

# Illinois Dynamic Learning Maps Alternate Assessment Decision Making

The [Decision-Making Tool for Determining Student Eligibility for the Illinois Alternate Assessment](#) is a resource for districts to utilize to assist in making decisions regarding Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) participation. This resource serves as a quick reference guide for districts to use in conjunction with the Decision-Making Tool. To determine if a student should take the DLM or the regular state assessment, answer the list of questions below to determine if your student is eligible to participate in the Illinois Dynamic Learning Maps Alternate Assessment or if they must participate in the regular state accountability assessments.

## Question 1

**Does the student currently have an IEP?**



- If **YES** proceed to question 2.
- If **NO** student must participate in the regular state accountability assessments.

## Question 2

**Is the student's inability to participate in the regular assessment primarily the result of the most significant cognitive disability and NOT excessive absences, other disabilities, cultural factors, first language or economic disadvantage?**



- If **YES** proceed to question 3.
- If **NO** student must participate in the regular state accountability assessments.

## Question 3

**Does assessment data indicate that the student has the most significant cognitive disability?**



- If **YES** proceed to question 4.
- If **NO** student must participate in the regular state accountability assessments.

#### Question 4

Does assessment and/or observation data indicate that the student has significant adaptive functioning deficits?



- If **YES** proceed to question 5.
- If **NO** student must participate in the regular state accountability assessments.

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#### Question 5

Does the student require extensive direct instruction with maximum support and scaffolding on alternate grade level concepts, and skills aligned with the Essential Elements?



- If **YES** proceed to question 6.
- If **NO** student must participate in the regular state accountability assessments.

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#### Question 6

Does the student require extensive direct instruction with maximum support and scaffolding on alternate grade level concepts, and skills aligned with the Essential Elements?



- If **YES** the student is eligible to participate in the Illinois Dynamic Learning Maps Alternate Assessment.
- If **NO** student must participate in the regular state accountability assessments

If the answer is **NO** to **ANY** of the questions above, the student must participate in regular state accountability assessments.