluded from assessments was given for six tests and the number or percent of students absent was given for 14 tests.

Figure 8 illustrates the participation rates reported in those states for which there was clear participation rate information reported. Though the percentage of students tested or not tested

Figure 8. Percentages of Students with Disabilities Participating in Middle School General Assessments in Those States with Clear Participation Reporting of Rates



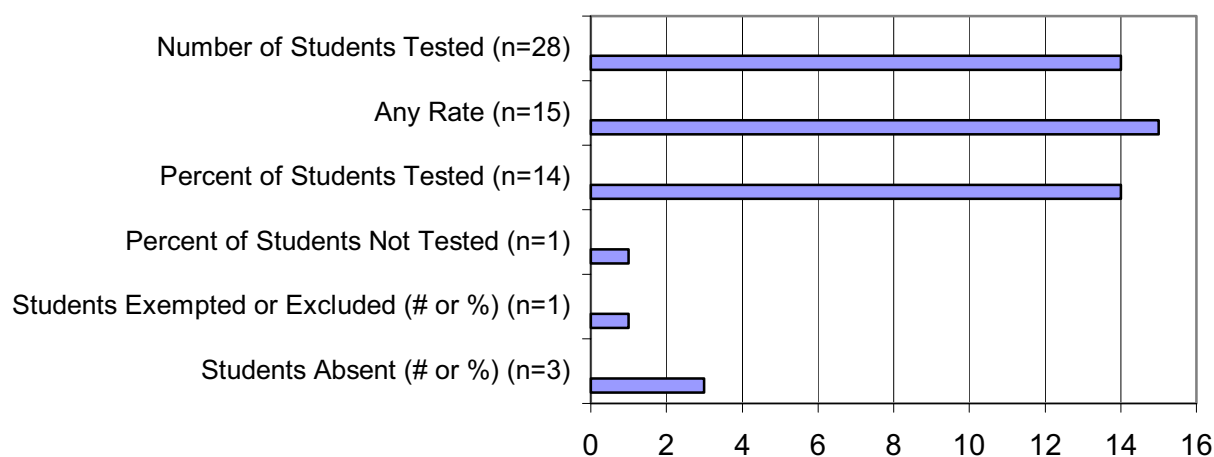
was given for 41 assessments, those assessments came from only 27 states. While it may have been possible to calculate participation rates for other states as well, using information that was reported about student enrollment and the number of students tested, we did not take the extra step to do the math calculations. This is because we were concerned about the information that was readily available. However, if the state did provide only the percentage of students *not* tested, we did report the percentage of students tested in the table. It is important that states report the percentage of students tested, in addition to just a count, because this presents a more accurate picture of how many students are participating. These rates should ideally be based on the school enrollment on the day of testing (Ysseldyke, Thurlow, Langenfeld, Nelson, Teelucksingh, & Seyfarth, 1998); however, using the December 1st Child Count data is also an acceptable option if test day enrollment is not available.

To summarize participation rate information, we selected one grade to portray in Figure 8. In most states, participation in the middle school/junior high school math test was used. If the state tested in more than one grade in the middle school level, the 8th grade test data were used. Appendix E contains information about the tests and exact grades used for Figure 8. Percentages in the figure are rounded to the nearest whole number. Not all states provided data broken down in this way. In Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, and Virginia, the data are given for the math test but the grade levels are all aggregated. Four other states (California, Kentucky, Minnesota, and New Hampshire) provided a rate, but it was number of students with disabilities tested out of all students rather than a percent of students with disabilities who were tested. West Virginia provided a rate, but it was for all grades and all subjects. It is important to note that results in Figure 8 were obtained from different types of tests that were being used in these states. Nevertheless, during this 2002–2003 academic year, participation rates ranged from 51% to 100%; 13 out of the 21 states had participation rates of 95% or higher.

Alternate Assessment Participation Results

Figure 9 illustrates how states reported participation for their alternate assessment. Much greater participation information was provided this year (2002–2003) as compared to the previous testing year. Appendix F outlines in more detail all the ways that information is reported. Thirty-two states provided participation information for their alternate assessments. Similar to the regular assessment, the most common way of reporting participation information was to give the number of students tested, which was done by 28 states. Fifteen states gave a rate, which was the percent of students tested for 14 states and the percent not tested for one state. Only one state provided the percent of students who were exempt, and three states provided either the rate or count of students who were absent.

Figure 9. Participation Reporting Approaches for Alternate Assessments (Number of States=32)



Fifteen states provided a rate of either the percent of students tested or the percent not tested in their alternate assessments. These rates are shown in Figures 10, 11, and 12. Appendix G provides more details about the grades and content areas included in the table. When possible, we tried to use rates from 8th grade math. We divided this information into three figures because there were three different ways in which participation data were presented by states. Six states gave the percent of students tested out of the total number who were eligible/recommended to take the alternate assessment (Figure 10). North Carolina administered two different alternate assessments (NC-1 indicates the AAAI and NC-2 indicates the Portfolio Assessment), and both of these are shown in Figure 10.

Nine states provided information on the percent of students tested on the alternate assessment out of all the students enrolled (see Figure 11). Finally, three states provided information about the number of students who took the alternate out of all their students with disabilities (see Figure

12). Nebraska was the one state not included in any figure because it only provided a rate for its reading test and did not administer a math test during the 2002–2003 school year.

Figure 10. Percentages of Students with Disabilities tested with the Alternate Assessment out of the Total Number of Students Recommended/Eligible for the Alternate Assessment

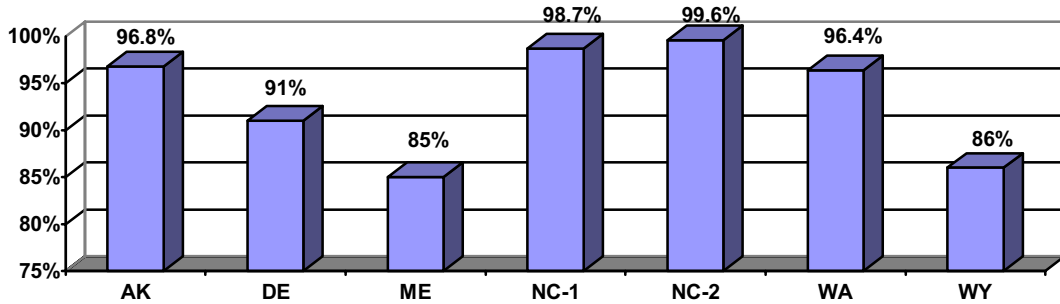


Figure 11. Percentages of Students with Disabilities tested with the Alternate Assessment out of the Total Number of Enrolled Students

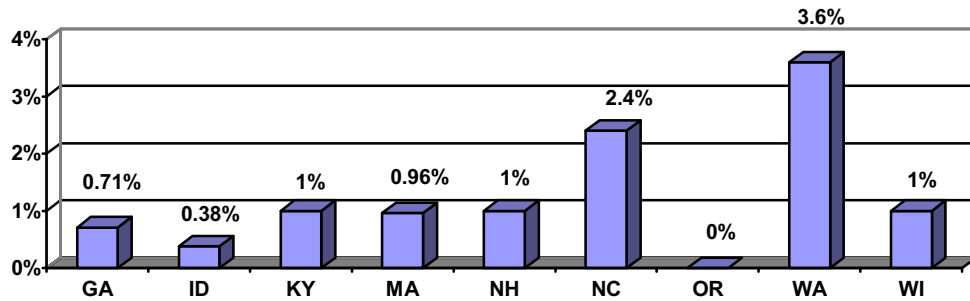
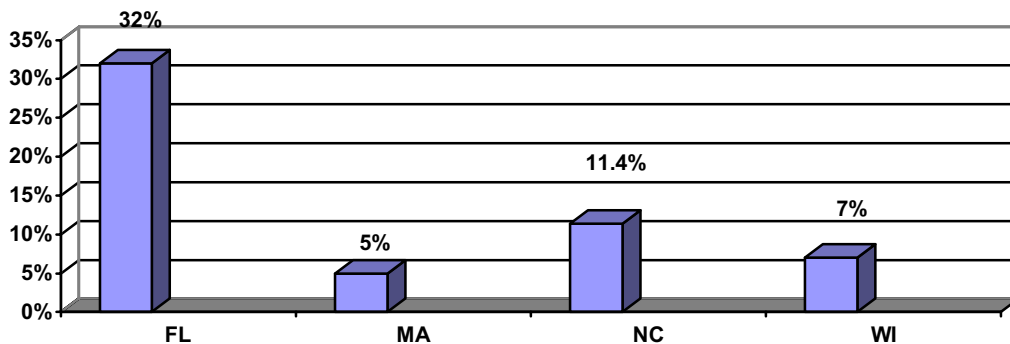


Figure 12. Percentages of Students with Disabilities tested with the Alternate Assessment out of the Total Number of Students with Disabilities



Other Information Collected for 2002–2003

In our analysis of state reporting for 2002–2003, we looked at additional characteristics of states’ information. Specifically, we looked at information available on accommodations used, and if available, performance when accommodations were used. We also examined the quality of Web-based reporting.

Accommodations

Fifteen states provided state-level information about students who took an assessment with an accommodation. In some cases, states reported on standard accommodations (those considered appropriate and not ones that change the constructs measured by the assessment); in other cases they reported on nonstandard accommodations (which generally were considered to change the constructs measured—and might be referred to as “non-allowed”—although IEP teams could select them), and in other cases they reported on both or did not specify which.

Table 1 describes the information the 15 states provided. Appendix H contains additional information about the data provided by these states, with details about the participation and performance of students in each category that the state provides. Five states broke down student participation and performance by accommodation (e.g., directions read orally, Braille, extended time), and ten states provided only overall information on students who, in general, used accommodations.

Table 1. States that Reported State-Level Information about Accommodations for Reading or Math

State	Standard/Non-standard Accommodation	Participation	Performance	For whom
Arizona	Non-Standard	Yes	Yes	SWD
Colorado	Standard	Yes	Yes	ALL
	Non-Standard	Yes	No	ALL
Georgia	Standard & Non-Standard	Yes	No	SWD & All & General Ed
Indiana	Standard	Yes	Yes	SWD & ALL
Kentucky	Standard	Yes	Yes	SWD
Louisiana	Standard	Yes	Yes	ALL
Maine	Not Specified	Yes	No	SWD
Massachusetts	Not Specified	Yes	No	SWD
Michigan	Standard & Non-Standard	Yes	Yes	ALL
Missouri	Not Specified	Yes	Yes	SWD
New Hampshire	Non-Standard	Yes	Yes	ALL
New Mexico	Standard	Yes	Yes	SWD & ALL
North Carolina	Standard & Non-Standard	Yes	Yes	ALL
Pennsylvania	Standard	Yes	No	ALL
Rhode Island	Not Specified	Yes	Yes	SWD

Note: SWD=Students with Disabilities

Quality Analysis of Web-Based Reporting

After examining every state's Department of Education Web site, it became evident that some states presented data in a much more accessible format than others. Because assessment data are reported on the Web in most states, it is crucial that these data be clear and easy to access. We decided to collect data for each state that reported results for students with disabilities online and examine the quality of the reporting on the Web site. It is important to note, however, that because Web sites are frequently updated, it is possible that some of our findings no longer hold true.

Several states used drop down menus that allowed an individual to select the test, year, grade, and status of students of interest. The Web site then displayed a chart of the data scores in question. In some cases, these charts were relatively easy to understand and provided a way of assessing how the test was scored and what percentage of students attained satisfactory scores (e.g., Washington). Other states provided the percentage of students attaining a given score, but it was not clear which set of scores constituted satisfactory completion of the test (e.g., New York for the Regents Competency Test). Still other states provided charts with student scores separated by student status groups (e.g., Texas).

Assessment Performance in 2002–2003

General Assessment Performance Results

We examined the performance of all students, and then the performance of students with disabilities. When examining performance across states, it is important to remember that the scores from each state are based on different tests. These tests may emphasize different standards and are likely to differ in difficulty. In addition, there is great variability across states in terms of the percentages of students with disabilities whose scores have been included in the assessments. Thus, it is not appropriate to compare performance across states. It is possible, however, to examine the performance differences within each state between all students and students with disabilities.

Performance results are reported for both reading and math assessments because these content domains are the ones assessed by most states and are the content areas required first by NCLB to be assessed, reported, and included in accountability. For greater comparability in what we report and because states are now moving away from norm-referenced tests toward a wider use of criterion-referenced tests, we only report performance on CRTs. We also report performance on exit exams that students are required to pass to graduate from high school with a standard diploma.

We separated grade levels into three categories: elementary (3–5), middle school (6–8), and high school (9–12). For our summary, we chose to present only one grade for each level. When available, 4th grade was used to represent the elementary level, 8th grade to represent the middle school level, and 10th grade to represent the high school level. These grades were chosen because they are the grades at which the greatest number of states test students. If data from those grades were not available, the grade below was used, followed by the remaining grade if no other data were available. The number in the parenthesis next to the state’s name indicates the grade from which the data were obtained. Appendix I reports the name of the test we used and the grade.

