

# **2015-16 New York State Alternate Assessment (NYSAA) for Science and Social Studies**

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## **Administration Training: Messages from the Department**

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### ***Two Separate Formats for the NYSAA for Science and Social Studies***

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM)</b>	<b>Measured Progress</b>
<b>Content Areas Responsible for</b>	English Language Arts (ELA) and mathematics	Science and social studies
<b>Standards Aligned to</b>	Common Core State Standards (CCSS)	New York State Core Curriculum
<b>Assessment Format</b>	Online	Datafolio-style assessment
<b>Administration Window</b>	March 21-June 3, 2016	December 7, 2015-February 12, 2016

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## ***Background for Changes to the NYSAA***

*The Department received feedback from the field that they would like an assessment that would*

- be more efficient to administer and score
- provide useful and timely information to inform instruction for the student.

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## ***NYSAA for Science and Social Studies - Overview***

- Administration period December 7, 2015 – February 12, 2016
- Two AGLIs required for each content area, teachers select the Assessment Task appropriate for each student
- Baseline and final administration, with 1 piece of verifying evidence submitted for each

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### ***Purpose of Baseline Data Point***

- The baseline data point demonstrates that
  - The appropriate Level of Complexity and Assessment Task have been selected
  - The student has not already mastered the selected skill
- The student's Level of Accuracy for the baseline must be 74% or below (threshold)
  - Baseline scores can be 0-74%
  - Low baseline scores do not negatively affect the student's overall performance level

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### ***Test Design – Baseline and Final Data Points***

- Baseline and final data points are NOT considered pretest and posttest.
- NYSAA is not focused on capturing the difference in performance between the baseline and final data points.
- For the NYSAA, there is flexibility in that the verifying evidence does not have to be duplicated between the baseline and final data points.
- Refer to the NYSAA Test Administration Manual for Science and Social Studies for verifying evidence guidelines.

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## NYSAA Technical Support

Contact information is available in the Test Administration Manual for Science and Social Studies

- Alternate Assessment Training Network (AATN) Specialists
- Regional Lead Trainers
- Measured Progress



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## Department Website, NYSAA Homepage



NYSAA for Science and Social Studies

- Materials, forms and documents
- Sample datafolios for grade 4, grade 8, and high school
- Sample worksheets

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