Although most states reported the performance of all students and then the performance of subgroups, such as students with disabilities, some states did not report the performance of *all* students. When these data were not available, the performance of general education students was given. Because the performance of general education students as a group may be slightly higher than the performance of all students as a group, we have indicated those states with “all students” actually based only on general education students by an asterisk after the name of the state.

It should further be noted that two states (Rhode Island and Vermont) only provided subtest scores on their assessments. In these cases, subtest scores for reading skills and math basic understanding are reported. States were dropped if they only reported aggregated scores across grades. Thus, South Carolina is not reflected in any of the figures because it provided only aggregated data across grades for its students with disabilities.

Reading Performance

Figures 13–15 present the reading performance of students. The performance of students with disabilities in reading is generally much lower than the performance of all students. Though the gap is greater in some states than in others, students with disabilities are always performing below all students. As students move from elementary to high school, the gap grows wider. At the elementary level, the widest gap was 37.2 percentage points in New Jersey. In middle school the greatest gap was 57 percentage points in New Jersey. At the high school level, the largest gap was 59.95 percentage points in Delaware. Though these are the largest gaps, the pattern is the same for most states.

Figure 13. Elementary School Reading Performance on Criterion-Referenced Tests

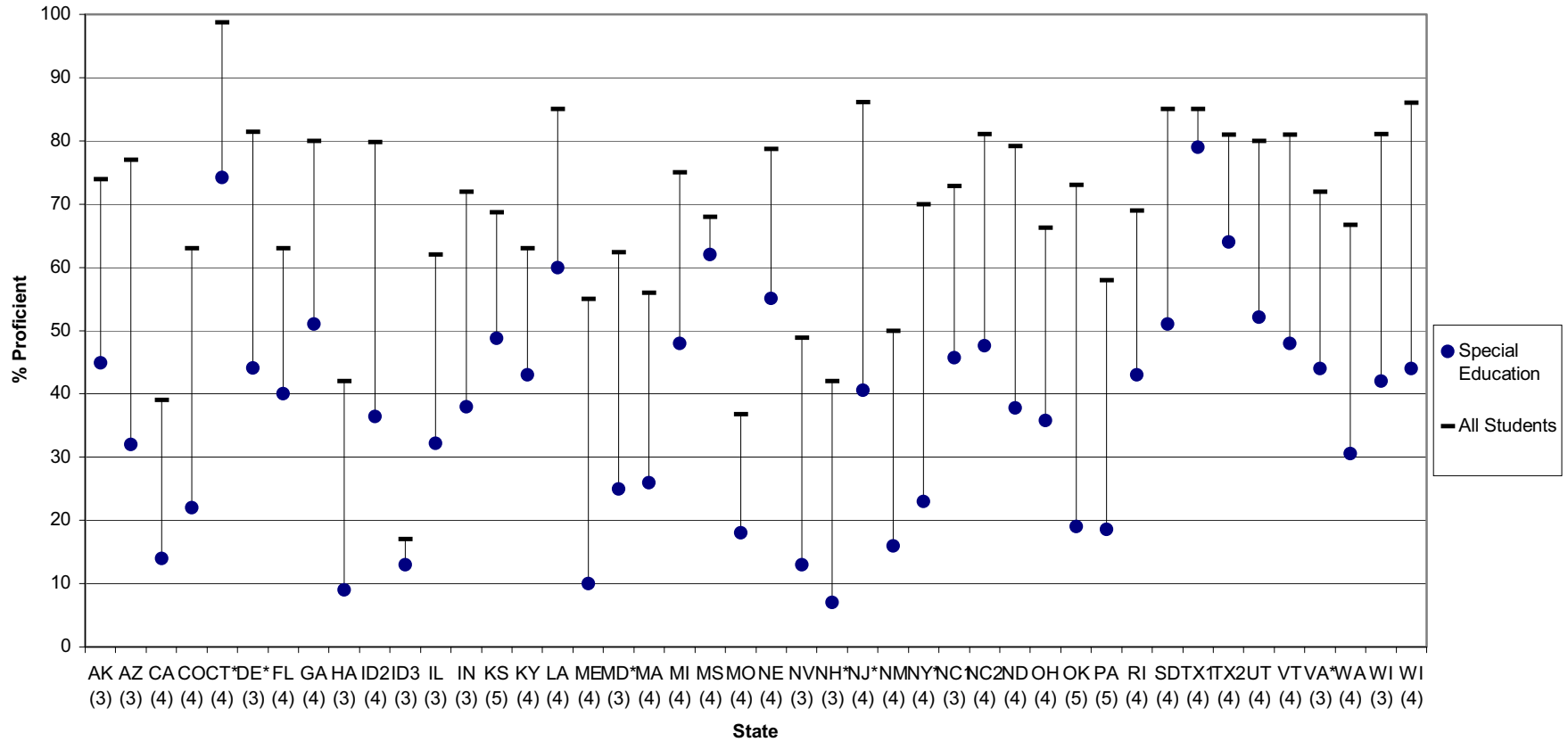


Figure 14. Middle School Reading Performance on Criterion-Referenced Tests

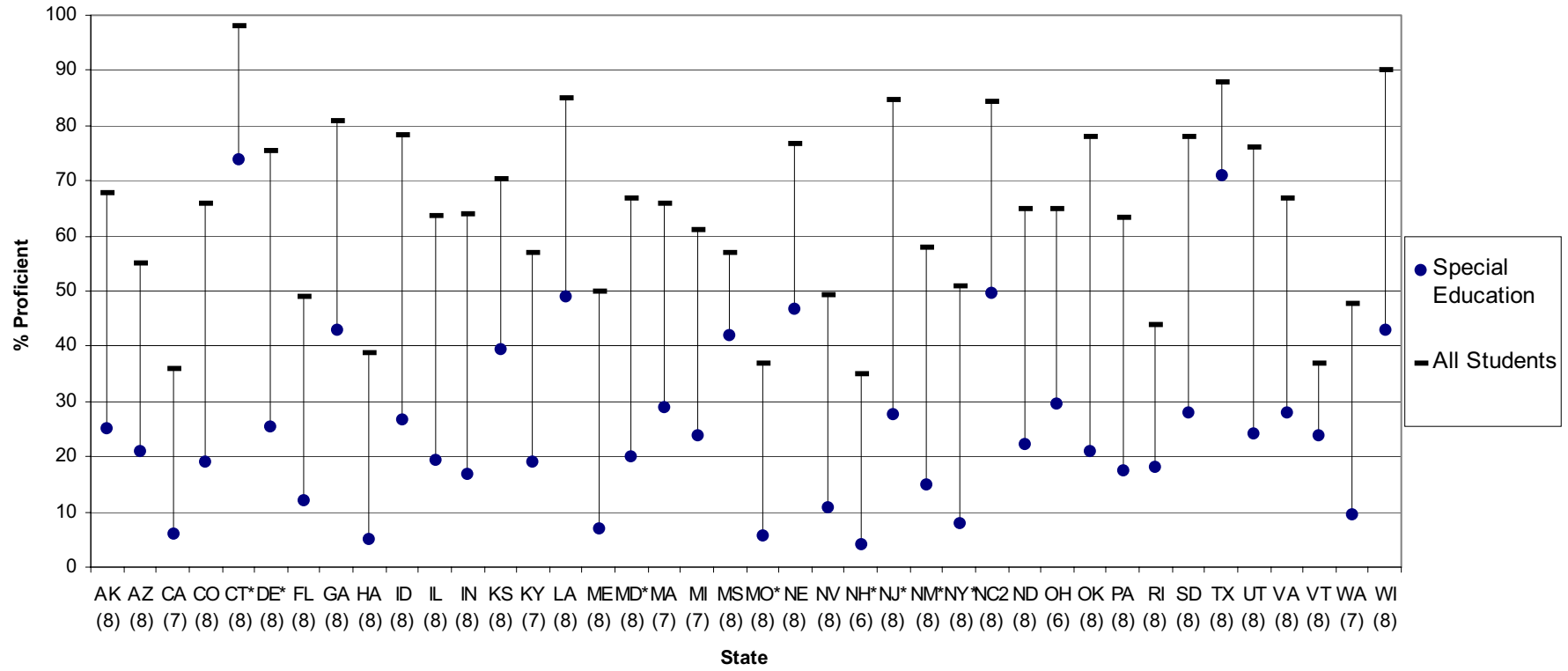
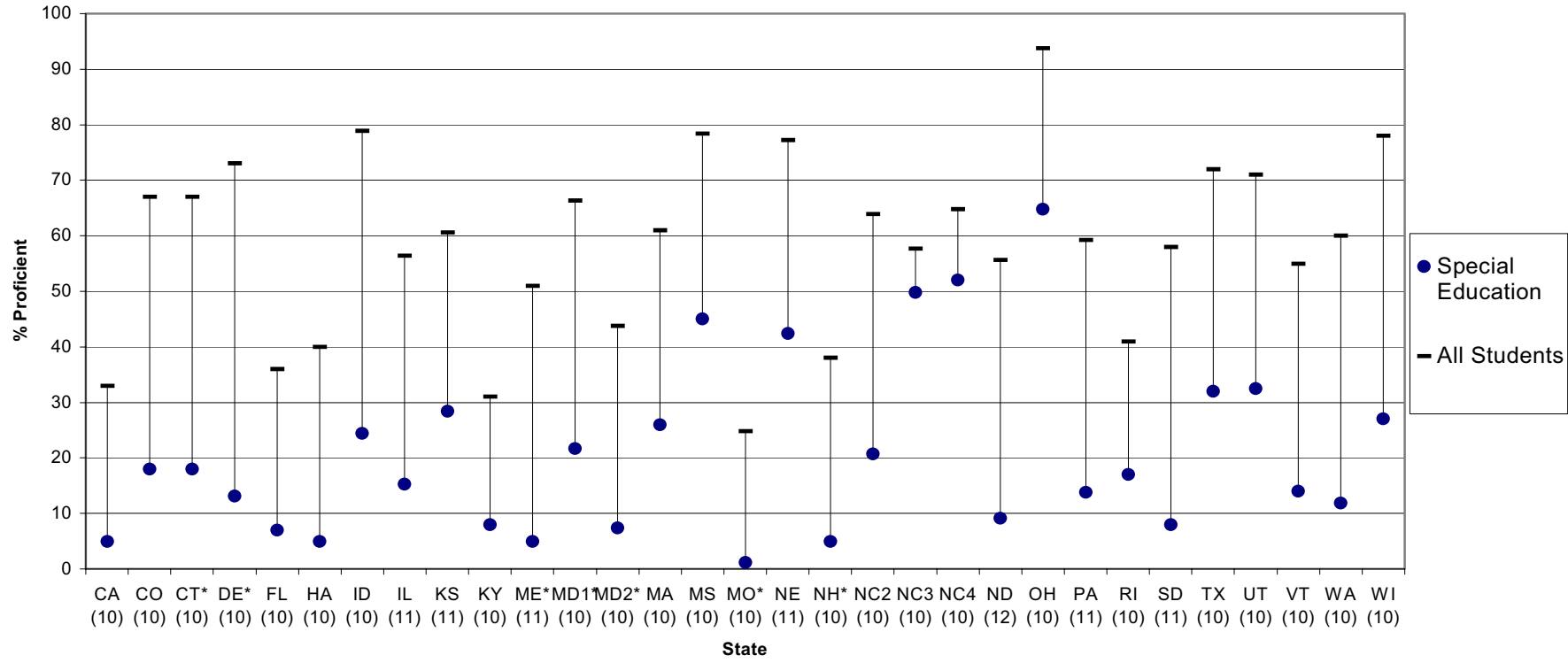


Figure 15. High School Reading Performance on Criterion-Referenced Test



Mathematics Performance

Performance of all students and students with disabilities on states' 2002–2003 mathematics assessments is shown in Figures 16–18. The figures cover elementary, middle, and high school. The same cautions apply to these figures as applied to the reading figures.

As shown in Figures 16–18, the gap between students with disabilities and all students on math assessments is quite similar to the gap found for reading assessments. The gap for math assessments exists in all states and varies considerably from state to state. The gap also increases by grade level. In elementary grades, the largest gap was 38 percentage points in Arizona. In middle school, the largest gap was 50 percentage points in Wisconsin, and in high school it was 55.1 percentage points in Idaho.

Figures 19 and 20 show the results of high school reading and math exit exams. States administer exit exams in different grades. The number in the parenthesis next to the state's name indicates the grade from which the data come. If no number is indicated, that means that the exit exam incorporates multiple high school grades.

Only those states that report disaggregated results for students with disabilities are included in these figures. Also these results reflect only the first administration of the exit exam. States offer multiple retest opportunities for their exit exams and the percent passing increases with each retest. Often the gaps between general and special education students become very small on retesting. New York offers two exit exams: the Regent's Comprehensive Exam is referred to as NY1 and the Regent's Competency Test is referred to as NY2 in the figures. (NY2 is a "safe harbor" assessment implemented only for students with disabilities and those who received special education services in previous years. It reflects an older less rigorous standard than the NY1 as well as additional locally-selected assessments). Virginia offers math tests by content area; we selected Algebra I for Figure 20.

The figures presented here for first-time testing show that large gaps exist for exit exams, though the percent of students passing the exit exams varies widely by state. For both reading and math, New Jersey had the largest gap (54.8 percentage points for reading; 51.4 percentage points for math). The gap on reading tests was small for both New York's Regent's Competency Test (12 point difference). For math, again the gap was smallest on New York's Regents Competency Test (12 points).

Figure 16. Elementary School Mathematics Performance on Criterion-Referenced Tests

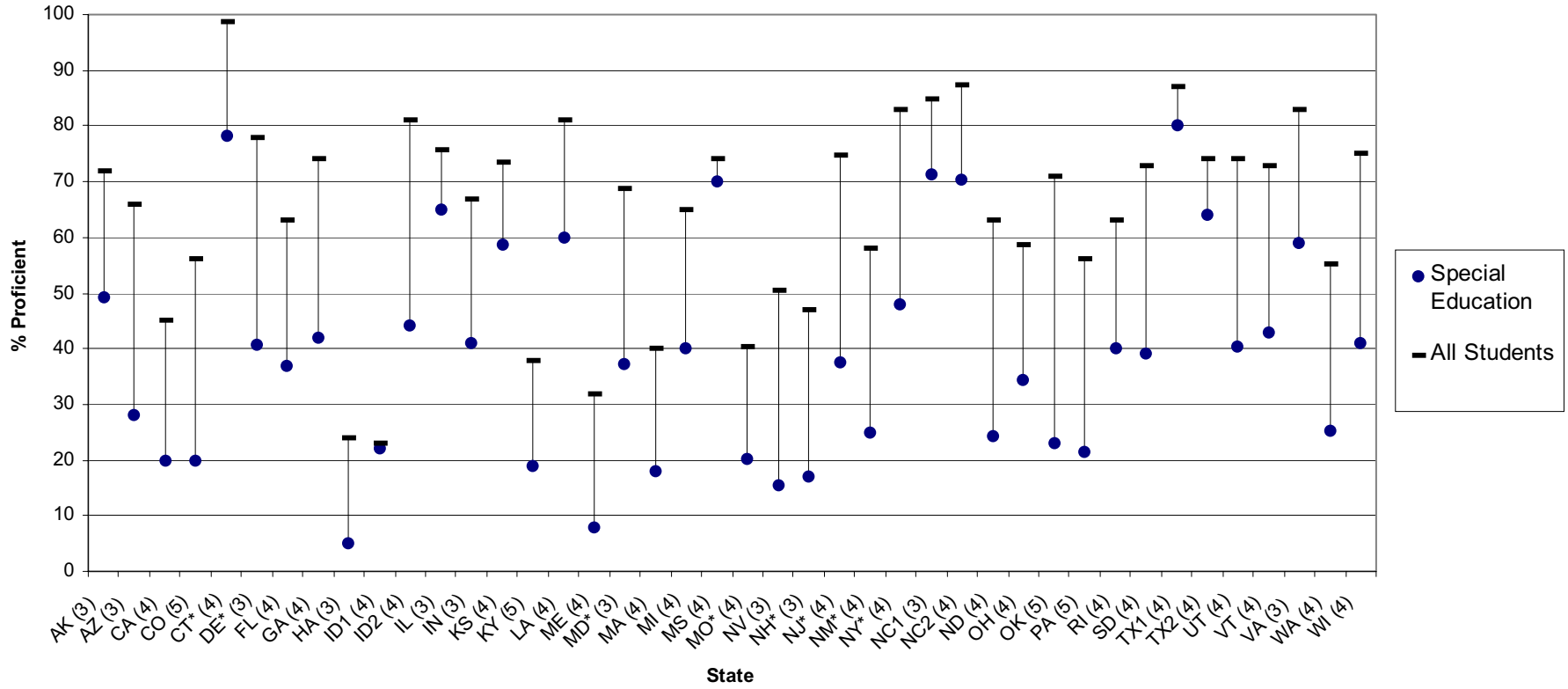


Figure 17. Middle School Mathematics Performance on Criterion-Referenced Tests

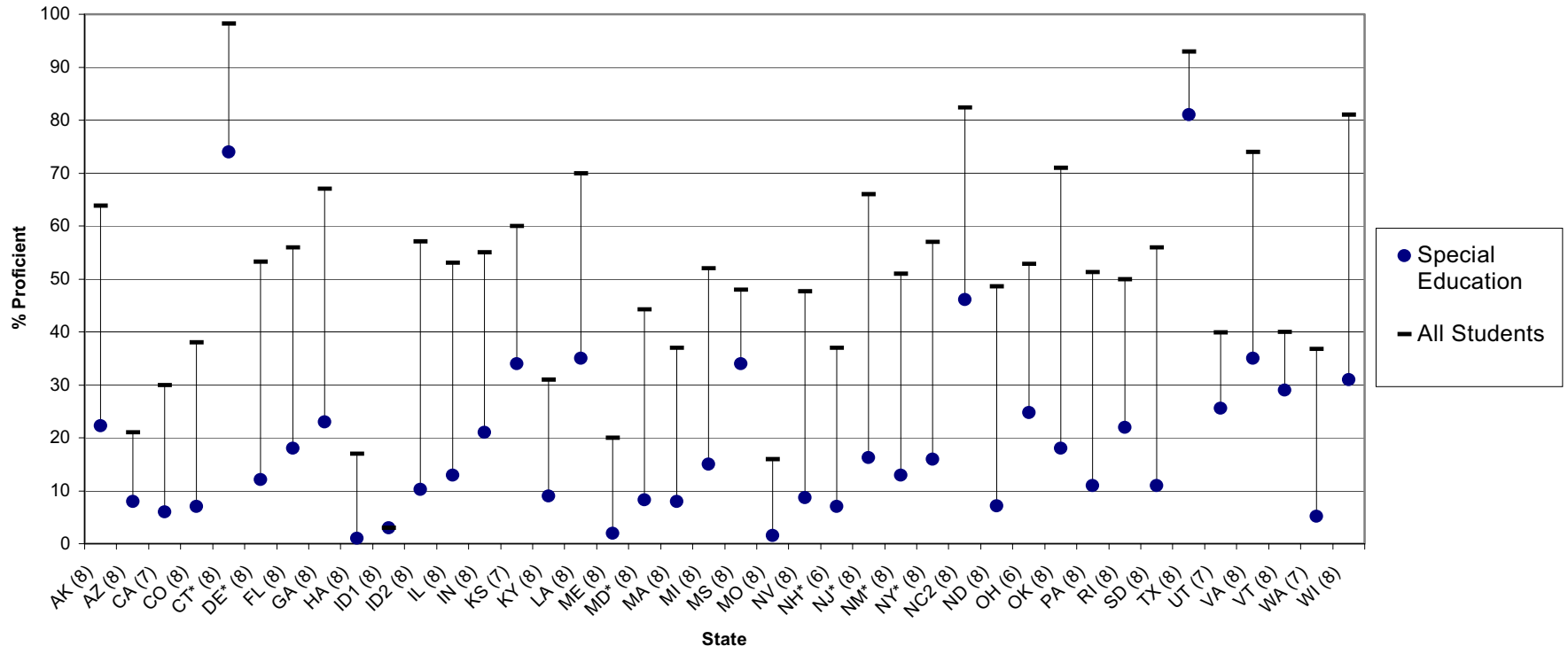


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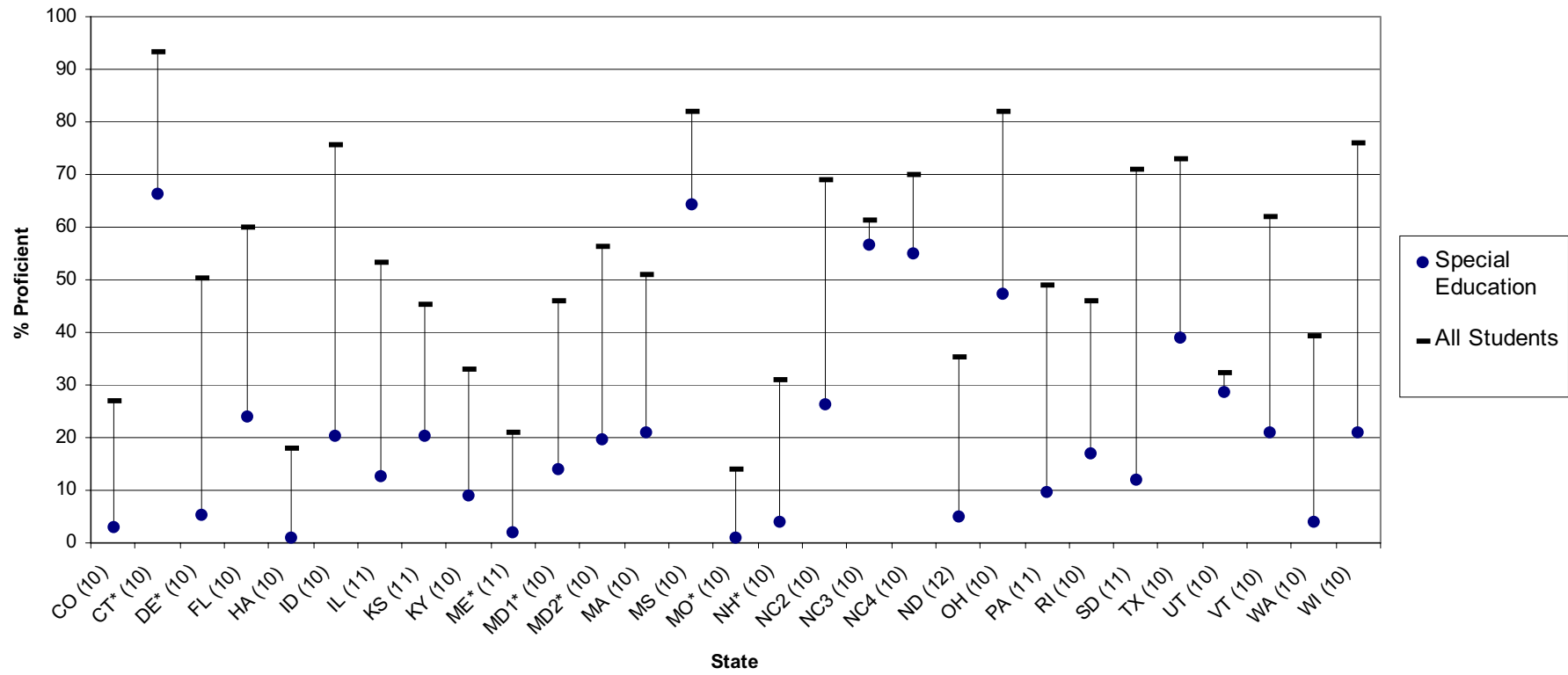


Figure 19. Percent Passing Minimum Competency/High School Reading Exit Exam

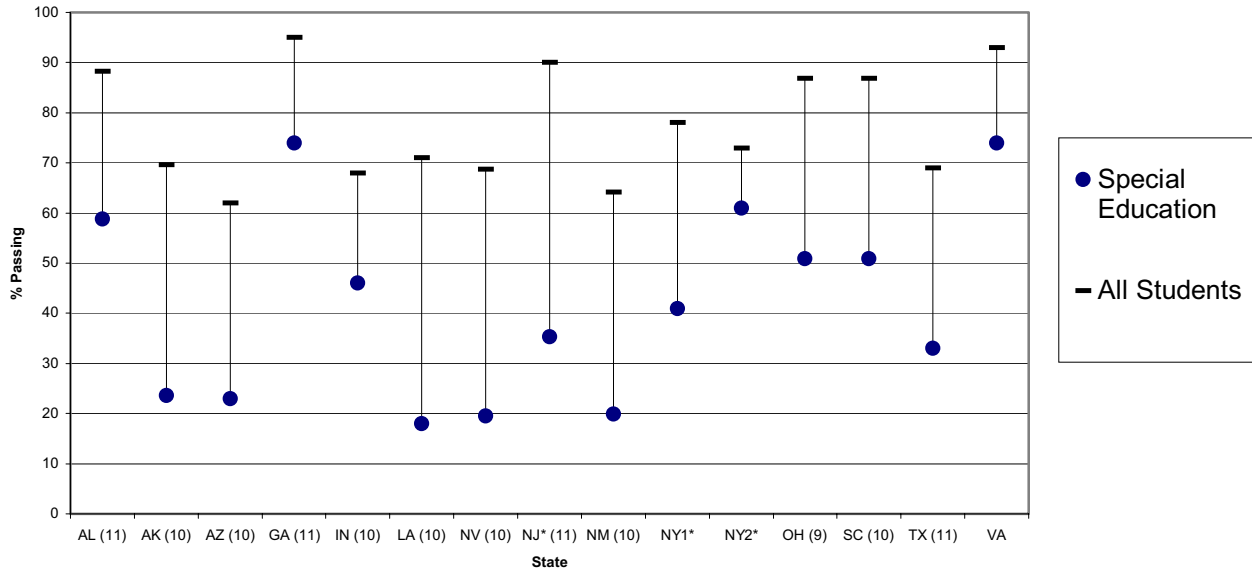
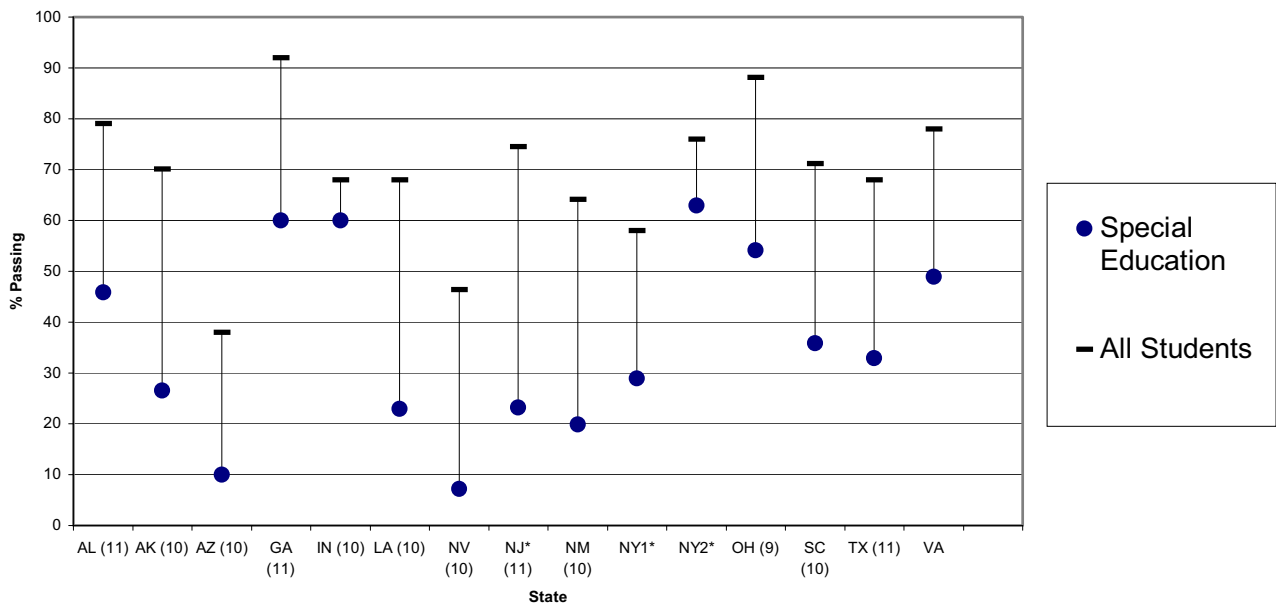


Figure 20. Percent Passing Minimum Competency/High School Mathematics Exit Exam



Discussion

This seventh analysis of state education public reporting shows that states seem to have gotten stuck in their reporting of participation and performance of students with disabilities. About the same number are reporting disaggregated information on their general assessments as in 2001–2002. Fewer than half of the states are reporting both participation and performance information for their alternate assessment, up just slightly from the number in 2001–2002.

A total of 47 states reported some state-level information about students with disabilities on their state assessments. Of these states, only 36 reported participation and performance for all of their assessments. An additional 10 states provided participation and performance information for some of their assessments, and 1 state reported performance data for all of their tests, though not participation. The number of states reporting both participation and performance rose slightly from 35 states during the 2001–2002 academic year to 36 in 2002–2003. When examining participation rates for students with disabilities, rates in 2001–2002 ranged from 71.1% to 99.1% participating, whereas in 2002–2003 the data ranged from 51% to 100%. Thirteen out of the 21 states that provided clear rates had participation rates of 95% or higher.

When examining alternate assessments, only 36 states reported any information. Though this is an increase from 32 states during the 2001–2002 year, states clearly are not reporting on their alternate assessments at the same level as they are for their general assessment. Twenty-nine states provided both participation and performance data for their alternate (up from 22 states in 2001–2002), four states gave performance data only, and three states gave participation data only. The lower level of alternate assessment reporting seems to be due only in part to the fact that some states were still working on the development of their alternate assessments. According to Thompson and Thurlow (2001), all but two states had an alternate assessment approach by 2001 and all but 16 states had decided how scores from the alternate assessments would be reported. It is likely that the 14 states that did not have information for 2002–2003 are among the 16 that they identified.

For their general assessments, 27 states reported either the percent of students tested or not tested for at least one of their assessments (41 assessments total). This is a much more informative way of presenting data than just giving the number of students tested. However, the number of students tested still continues to be the most common way of reporting participation (74 assessments). The number or percent of students who were exempt or excluded from assessments was given for six tests and the number or percent of students absent was given for 14 tests. For their alternate assessments, the most common way of reporting participation information was to give the number of students tested, which was done by 28 states. Only 15 states gave a rate.

When we examined the performance of students, we found that for the general assessment large gaps existed between students with disabilities and all students. Though some gaps were significantly larger than others, the gaps were noticeable for all states that provided performance data. Gaps increase as students get older.

Recommendations for Reporting

With the push from NCLB to provide assessment data to schools by the start of the school year, Web-based reporting has clearly become the primary vehicle for sharing data with the public. It is crucial, then, that the data be both easy to locate and to comprehend. Based on our analyses of both Web-based and paper reports, we make the following recommendations:

1. **Report not only the number of students with disabilities assessed, but also the percentage assessed.** When states provide the number of students assessed, this information is less helpful than when a percentage is provided. By giving a percent, people are able to get a more accurate picture of how many students are participating in the state assessment system.
2. **Report results for the alternate assessment.** Though states are finally beginning to provide participation and performance data for their general assessment, they are still slow about reporting that information for their alternate assessment. This information should be provided so that the public can see how *all* students are performing.
3. **Report the number and percent of students with disabilities using accommodations.** Many students with disabilities are not able to take the general assessment in the standard format, and thus are provided with accommodations. Many states consider the scores of some of these accommodated assessments to either not count or to count as “not-proficient” because they are non-standard accommodations. In some states, the number of students participating using non-standard accommodations is quite high. If these numbers are not reported, then the picture painted of how all students are doing will be inaccurate. It is important to know the extent to which students are using accommodations, and specifically those accommodations that result in the removal of their scores.

After completing this analysis of the first year in which NCLB has had labeling consequences take effect, it is surprising to see that some states still are not reporting results for all their assessments, particularly for their alternate assessments. It was also interesting to compare the reporting patterns of states for *all* their assessments compared to only assessments that are part of the state’s accountability system. Though only 36 states gave participation and performance data for all their tests, this number rose to 40 when considering only accountability tests. Though this is higher, NCLB requires that subgroup participation and performance be reported at the state-level for these accountability tests. Therefore, ten states still lag far behind this legislation.

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Appendix A

Verification Letter to State Assessment Director

The National Center on Educational Outcomes is examining states' public reports on **2002–2003** school year assessment results. We have reviewed your state's Web site for both participation and performance data on your statewide assessments. Attached tables reflect what we believe to be the tests your state administers and the results that we have found thus far on the Web (Table 1), how participation information is reported for students with disabilities (if it is available) (Table 2), and whether information is given about students who took assessments with individual accommodations (Table 3).

Please review the tables and verify their accuracy. Our goal is to (a) identify all components of each state's testing system, (b) determine whether each state reports **disaggregated** test results for students with disabilities, (c) describe the way participation information is presented, and (d) describe how states report results for students who took the test with accommodations or modifications.

If any data element is inaccurate, please provide us with the public document and/or website that contains the accurate information. Address your responses to Hilda Ives Wiley at the above address.

If you have any questions about our request, please call Hilda Ives Wiley at (612) 626–8913 or email: ives0016@umn.edu. If we do **not** hear from you by **Friday, June 4, 2004**, we will assume that our summaries are accurate.

Thank you for taking the time to verify our findings.

Sincerely,

Hilda Ives Wiley
Graduate Research Assistant

Martha Thurlow
Director

Table 1: Tests Administered and Results Found

Please review this table for its accuracy, make any changes (if necessary), and fill in any blank spaces.

State	Test	Grades Tested	Subject Areas	Is Disaggregated Info for Students with Disabilities Reported (Yes/No)		Is this test part of the state accountability system? (Yes/No)
				Participation	Performance	
AL						
	Direct Assessment of Writing (criterion-referenced)	5, 7	Writing	Yes	Yes	
	High School Graduation Exam (Exit Exam)	12	Reading, Math, Science, Social Studies	Yes	Yes	
	SAT-10 (norm-referenced)	3–8	Reading, Language, Math, Science (7)	Yes	Yes	
	Alternate Assessment	3–8, 11, 12	Not specified	Yes	Yes	

Table 2: Participation Information for Students with Disabilities

Please review this table, which describes the way in which participation data are publicly reported in your state. A dot in the box indicates information is reported in this way. Please add dots if you know of any other method of participation reporting, and please provide us with the information that is reported in that way (either a hard copy or a Web-link).

State	Test	Number Tested	Number Not Tested	Number Exempt	Number Excluded	% of students tested	% of students not tested	% Exempt	% Excluded	Number and/or Percent Absent
AL	Direct Assess. of Writing	•								
	HS Grad. Exam	•								
	SAT-10	•								
	Alternate Assess.	•								

Blank cell = No data

Table 3: Accommodations

We are interested in examining if and how states report information about students who take assessments using accommodations. Please change our responses (if necessary) to reflect information that is reported for your state. If you do make changes, please provide us with the information (either a hard-copy or a Web-link).

Test	Standard Administration		Nonstandard Administration	
	Participation	Performance	Participation	Performance
Direct Assessment of Writing	No	No	No	No
High School Graduation Exam	No	No	No	No
SAT-10	No	No	No	No
Alternate Assessment	No	No	No	No

Appendix B

Letters to State Directors of Special Education

(Two Forms Depending on Input from Assessment Director. Example here is if letter was verified by the Assessment Director. If no verification, letter was the same as in Appendix A.)

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Please review the tables and verify their accuracy. Our goal is to (a) identify all components of each state's testing system, (b) determine whether each state reports **disaggregated** test results for students with disabilities, (c) describe the way participation information is presented, and (d) describe how states report results for students who took the test with accommodations or modifications.

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Thank you for taking the time to verify our findings.

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Director

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				Participation	Performance	
AL						
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	High School Graduation Exam (Exit Exam)	12	Reading, Math, Science, Social Studies	Yes	Yes	
	SAT-10 (norm-referenced)	3–8	Reading, Language, Math, Science (7)	Yes	Yes	
	Alternate Assessment	3–8, 11, 12	Not specified	Yes	Yes	

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AL	Direct Assess. of Writing	•								
	HS Grad. Exam	•								
	SAT-10	•								
	Alternate Assess.	•								

Blank cell = No data

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Test	Standard Administration		Nonstandard Administration	
	Participation	Performance	Participation	Performance
Direct Assessment of Writing	No	No	No	No
High School Graduation Exam	No	No	No	No
SAT-10	No	No	No	No
Alternate Assessment	No	No	No	No

Appendix C

2002–2003 State Assessment Systems and Status of Disaggregated Data

State	Assessment Component	Grades	Subject	Disaggregated Special Education Data	
				Part	Perf
Alabama	*Direct Assessment of Writing [CRT]	5,7	Writing	Yes	Yes
	*High School Graduation Exam [EXIT]	12	Reading, Language, Math, Science, Social Studies	Yes	Yes
	*Stanford Achievement Test, 10th ed. (SAT-10) [NRT]	3–8	Reading, Language, Math, Science, Social Studies	Yes	Yes
Alaska	*Benchmark Exams [CRT]	3,6,8	Reading, Math, Writing	Yes	Yes
	*High School Graduation Qualifying Exam [EXIT]	10	Reading, Math, Writing	Yes	Yes
Arizona	*Stanford Achievement Test, 9th ed. (SAT-9) [NRT]	2–9	Reading, Language, Math	Yes	Yes
	*AZ Instrument to Measure Standards (AIMS) [CRT]	3,5,8	Reading, Math, Writing	Yes	Yes
	*AIMS [EXIT]	10	Reading, Math, Writing	Yes	Yes
Arkansas	Stanford Achievement Test, 9th ed. (SAT-9) [NRT]	5,7,10	Complete Battery	No	No
	*Arkansas Benchmark Exams (including End-of-Course) [CRT]	4,6,8, 9–12	Literacy [Reading & Writing] (4,6,8,11), Math (4,6,8), EOC–Algebra I (9–12), EOC–Geometry (9–12)	No	No
California	*Content Standards [CRT]	2–11	English Language Arts, Math (2–9), Algebra I & II (8–11), Integ. Math I–III (9–11), Geometry (8–11), Soc. Studies (8), World Hist. (10), U.S. Hist. (11), Bio./Life Sci. (9–11), Chem. (9–11), Earth Sci. (9–11), Physics (9–11), Integ./Coord. Sci. (9–11)	Yes	Yes
	Spanish Assessment of Basic Education (SABE/2) [NRT]	2–11	Reading, Language, Math, Spelling (2–8)	Yes	Yes
	*California Achievement Test, 6th ed. (CAT-6) [NRT]	2–11	Reading, Language, Math, Spelling (2–8), Science (9–11)	Yes	Yes
Colorado	*CO Student Assessment Program (CSAP) [CRT]	3–10	Reading, Math (5–10), Writing, Science (8)	Yes	Yes
Connecticut	*CT Mastery Test (CMT) [CRT]	4,6,8	Reading, Math, Writing	Yes	Yes
	*CT Academic Performance Test (CAPT) [CRT]	10	Reading, Math, Writing, Science	Yes	Yes
Delaware	*DE Student Testing Program (DSTP) [SAT-9 for R,M with other criterion measures; NRT/CRT]	2–11 ¹	Reading (2–11), Math (2–11), Writing (3,5,8,10), Science (8,10), Social Studies (8,11)	Yes	Yes

State	Assessment Component	Grades	Subject	Disaggregated Special Education Data	
				Part	Perf
Florida	*FL Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) includes SAT-9 [NRT/CRT]	3–10	Reading, Math, Writing	Yes	Yes
	High School Competency Test (HSCT) [EXIT] (for those not exempted by their FCAT performance in 10th grade)	11	Reading, Math	No	No
Georgia	*GA High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) [EXIT]	11	English/Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies	Yes	Yes
	*Criterion-Referenced Competency Tests (CRCT) [CRT]	1–8	Reading, English/Language Arts, Math, Science (3–8), Social Studies (3–8)	Yes	Yes
	*Middle Grades/High School Writing Assessment [CRT]	5,8,11	Writing	Yes	Yes
Hawaii	*HI Content and Performance Standards (HCPS II) State Assessment [CRT]	3,5,8,10	Reading, Math	Yes	Yes
Idaho	ID Direct Assessments [CRT]	4–6,8,9	Math (4,6,8), Writing (5,9)	Yes	Yes
	*Idaho Standards Achievement Tests (ISAT) [CRT]	2–10	Reading/Language Arts, Math	Yes	Yes
	Idaho Reading Indicator (IRI) [CRT]	K–3	Reading	Yes	Yes
Illinois	*IL Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) [CRT]	3,4,5,7,8	Reading (3,5,8), Math (3,5,8), Writing (3,5,8), Science (4,7), Social Studies (4,7)	No	Yes
	*Prairie State Achievement Exam [CRT]	11	Reading, Math, Writing, Science, Social Studies	No	Yes
Indiana	*IN Statewide Testing for Educational Progress (ISTEP+) [NRT/CRT]	3,6,8	English Language Arts, Math	Yes	Yes
	*Graduation Qualifying Exam [EXIT]	10	English Language Arts, Math	Yes	Yes
Iowa	*ITBS/ITED [NRT]	3–12 (only report on grades 4,8,10)	Reading, Math, Science (8,11)	Yes	Yes
Kansas	*KS Assessment System [CRT]	4–8,10,11	Reading (5,8,11), Math (4,7,10), Science (4,7,10), Social Studies (6,8,11)	Yes	Yes
Kentucky	*Comprehensive Test of Basic Skills, 5th ed. (CTBS/5) [NRT]	3,6,9	Reading, Language, Math	Yes	Yes
	*KY Core Content Test [CRT]	4,5,7,8, 10–12	Reading (4,7,10), Math (5,8,11), Writing (4,7,12), Science (4,7,11), Social Studies (5,8,11), Arts & Humanities (5,8,11), Practical Living & Vocational Studies (5,8,10)	Yes	Yes

State	Assessment Component	Grades	Subject	Disaggregated Special Education Data	
				Part	Perf
Louisiana	*LA Educational Assessment Program (LEAP 21) [CRT]	4,8	English/Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies	Yes	Yes
	*Graduation Exit Exam (GEE-21) [EXIT]	10, 11	Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies	Yes	Yes
	*Iowa Tests of Basic Skills/Iowa Tests of Educational Development [NRT]	3,5,6,7,9	Reading, Language, Math, Science, Social Studies	Yes	Yes
Maine	*Maine Educational Assessment (MEA) [CRT]	4,8,11	Reading, Math	Yes	Yes
Maryland	*Maryland School Assessment (MSA) [CRT]	3,5,8,10	Reading (3,5,8,10), Math (3,5,8,10)	Yes	Yes
	High School Assessment [CRT]	9–12 ²	English I, Biology, Government, Algebra	Yes	Yes
Massachusetts	*MA Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) [CRT]	3–8,10	Reading (3), English Language Arts (4,7,10), Math (4,6,8,10), Science/Technology (5,8)	Yes	Yes
Michigan	*MI Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) [CRT]	4,5,7,8	Reading (4,7), Math (4,8), Writing (4,7), Science (5,8), Social Studies (5,8), Listening (4,7)	Yes	Yes
Minnesota	*MN Comprehensive Assessment (MCA) [CRT]	3,5,7,10,11	Reading (3,5,7,10), Math (3,5,7,11), Writing (5,10)	Yes	No
	*Basic Skills Test [EXIT]	8,10	Reading (8), Math (8), Writing (10)	Yes	No
Mississippi	*MS Curriculum Test (MCT) [CRT]	2–8	Reading, Language, Math	Yes	Yes
	Comprehensive Tests of Basic Skills, 5th ed. (CTBS/5) [NRT]	6	Reading, Language, Math	Yes	Yes
	Writing Assessment [CRT]	4,7	Writing	Yes	Yes
	Functional Literacy Exam (FLE) [EXIT] For most students, only math is required for graduation.	11	Reading, Math, Writing	Yes	Yes
	*Subject Area [CRT]	9–12	Algebra I, U.S. History, Biology, English II	Yes	Yes
Missouri	*MO Assessment Program (MAP) (<i>Terra Nova survey</i>) [NRT/CRT]	3,4,7,8,10,11	Communication Arts (3,7,11), Math (4,8,10), Science (optional; 3,7,10), Social Studies (optional; 4,8,11)	Yes	Yes
Montana	*Iowa Tests of Basic Skills/ Iowa Tests of Educational Development (ITBS/ITED) [NRT]	4,8,11	Reading, Math, Language Arts, Science, Social Studies	Yes	Yes
Nebraska	*Statewide Writing Assessment [CRT]	4,8,11	Writing	Yes	Yes
	*Assessment of State Reading Standards [CRT]	4,8,11	Reading	Yes	Yes
Nevada	Iowa Tests of Basic Skills/ Iowa Tests of Educational Development (ITBS/ITED) [NRT]	4,7,10	Reading, Math, Science, Social Studies	Yes	Yes
	*Nevada Criterion Referenced Exam [CRT]	3,5,8	Reading, Math	Yes	Yes
	*NV High School Proficiency Exam [EXIT]	10	Reading, Math, Science	Yes	Yes
	*NV Direct Writing Assessment [CRT]	4,8,11,12	Writing	No	No

State	Assessment Component	Grades	Subject	Disaggregated Special Education Data	
				Part	Perf
New Hampshire	*NH Educational Improvement and Assessment Program (NHEIAP) [CRT]	3,6,10	English Language Arts, Math, Science (6,10), Social Studies (6,10)	Yes	Yes
New Jersey	*NJ Assessment of Skills and Knowledge (NJ-ASK) [CRT]	4	Language Arts Literacy, Math, Science	Yes	Yes
	*Grade Eight Proficiency Assessment (GEPA) [CRT]	8	Language Arts Literacy, Math, Science	Yes	Yes
	*High School Proficiency Assessment (HSPA) [EXIT]	11	Language Arts Literacy, Math, Writing	Yes	Yes
New Mexico	*NM Achievement Assessment Program (NMAAP) (CTBS/5 & other criterion measures) [NRT/CRT]	3–9	Reading, Language, Math, Science, Social Studies	Yes	Yes
	NM High School Competency Exam [EXIT]	10	Reading, Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, Writing	Yes	Yes
New York	Occupational Education Proficiency Exams [EXIT]	9–12	Occupational Education	Yes	Yes
	Regents Comprehensive Exams [EXIT]	9–12	English, Foreign Languages, Math, History/Social Studies, Science	Yes	Yes
	Regents Competency Test [EXIT]	9–12	Reading, Math, Science, Writing, Global Studies, U.S. Hist & Gov't	Yes	Yes
	NY State Assessment Program [CRT]	4,8	English/Language Arts, Math, Science	Yes	Yes
North Carolina	*End of Grade [CRT]	3–8, 10	Reading, Math	Yes	Yes
	*End of Course [CRT]	9–12	Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Economics, English I, Physical Science, History, Algebra I & II, Geometry	Yes	Yes
	*Grade 3 Pretest [CRT]	3	Reading, Math	Yes	Yes
	Writing Assessment [CRT]	4,7,10	Writing	Yes	Yes
	*Computer Skills [CRT]	8	Computer	No	No
	*Competency Test [EXIT]	9	Reading, Math	No	No
	*High School Comprehensive Test [CRT]	10	Reading, Math	Yes	Yes
North Dakota	*North Dakota State Assessment (NDSA) [NRT/CRT]	4,8,12	Reading/Language, Math	Yes	Yes
Ohio	*OH Proficiency Tests [CRT]	4,6,10	Reading, Math, Writing, Science, Citizenship	Yes	Yes
	*OH Proficiency Test [EXIT]	9	Reading, Writing, Math, Science, Citizenship	Yes	Yes
Oklahoma	*Core Curriculum Tests [CRT]	5,8	Reading, Math, Writing, Science, History, Geography, Arts	No	Yes
	*Stanford Achievement Test, 9th ed. (SAT-9) [NRT]	3	Reading, Math, Language, Spelling, Listening	No	No
	*High School End-of-Instruction Tests [CRT]	9–11	English II, U.S. History, Algebra I, Biology	No	No

State	Assessment Component	Grades	Subject	Disaggregated Special Education Data	
				Part	Perf
Oregon	*OR Statewide Assessment [CRT]	3,5,8,10	Reading/Literature, Math, Math Problem Solving (5,8,10), Writing, Science (8,10)	No	No
Pennsylvania	*PA System of School Assessment (PSSA) [CRT]	3,5,6,8,9,11	Reading (3,5,8,11), Math (3,5,8,11), Writing (6,9,11)	Yes	Yes
Rhode Island	*New Standards Reference Examinations [CRT]	4,8,10	Reading, Math, Writing	Yes	Yes
	RI State Writing Assessment [CRT]	3,7,11	Writing	No	Yes
	RI Health Education Assessment [CRT]	9	Health	No	Yes
South Carolina	*Palmetto Achievement Challenge Tests (PACT) [CRT]	3–8	English/Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies	Yes	Yes
	*High School Exit Exam [EXIT]	10	Reading, Math, Writing	No	Yes
South Dakota	*Dakota STEP Test [CRT/NRT]	3–8, 11	Reading, Math	Yes	Yes
	Stanford Writing Assessment [NRT]	5,9	Writing	No	No
Tennessee	*Achievement Test [NRT]	3–8	Reading, Language, Math, Science, Social Studies	Yes	Yes
	*Writing Test [CRT]	4,7,11	Writing	No	No
	*Gateway Testing Initiative [CRT]	9–12	Algebra I, Biology, English II	No	No
Texas	*Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) [CRT]	3–10	Reading (3–9), English Language Arts (10), Math (3–10), Writing (4,7), Science (5, 10), Social Studies (8, 10); Spanish version administered in grades 3–6.	Yes	Yes
	*Exit Level TAKS [EXIT]	11	English/Language Arts (11), Math (11), Science (11), Social Studies (11)	Yes	Yes
	Reading Proficiency Tests in English [CRT]	3–12	English Reading Proficiency	Yes	Yes
Utah	Stanford Achievement Test, 9th ed. (SAT-9) [NRT]	3,5,8,11	Reading, Language, Math, Science, Social Studies	Yes	Yes
	*Core Criterion-Referenced Tests [CRT]	1–11	Reading, Math (1–10), Writing (6,9)	Yes	Yes
	Direct Writing Assessment (NRT)	6,9	Writing	No	No
Vermont	*VT Comprehensive Assessment System [CRT]	2,4,5,8–11	Reading (2), English/ Language Arts (4,8,10), Math (4,8,10), Science (5,9,11)	Yes	Yes
Virginia	*Standards of Learning (SOL) [CRT]	3,5,8	English (3), English: Reading/ Literature and Research (5,8), English: Writing (5,8), Math, History, Science, Computer Technology (5, 8)	Yes ³	Yes
	*Standards of Learning [EXIT] ⁴	9–12 (may be taken at an earlier grade)	English, Math (Algebra I, II, & Geometry), History/Social Studies (World History I & II, Geography, U.S. History), Science (Earth, Biology, Chemistry)	Yes ³	Yes
	*VA State Assessment Program (VSAP) (SAT-9, Form TA) [NRT]	4,6,9	Reading, Language, Math [Science, Social Studies are optional]	Yes	Yes

State	Assessment Component	Grades	Subject	Disaggregated Special Education Data	
				Part	Perf
Washington	*WA Assessment of Student Learning (WASL) [CRT]	4,7,8,10	Reading (4,7,10), Math (4,7,10), Writing (4,7,10), Science (8,10)	Yes	Yes
	Iowa Tests of Basic Skills/Iowa Tests of Educational Development (ITBS/ITED) [NRT]	3,6,9	Reading, Math	No	No
West Virginia	*Stanford Achievement Test, 9th ed. (SAT-9) [NRT]	3–11	Reading/Language, Math, Science, Social Studies	Yes	Yes
	WV Writing Assessment [CRT]	4,7,10	Writing	No	No
Wisconsin	*WI Knowledge and Concepts Exam (WKCE) [CRT]	4,8,10	Reading, Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies	Yes	Yes
	WI Reading Comprehension Test (WRCT) [CRT]	3	Reading	Yes	Yes
Wyoming	*WY Comprehensive Assessment System (WyCAS) [CRT]	4,8,11	Reading, Writing, Math	No	No
	<i>Terra Nova</i> Comprehensive Tests of Basic Skills, 5th ed. (CTBS/5) [NRT]	4,8,11	Reading, Language, Math	No	No

¹DE: In reading and math, students are tested in grades 2–11 but data are reported for only grades 3, 5, 8, & 10.

²MD: The High School Assessment is administered in whatever grade the relevant course is given. Some students take the HSA as early as 4th grade.

³VA: The percentage of students not tested is given but is aggregated for the SOL, the SOL-EXIT, and the Alternate Assessment.

⁴VA: There is not one single exit exam. Students usually have to pass high school courses and the related SOL tests to earn verified credits for a standard or advanced diploma.

*Test is part of state accountability system for No Child Left Behind.

Appendix D

Disaggregated Participation Information (Given for State-Level Data)

State	Test	Count	Count Not Tested	Count Exempt	Count Excluded	Percent of Students Tested	Percent of Students Not Tested	Percent Exempt	Percent Excluded	Count and/or Percent Absent
AL	HSGE	Y								
	SAT-10	Y								
	DAW	Y								
AK	Bench. Exams	Y				Y				
	HSGQE	Y				Y				
AZ	SAT-9	Y								
	AIMS	Y								
	AIMS-EXIT	Y								
CA	Cont. Stands.	Y				Y				
	CAT/6	Y								
	SABE/2	Y								
CO	CSAP	Y	Y							Y
CT	CMT	Y				Y		Y		Y
	CAPT	Y				Y		Y		Y
DE	DSTP (SAT-9)	Y	Y	Y		Y		Y		Y
FL	FCAT					Y				
GA	GHSGT	Y								
	CRCT	Y								
	Writ. Assess.	Y								
ID	IDA	Y				Y				
	ISAT	Y				Y				
	IRI	Y				Y				
IN	ISTEP+	Y								
	GQE	Y								
IA	ITBS/ITED	Y								
KS	KAS	Y					Y			Y
KY	KCCT	Y				Y				
	CTBS/5	Y				Y				
LA	ITBS/ITED	Y								
	LEAP-21	Y								
	GEE-21	Y								
ME	MEA	Y				Y				
MD	MSA	Y								
	HSA	Y								

State	Test	Count	Count Not Tested	Count Exempt	Count Excluded	Percent of Students Tested	Percent of Students Not Tested	Percent Exempt	Percent Excluded	Count and/or Percent Absent
MA	MCAS	Y				Y				
MI	MEAP	Y								
MN	MCA					Y				
	BST					Y				
MS	CTBS/5	Y								
	MCT	Y								
	Writ. Assess.	Y								
	FLE	Y								
	Subject Area	Y								
MO	MAP	Y					Y			Y
MT	ITBS/ITED	Y								
NE	Assess. of St. Read. Stands.					Y	Y			
	Statewide Writ. Assess.	Y				Y				
NV	Crit Ref Exam	Y								
	ITBS/ITED	Y				Y				
	NV HSPE	Y								
NH	NHEIAP	Y				Y				
NJ	ESPA/GEPA/HSPT	Y								
NM	NMAAP	Y								
	NMHSCE	Y								
NY	NYSAP	Y								
	RCT	Y								
	RCE	Y								
	OEPE	Y								
NC	End of Grade	Y	Y			Y	Y			Y
	End of Course	Y	Y			Y	Y			Y
	Gr. 3 Pretest	Y				Y				Y
	Writ. Assess.	Y				Y				Y
	HSCT	Y	Y			Y	Y			Y
ND	NDSA	Y				Y				
OH	OPT					Y				
PA	PSSA	Y				Y				
RI	NSRE	Y				Y				
SC	PACT	Y				Y				
TN	Achiev. Test	Y								

State	Test	Count	Count Not Tested	Count Exempt	Count Excluded	Percent of Students Tested	Percent of Students Not Tested	Percent Exempt	Percent Excluded	Count and/or Percent Absent
TX	TAKS	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y		Y
	TAKS-EXIT	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y		Y
	RPTE	Y						Y		
UT	SAT-9	Y								
	CCRT	Y								
VT	VCAS	Y								
VA	SOL						Y ¹			
	SOL-EXIT						Y ¹			
	VSAP	Y								
WA	WASL	Y	Y				Y			Y
WV	SAT-9	Y				Y				
WI	WKCE						Y			
	WRCT	Y			Y	Y	Y		Y	

¹VA reports the percentage of students not tested, but the percentage is aggregated for the SOL, the SOL-EXIT, and the Alternate Assessment.

Appendix E

Participation Rate Analyses

State	Grade	Subject	Test Name
AK	8	Math	Benchmarks
CT	8	Math	CMT
DE	8	Math	DSTP
FL	8	Math	FCAT
ID	8	Math	ISAT
KS	7	Math	KAS
ME	8	Math	MEA
MA	8	Math	MCAS
MO	8	Math	MAP
NV	7	Math	ITBS
NC	8	Math	End-of-Grade
ND	8	Math	NDSA
OH	Aggregate of 4–10	Math	OPT
PA	Aggregate of 3–11	Math	PSA
RI	8	Math	NSRE
SC	Aggregate of 3–8	Math	PACT
SD	8	Math	STEP Test
TX	8	Math	TAKS
VA	Aggregate of 3–12	Math	SOL and Alternate
WA	7	Math	WASL
WI	8	Math	WKCE

Appendix F

Alternate Assessment Participation Information (State-Level Data)

State	Test	Count	Count Not Tested	Count Exempt	Count Excluded	Percent of Students Tested	Percent of Students Not Tested	Percent Exempt	Percent Excluded	Count and/or Percent Absent
AL	Alternate	Y								
AK	Alternate	Y				Y				
AZ	AIMS-Alt.	Y								
	ASAT	Y								
CA	Alternate	Y								
CO	CSAP-A	Y	Y							Y
CT	Alternate	Y								
DE	DAPA	Y				Y		Y		
FL	Alternate					Y				
GA	Alternate	Y				Y				
ID	Alternate	Y				Y				
KS	Alternate	Y								
KY	Alt. Portfolio	Y				Y				
LA	Alternate	Y								
ME	Alternate	Y				Y				
MD	IMAP	Y								
MA	MCAS-Alt	Y				Y				
MI	MI-Access	Y								
MO	MAP-Alt.	Y								
MT	Alternate	Y								
NE	Alternate					Y				
NV	SCAAN	Y								
NH	Alternate	Y				Y				
NY	NYSAA	Y	Y							
NC	NCAAI	Y				Y				Y
	NCAAP	Y				Y				Y
ND	NDALT	Y								
OR	Ext. Assess.	Y				Y				
PA	Alternate	Y								
SC	Alternate	Y	Y							
VT	Alternate	Y								
WA	Alternate	Y				Y	Y			
WI	Alternate					Y				
WY	Alternate		Y				Y			

Appendix G

2002–2003 Alternate Assessments

State	Assessment Component	Grades	Subject	Information Provided	
				Part	Perf
Alabama	Alternate Assessment	3–8, 11, 12	Not specified	Yes	Yes
Alaska	Alternate Assessment	3,6,8,11	English/Language Arts, Math, Skills for a Healthy Life	Yes	Yes
Arizona	AIMS-Alternate	3,5,8,10,11,12	Reading, Math, Writing, Listening, Speaking	Yes	Yes
	Alternate SAT-9	2–9	Reading, Language, Math	Yes	Yes
Arkansas	Alternate State Achievement Test (ASAT)	2–9	Reading, Math, Writing, Listening	No	No
California	CA Alternate Performance Assessment	2–11	English/Language Arts, Math	Yes	Yes
Colorado	Alternate Assessment: Skills Checklist	4,6,8,10	Reading, Math, Writing	Yes	Yes
Connecticut	Alternate Assessment	4,6,8,10	Reading, Math, Writing	Yes	Yes
Delaware	DE Alternate Portfolio Assessment	3,5,8,10	Reading, Math, Writing	Yes	Yes
Florida	Alternate Assessment	3–10	Reading, Math	Yes	Yes
Georgia	GA Alternate Assessment (GAA)	K–12	Communication, Daily Living, Motor, Cognitive/Functional Academics, Social/Emotional, Community, Vocational, Recreational/Leisure	Yes	No
Hawaii	Alternate Assessment	No information found	No information found	No	No
Idaho	Alternate Assessment	K–10	Reading, Language, Math (2–10)	Yes	Yes
Illinois	Alternate Assessment	3–5,7,8,11	Reading, Math, Writing, Science, Social Studies	No	Yes
Indiana	Indiana Standards Tool for Alternate Reporting (ISTAR)	No information found	No information found	No	No
Iowa	Alternate Assessment	4,8,11	Reading, Math	No	No
Kansas	Alternate Assessment	Ages 10, 13, & 16	Reading, Math	No	No
Kentucky	Alternate Portfolio	3–12	Reading, Math, Writing, Science, Social Studies, Arts & Humanities, Practical Living & Vocational Studies	Yes	No
Louisiana	Alternate Assessment	3–11	English/Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies	Yes	Yes

State	Assessment Component	Grades	Subject	Information Provided	
				Part	Perf
Maryland	Independence Mastery Assessment Program (IMAP)	3,5,8,11	Reading, Math	Yes	Yes
Massachusetts	MCAS Alternate Assessment	3–8, 10	Reading (3), English/Language Arts (4,7,10), Math (4,6,8,10), Science (5,8), History (5,8)	Yes	Yes
Michigan	Alternate Assessment (MI-Access)	Ages 9,10,13,14,17,18	8 Performance Expectations	Yes	Yes
Minnesota	Alternate Assessment	3,5,7,10,11	Reading, Math	No	No
Mississippi	Alternate Assessment	3–8	Comp.	No ^a	Yes
Missouri	Alternate Assessment (MAP-Alternate)	Ages 9,13,17	Communication Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, Art, Health/Physical Education	Yes	Yes
Montana	Alternate Assessment	4,8,11	Reading, Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies	Yes	Yes
Nebraska	Alternate Assessment	4,8,11	Language & Communication, Personal Management	Yes	Yes
Nevada	Skills and Competencies Alternate Assessment of Nevada (SCAAN)	4,8,10	Language, Math, Developmental Domains	Yes	Yes
New Hampshire	Alternate Assessment	3,6,10	English/Language Arts, Math, Science (6,10), Social Studies (6,10)	Yes	Yes
New Jersey	Alternate Proficiency Assessment (APA)	4,8,11	Language Arts Literacy, Math	No	No
New Mexico	Alternate Assessment	3–10	Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies	No	No
New York	NY State Alternate Assessment (NYSAA)	Ages 10–11, 14–15, 17–18	English Language Arts, Math	Yes	Yes
North Carolina	NC Alternate Assessment Academic Inventory (NCAAAI)	3–8, 10	Reading, Math, Writing (4,7,10)	Yes	Yes
	NC Alternate Assessment Portfolio (NCAAP)	3–8, 10	Reading, Math, Writing (4,7,10)	Yes	Yes
North Dakota	ND Alternate Assessment (NDALT)	4,8,12	Reading/Language, Math	Yes	Yes
Ohio	Alternate Assessment	4,6,9,10	Reading, Math, Writing, Citizenship, Science	Yes ^b	Yes ^b
Oklahoma	Alternate Assessment	All	Portfolio of required subjects	No	No
Oregon	Extended Assessments	3,5,8,10	Extended Reading, Extended Writing, Extended Math, Extended Science, Career and Life Role Assessment System	Yes	No

State	Assessment Component	Grades	Subject	Information Provided	
				Part	Perf
Rhode Island	Alternate Assessment	3,4,5,7–11	Reading, Math, Writing, Health	No	Yes
South Carolina	Alternate Assessment	3–8	English/Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies	Yes	Yes
South Dakota	Statewide Team-Led Alternate Assessment & Reporting System (STAARS)	3–9, 11	Communication, Task Completion/Voc., Personal/Social, Writing (5,9)	No	No
Tennessee	TCAP-Alt	3–11	Language Arts/ Reading, Math, Science, Social Studies	No	No
Texas	State Developed Alternate Assessment (SDAA) ^c	3–10	Reading, Math, Writing	No	No
Utah	Alternate Assessment	1–12	Language Arts, Math	No	No
Vermont	Alternate Assessment	2,4,5,8–11	Reading (2), English/Language Arts (4,8,10), Math (4,8,10), Science (5,9,11)	Yes	Yes
Virginia	Alternate Assessment	3,5,8–12	English, Math, Science, History	No	Yes
Washington	WA Alternate Assessment System	4,7,8,10	Reading, Math, Writing, Science	Yes	Yes
West Virginia	Alternate Assessment	K–12	Reading/Language, Math, Science, Social Studies	No	No
Wisconsin	Alternate Assessment	4,8,10	Reading, Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, Oral Language	Yes	Yes
Wyoming	WyCAS Alternate	4,8,11	Language, Math	Yes	Yes

^a Mississippi includes students who took the alternate assessment in a total participation count, but does not provide participation data separately for the alternate assessment.

^b Ohio only provides district-level information on the Alternate Assessment, not state-level data.

^c Texas also administers a State Developed Alternative Assessment, which is considered separate from their alternate assessment.

Appendix H

Participation and Performance for Students Tested with Accommodations

Grade	Subject	Accommodation	Participation	Percent Proficient ¹
Arizona: AIMS "Students with Disabilities"				
3	Reading	Non-Standard Condition	4,411	21%
5	Reading	Non-Standard Condition	2,321	15%
8	Reading	Non-Standard Condition	1,737	12%
10	Reading	Non-Standard Condition	518	23%
3	Math	Non-Standard Condition	4,014	17%
5	Math	Non-Standard Condition	2,548	11%
8	Math	Non-Standard Condition	1,837	1%
10	Math	Non-Standard Condition	623	10%
Colorado: CSAP "All Students: Standard Accommodations"				
4	Reading	Braille version	7	X
		Large-print version	23	35%
		Teacher-read directions only	1739	11%
		Scribe	618	27%
		Signing	32	13%
		Assistive communication device	32	53%
		Extended timing	4540	38%
8	Reading	Braille version	4	X
		Large-print version	10	X
		Teacher-read directions only	1293	8%
		Scribe	192	36%
		Signing	24	0%
		Assistive communication device	20	40%
		Extended/modified timing	1521	23%
10	Reading	Braille version	2	X
		Large-print version	11	X
		Teacher-read directions only	505	10%
		Scribe	52	21%
		Signing	35	9%
		Assistive communication device	5	X
		Extended/modified timing	1132	22%
5	Math	Braille version	3	X
		Large-print version	15	X
		Teacher-read directions only	995	13%
		Use of manipulative	3	X
		Scribe	365	33%
		Signing	35	20%
		Assistive communication device	7	X
		Extended timing	3125	34%
		Oral presentation of entire test	2110	13%

Grade	Subject	Accommodation	Participation	Percent Proficient
8	Math	Braille version	5	X
		Large-print version	11	X
		Teacher-read directions only	664	3%
		Use of manipulative	2	X
		Scribe	121	12%
		Signing	25	4%
		Assistive communication device	9	X
		Extended timing	1595	28%
		Oral presentation of entire test	1099	2%
10	Math	Braille version	3	X
		Large-print version	9	X
		Teacher-read directions only	393	1%
		Use of manipulative	20	0%
		Scribe	39	5%
		Signing	32	3%
		Assistive communication device	2	X
		Extended timing	1117	12%
		Oral presentation of entire test	219	0%
Colorado: CSAP "All Students: Nonapproved Accommodation/Modification"				
4	Reading	Nonapproved Accommodation/Modification	19	X
8	Reading	Nonapproved Accommodation/Modification	48	X
10	Reading	Nonapproved Accommodation/Modification	41	X
5	Math	Nonapproved Accommodation/Modification	38	X
8	Math	Nonapproved Accommodation/Modification	21	X
10	Math	Nonapproved Accommodation/Modification	156	X
Georgia: Criterion-Referenced Competency Test "Special Ed"				
4	Reading	Standard Accommodations	11,323	X
		Non-Standard Accommodations	4,271	X
6	Reading	Standard Accommodations	11,321	X
		Non-Standard Accommodations	3,636	X
8	Reading	Standard Accommodations	10,318	X
		Non-Standard Accommodations	2,770	X
4	E/LA	Standard Accommodations	10,104	X
		Non-Standard Accommodations	5,498	X
6	E/LA	Standard Accommodations	10,243	X
		Non-Standard Accommodations	4,731	X
8	E/LA	Standard Accommodations	9,650	X
		Non-Standard Accommodations	3,452	X
4	Math	Standard Accommodations	100,018	X
		Non-Standard Accommodations	5,566	X
6	Math	Standard Accommodations	10,213	X
		Non-Standard Accommodations	4,691	X
8	Math	Standard Accommodations	9,583	X
		Non-Standard Accommodations	3,436	X

Grade	Subject	Accommodation	Participation	Percent Proficient
Georgia: Criterion-Referenced Competency Test "All Students"				
4	Reading	Standard Accommodations	111,517	X
		Non-Standard Accommodations	5107	X
6	Reading	Standard Accommodations	114,998	X
		Non-Standard Accommodations	4,055	X
8	Reading	Standard Accommodations	109,370	X
		Non-Standard Accommodations	3,081	X
4	E/LA	Standard Accommodations	110,259	X
		Non-Standard Accommodations	6,430	X
6	E/LA	Standard Accommodations	113,766	X
		Non-Standard Accommodations	5221	X
8	E/LA	Standard Accommodations	108,570	X
		Non-Standard Accommodations	3,768	X
4	Math	Standard Accommodations	110,175	X
		Non-Standard Accommodations	6,502	X
6	Math	Standard Accommodations	113,608	X
		Non-Standard Accommodations	5,138	X
8	Math	Standard Accommodations	108,265	X
		Non-Standard Accommodations	3,760	X
Georgia: Criterion-Referenced Competency Test "Regular Ed"				
4	Reading	Standard Accommodations	100,194	X
		Non-Standard Accommodations	836	X
6	Reading	Standard Accommodations	103,677	X
		Non-Standard Accommodations	419	X
8	Reading	Standard Accommodations	99,052	X
		Non-Standard Accommodations	311	X
4	E/LA	Standard Accommodations	100,155	X
		Non-Standard Accommodations	932	X
6	E/LA	Standard Accommodations	103,523	X
		Non-Standard Accommodations	490	X
8	E/LA	Standard Accommodations	98,920	X
		Non-Standard Accommodations	316	X
4	Math	Standard Accommodations	100,158	X
		Non-Standard Accommodations	936	X
6	Math	Standard Accommodations	103,395	X
		Non-Standard Accommodations	447	X
8	Math	Standard Accommodations	98,682	X
		Non-Standard Accommodations	324	X
Indiana: ISTEP+ (Grades 3,6,8) and GQE (Grade 10) "Special Ed"				
3	E/LA	Accommodations	4,970	18%
6	E/LA	Accommodations	7,814	17%
8	E/LA	Accommodations	7,788	12%
10	E/LA	Accommodations	6,395	18%
3	Math	Accommodations	4,764	24%
6	Math	Accommodations	7,549	23%

Grade	Subject	Accommodation	Participation	Percent Proficient
8	Math	Accommodations	7,592	17%
10	Math	Accommodations	6,345	25%
Indiana: ISTEP+ (Grades 3,6,8) and GQE (Grade 10) "General Ed"				
3	E/LA	Accommodations	557	40%
6	E/LA	Accommodations	526	36%
8	E/LA	Accommodations	505	33%
10	E/LA	Accommodations	748	27%
3	Math	Accommodations	539	41%
6	Math	Accommodations	520	37%
8	Math	Accommodations	492	43%
10	Math	Accommodations	725	34%
Kentucky: KY Core Content Test "Students with Disabilities"				
4	Reading	Accommodations	5,000 (10% of all students)	42%
7	Reading	Accommodations	4,486 (9%)	16%
10	Reading	Accommodations	2,944 (6%)	3%
5	Math	Accommodations	5,235 (11%)	16%
8	Math	Accommodations	4,240 (9%)	6%
11	Math	Accommodations	2,212 (5%)	5%
Kentucky: CTBS/5 "Students with Disabilities"				
3	Reading	Accommodations	3,818 (8% of all students)	NP=35
6	Reading	Accommodations	4,435 (9%)	NP=25
9	Reading	Accommodations	3,458 (7%)	NP=18
3	Math	Accommodations	3,818 (8%)	NP=30
6	Math	Accommodations	4,435 (9%)	NP=17
9	Math	Accommodations	3,458 (7%)	NP=12
Louisiana: ITBS "All Students"				
3	Reading	Calculator Used	10,938	PR=46
5	Reading	Calculator Used	19,798	PR=50
6	Reading	Calculator Used	23,518	PR=41
7	Reading	Calculator Used	27,115	PR=45
8	Reading	Calculator Used	1,475	PR=16
9	Reading	Calculator Used	25,348	PR=48
3	Math	Calculator Used	10,941	PR=52
5	Math	Calculator Used	19,802	PR=58
6	Math	Calculator Used	23,527	PR=47
7	Math	Calculator Used	27,126	PR=52
8	Math	Calculator Used	1,482	PR=21
9	Math	Calculator Used	25,395	PR=57
Maine: MEA "Identified Disability"				
4	Reading	Accommodations	1729 (78% of students who took test with accomms.)	X

Grade	Subject	Accommodation	Participation	Percent Proficient
8	Reading	Accommodations	1834 (87%)	X
11	Reading	Accommodations	1160 (96%)	X
4	Math	Accommodations	2014 (77%)	X
8	Math	Accommodations	1903 (92%)	X
11	Math	Accommodations	1109 (94%)	X
Massachusetts: MCAS “Students with Disabilities”				
3	Reading	Accommodations	80% of SWDs	X
4	ELA	Accommodations	85% of SWDs	X
7	ELA	Accommodations	85% of SWDs	X
10	ELA	Accommodations	85% of SWDs	X
4	Math	Accommodations	80% of SWDs	X
8	Math	Accommodations	83% of SWDs	X
10	Math	Accommodations	81% of SWDs	X
Michigan: MEAP “All Students”				
4	Reading	Standard Accommodations	5,197	37%
		Non-Standard Accommodations	1,065	53%
7	Reading	Standard Accommodations	5,334	23%
		Non-Standard Accommodations	662	21%
4	Math	Standard Accommodations	6,532	31%
		Non-Standard Accommodations	307	27%
8	Math	Standard Accommodations	6,457	14%
		Non-Standard Accommodations	170	6%
Missouri: MAP “IEP”				
3	Com. Arts	Test Read Aloud	4,774	12.5%
7	Com. Arts	Test Read Aloud	6,438	3.9%
11	Com. Arts	Test Read Aloud	3,255	0.7%
4	Math	Test Read Aloud	6,298	13.9%
8	Math	Test Read Aloud	5,874	0.7%
10	Math	Test Read Aloud	4,101	0.6%
New Hampshire: NHEIAP “All Students” Use of non-standard accommodations (not allowed)				
3	Reading	Nonstandard Accommodations (not allowed)	69 (0%)	0%
6	Reading	Nonstandard Accommodations (not allowed)	49 (0%)	0%
10	Reading	Nonstandard Accommodations (not allowed)	20 (0%)	0%
3	Math	Nonstandard Accommodations (not allowed)	11 (0%)	0%
6	Math	Nonstandard Accommodations (not allowed)	24 (0%)	0%
10	Math	Nonstandard Accommodations (not allowed)	17 (0%)	0%
New Mexico: NMAAP-Norm-Referenced Part “Special Education”				
3	Reading	Accommodations	2,250	NP=13.2
4	Reading	Accommodations	2,665	NP=16.3
5	Reading	Accommodations	3,016	NP=18.2
6	Reading	Accommodations	3,349	NP=16.8
7	Reading	Accommodations	3,219	NP=14.9
8	Reading	Accommodations	2,987	NP=15.9
9	Reading	Accommodations	2,545	NP=19.3

Grade	Subject	Accommodation	Participation	Percent Proficient
3	Math	Accommodations	2,250	NP=17.6
4	Math	Accommodations	2,665	NP=14.9
5	Math	Accommodations	3,016	NP=12.9
6	Math	Accommodations	3,349	NP=12.2
7	Math	Accommodations	3,219	NP=12.9
8	Math	Accommodations	2,987	NP=13.0
9	Math	Accommodations	2,545	NP=13.3
New Mexico: NMAAP-Standards-Based Part "Special Education"				
4	Lang. Arts	Accommodations	2,539	9%
8	Lang. Arts	Accommodations	2,617	7%
4	Math	Accommodations	2,539	20%
8	Math	Accommodations	2,617	8%
New Mexico: NMAAP-Standards-Based Part "All Students (Total)"				
4	Lang. Arts	Accommodations	4,428	12%
8	Lang. Arts	Accommodations	3,435	9%
4	Math	Accommodations	4,428	25%
8	Math	Accommodations	3,435	8%
New Mexico: NM High School Competency Exam "Special Education"				
10	Reading & Math	Accommodations	1,628	13.8%
North Carolina: Grade 3 Pretest "All Students"				
3	Reading	Braille Edition	12 (0%)	X
		Large Print Edition	74 (0.1%)	50.0%
		Assistive Technology/Devices	46 (0%)	47.8%
		Braille Writer	8 (0%)	X
		Cranmer Abacus	8 (0%)	X
		Dictation to Scribe	94 (0.1%)	47.9%
		Interpreter/Translator Signs/Cues Test (use of this invalidates results)	27 (0%)	X
		Magnification Devices	16 (0%)	X
		Student Marks Answers in Test Book	5,310 (5.2%)	37.9%
		Test Administrator Reads Test Aloud (in English) (not allowed)	6,910 (6.7%)	31.7%
		Keyboarding Devices	2 (0%)	X
		Hospital/Home Testing	5 (0%)	X
		Multiple Testing Sessions	2,605 (2.5%)	36.5%
		Scheduled Extended Time	8,297 (8.1%)	38.0%
		Testing in a Separate Room	7,818 (7.6%)	36.8%
		English/Native Language Dictionary/Electronic Translator	202 (0.2%)	43.6%
One Test Item Per Page	13 (0%)	X		
Unpublished Accommodation	7 (0%)	X		

Grade	Subject	Accommodation	Participation	Percent Proficient
3	Math	Braille Edition	12 (0%)	X
		Large Print Edition	74 (0.1%)	78.1%
		Assistive Technology/Devices	46 (0%)	68.1%
		Braille Writer	8 (0%)	X
		Cranmer Abacus	8 (0%)	X
		Dictation to Scribe	94 (0.1%)	71.8%
		Interpreter/Translator Signs/Cues Test (not allowed)	27 (0%)	X
		Magnification Devices	16 (0%)	X
		Student Marks Answers in Test Book	5,310 (5.2%)	70.6%
		Test Administrator Reads Test Aloud (in English) (not allowed)	6,910 (6.7%)	71.1%
		Typewriter/Word Processor	2 (0%)	X
		Hospital/Home Testing	5 (0%)	X
		Multiple Testing Sessions	2,605 (2.5%)	69.5%
		Scheduled Extended Time	8,297 (8.1%)	71.8%
		Testing in a Separate Room	7,818 (7.6%)	71.0%
		English/Native Language Dictionary/Electronic Translator	202 (0.2%)	85.0%
One Test Item Per Page	13 (0%)	X		
Unpublished Accommodation	7 (0%)	X		
North Carolina: End of Grade-"All Students"¹²				
4	Reading and Math	Braille Edition	4 (0%)	X
		Large Print Edition	79 (0.1%)	62.3%
		Assistive Technology Devices	57 (0.1%)	69.6%
		Braille Writer/Slate and Stylus	3 (0%)	X
		Cranmer Abacus	5 (0%)	X
		Dictation to Scribe	291 (0.3%)	50.9%
		Interpreter/Transliterator Signs/Cues Test (use of this invalidates results of Reading Test)	33 (0%)	54.5%
		Magnification Devices	17 (0%)	X
		Student Marks Answers in Test Book	8,764 (8.7%)	52.1%
		Test Administrator Reads Test Aloud (use of this invalidates results of Reading Test)	10,183 (10.1%)	42.8%
		Keyboarding Devices	4 (0%)	X
		Hospital/Home Testing	15 (0%)	X
		Multiple Testing Sessions	5,264 (5.2%)	51.9%
		Scheduled Extended Time	13,767 (13.7%)	52.8%
		Testing in a Separate Room	12,694 (12.6%)	50.8%
		English/Native Language Dictionary/Electronic Translator	323 (0.3%)	58.2%
		One Test Item Per Page Edition	45 (0%)	53.5%
Accommodation Notification Form	20 (0%)	X		

Grade	Subject	Accommodation	Participation	Percent Proficient
8	Reading and Math	Braille Edition	5 (0%)	X
		Large Print Edition	73 (0.1%)	61.6%
		Assistive Technology Devices	27 (0%)	X
		Braille Writer/Slate and Stylus	15 (0%)	X
		Cranmer Abacus	6 (0%)	X
		Dictation to Scribe	105 (0.1%)	30.8%
		Interpreter/Transliterators Signs/Cues Test (use of this invalidates results of Reading Test)	39 (0%)	44.7%
		Magnification Devices	16 (0%)	X
		Student Marks Answers in Test Book	3,351 (3.3%)	41.1%
		Test Administrator Reads Test Aloud (use of this invalidates results of Reading Test)	7,221 (7.1%)	25.8%
		Keyboarding Devices	4 (0%)	X
		Hospital/Home Testing	49 (0%)	36.2%
		Multiple Testing Sessions	2,496 (2.4%)	33.5%
		Scheduled Extended Time	12,894 (12.6%)	40.4%
		Testing in a Separate Room	9,945 (9.8%)	35.7%
		English/Native Language Dictionary/Electronic Translator	714 (0.7%)	35.4%
One Test Item Per Page Edition	21 (0%)	X		
Accommodation Notification Form	24 (0%)	X		
North Carolina: High School Comprehensive Test "All Students"				
High School	Reading	Braille Edition	1 (0%)	X
		Large Print Edition	40 (0%)	37.5%
		Assistive Technology Devices	8 (0%)	X
		Braille Writer/Slate and Stylus	2 (0%)	X
		Cranmer Abacus	0 (0%)	X
		Dictation to Scribe	26 (0%)	X
		Interpreter/Transliterators Signs/Cues Test (use of this invalidates results of Reading Test)	28 (0%)	X
		Magnification Devices	7 (0%)	X
		Student Marks Answers in Test Book	1,128 (1.3%)	19.9%
		Test Administrator Reads Test Aloud (use of this invalidates results of Reading Test)	2,911 (3.4%)	7.6%
		Keyboarding Devices	1 (0%)	X
		Hospital/Home Testing	29 (0%)	X
		Multiple Testing Sessions	514 (0.6%)	16.5%
		Scheduled Extended Time	6,185 (7.1%)	21.5%
		Testing in a Separate Room	4,852 (5.6%)	16.7%
		English/Native Language Dictionary/Electronic Translator	463 (0.5%)	20.3%
One Test Item Per Page Edition	8 (0%)	X		
Accommodation Notification Form	6 (0%)	X		

Grade	Subject	Accommodation	Participation	Percent Proficient
High School	Math	Braille Edition	1 (0%)	X
		Large Print Edition	40 (0%)	42.5%
		Assistive Technology Devices	8 (0%)	X
		Braille Writer/Slate and Stylus	2 (0%)	X
		Cranmer Abacus	0 (0%)	X
		Dictation to Scribe	26 (0%)	X
		Interpreter/Transliterators Signs/Cues Test (use of this invalidates results of Reading Test)	28 (0%)	X
		Magnification Devices	7 (0%)	X
		Student Marks Answers in Test Book	1,128 (1.3%)	28.9%
		Test Administrator Reads Test Aloud (use of this invalidates results of Reading Test)	2,911 (3.4%)	16.5%
		Keyboarding Devices	1 (0%)	X
		Hospital/Home Testing	29 (0%)	X
		Multiple Testing Sessions	514 (0.6%)	22.8%
		Scheduled Extended Time	6,185 (7.1%)	28.6%
		Testing in a Separate Room	4,852 (5.6%)	23.1%
		English/Native Language Dictionary/Electronic Translator	463 (0.5%)	36.0%
One Test Item Per Page Edition	8 (0%)	X		
Unpublished Accommodation	6 (0%)	X		
Pennsylvania: PSSA "All Students"				
11 ³	Reading and Math	Scheduled Extended Time	5,939 (5%)	X
		Student Requested Extended Time	3,677 (3%)	X
		Testing in a Separate Room	5,023 (4%)	X
		Hospital/Home Testing	83 (0%)	X
		Multiple Test Sessions	1,346 (1%)	X
		Small Group Testing	6,666 (5%)	X
		Other Change in Testing Environment	248 (0%)	X
		Braille-Writer	7 (0%)	X
		Cranmer Abacus	2 (0%)	X
		Dictation to a Proctor	46 (0%)	X
		Interpreter Signs Directions	32 (0%)	X
		Magnification Devices	7 (0%)	X
		Student Marks in Test Booklet	217 (0%)	X
		Test Administrator Reads Math Test Aloud	779 (1%)	X
		Test Administrator marks Test at Student's Direction	77 (0%)	X
		Typewriter, Word Processor, or Computer	63 (0%)	X
		Other Special Arrangement/Assistive Devices	174 (0%)	X
		Braille Edition	9 (0%)	X
		Large Print Edition	41 (0%)	X
		Word Processor	17 (0%)	X
		Signed Version	18 (0%)	X
		Audiotape	2 (0%)	X
		Other Modified Test Format	91 (0%)	X

Grade	Subject	Accommodation	Participation	Percent Proficient
Rhode Island: New Standards Reference Examinations "Students with Disabilities"				
4	Reading	IEP with Accommodations	1,753	32%
8	Reading	IEP with Accommodations	1,637	9%
10	Reading	IEP with Accommodations	789	11%
4	Math	IEP with Accommodations	1,753	21%
8	Math	IEP with Accommodations	1,637	9%
10	Math	IEP with Accommodations	789	5%

¹No data were provided either because the number of students was too small or because performance data were not given.

²North Carolina End-of-Grade provided accommodations information for grades 3–8, but data are only provided here for grades 4 and 8.

³For Pennsylvania, accommodations data were only sent to us for grade 11.

Appendix I

Performance Data for Reading and Math Assessments

State	Subject	Grade	Type of Test	Test Name
Alabama	Reading and Math	11	EXIT	High School Graduation Exam
Alaska	Reading and Math	3,8	CRT	Benchmark Exams
	Reading and Math	10	EXIT	HSGQE
Arizona	Reading and Math	3,8	CRT	AIMS
	Reading and Math	10	EXIT	AIMS Exit
Arkansas	Reading and Math	4,8	CRT	ACTAAP
California	Reading and Math	4,7	CRT	Content Standard
Colorado	Reading	4,8,10	CRT	CSAP
	Math	5,8,10	CRT	CSAP
Connecticut	Reading and Math	4,8,10	CRT	CMT
Delaware	Reading and Math	3,8,10	NRT/CRT	DSTP
Georgia	Reading and Math	4,8	CRT	CRCT
	Reading and Math	11	EXIT	GHSGT
Idaho	Math	4,8	CRT	ID Direct Assessments (referenced in charts as ID1)
	Reading and Math	4,8,10	CRT	ISAT (referenced in charts as ID2)
	Reading	3	CRT	Idaho Reading Indicator (referenced in charts as ID3)
Illinois	Reading and Math	3,8,11	CRT	ISAT
	Reading and Math	11	EXIT	PSAE
Kansas	Reading	5,8,11	CRT	KAS
	Math	4,7,10	CRT	KAS
Kentucky	Reading	4,7	CRT	KCCT
	Math	5,8	CRT	KCCT
Louisiana	Reading and Math	4,8	CRT	LEAP 21
	Reading and Math	10	EXIT	GEE 21
Maryland	Reading and Math	3,8,10	CRT	MSA (referenced in charts as MD1)
	Reading and Math	10	EXIT	High School Assessment (referenced in charts as MD2)
Massachusetts	Reading	4,7,10	CRT	MCAS
	Math	4,8,10	CRT	MCAS
Michigan	Reading	4,7	CRT	MEAP
	Math	4,8	CRT	MEAP
Minnesota	Reading and Math	3	CRT	MCA
	Reading and Math	8	EXIT	BST
Mississippi	Reading and Math	4,8	CRT	MS Curriculum Test
Missouri	Reading	3,7,11	CRT	MAP
	Math	4,8,10	CRT	MAP
Nebraska	Math	4,8,11	CRT	Assessment of State Mathematics Standards

State	Subject	Grade	Type of Test	Test Name
Nevada	Reading and Math	3	CRT	NV Criterion-Referenced Test
	Reading	11	EXIT	Graduation Exam
	Math	10	EXIT	Graduation Exam
New Hampshire	Reading and Math	3,6,10	CRT	NHEIAP
New Jersey	Reading and Math	4,8	CRT	ESPA; GEPA
	Reading and Math	11	EXIT	HSPA
New Mexico	Reading and Math	10	EXIT	NM High School Competency Exam
New York	Reading and Math	4,8	CRT	NY State Assessment Program
	Reading and Math		EXIT	Regents Comprehensive Exams (referenced in charts as NY1)
	Reading and Math		EXIT	Regents Competency Test (referenced in charts as NY2)
North Carolina	Reading and Math	3	CRT	Grade 3 Pretest (referenced in charts as NC1)
	Reading and Math	4,8,10	CRT	End of Grade (referenced in charts as NC2)
	Reading and Math	10	CRT	End of Course (referenced in charts as NC3)
	Reading and Math	10	CRT	High School Comprehensive Test (referenced in charts as NC4)
North Dakota	Reading and Math	4,8,12	CRT	ND State Assessment
Ohio	Reading and Math	4,6,10	CRT	OH Proficiency Test
	Reading and Math	9	EXIT	OH Proficiency Test
Pennsylvania	Reading and Math	5,8,11	CRT	PSSA
South Carolina	Reading and Math	10	EXIT	High School Exit Exam
Texas	Reading and Math	4, 8	CRT	TAKS (referenced in charts as TX1)
	Reading and Math	4	CRT	TAKS-Spanish version (referenced in charts as TX2)
Utah	Reading	4,8,10	CRT	Core Criterion-Referenced Tests
	Math	4,7	CRT	Core Criterion-Referenced Tests
Virginia	Reading and Math	3,8	CRT	Standards of Learning
Washington	Reading and Math	4,7,10	CRT	WASL
Wisconsin	Reading and Math	4,8,10	CRT	WKCE