Dynamic Learning Maps Alternate Assessment (DLM-AA)

### 2016 Testing Dates
March 24 — May 132, 2016
The assessment is administered once a year.

**What is DLM-AA?** The Dynamic Learning Maps™ (DLM®) project offers an innovative way for all students with significant cognitive disabilities to demonstrate their learning throughout the school year via the DLM Alternate Assessment System. Traditional multiple-choice testing does not always allow students with significant cognitive disabilities to fully demonstrate their knowledge. By integrating assessment with instruction during the year and providing a year-end assessment, the DLM system maps student learning aligned with college and career readiness standards in English language arts and mathematics.

The DLM system is accessible by students with significant cognitive disabilities, including those who also have hearing or visual disabilities, and/or neuromuscular, orthopedic, or other motor disabilities. DLM assessments are flexible. They allow for the use of common assistive technologies in addition to keyboard and mouse and touch-screen technology.

### Assessment Content Areas

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### What is the purpose of this assessment?**

The purpose of the assessment is to monitor student progress in English language proficiency (ELP) on a yearly basis and to serve as a criterion to aid in determining when ELLs have attained full language proficiency. Provides information that can be used to enhance instruction and learning for ELLs.

### Who should be tested?

Per NCLB regulations, all eligible students in grades K-12 identified as English Language Learners (ELLs) based on their Home Language Survey (HLS) and subsequent ELL screener scores.

### How are results reported?

Results are reported at the student, class, school, and district levels. Parent reports are also available.

### How are results used?

Track student progress on an annual basis and inform classroom instruction.

### Where can I find additional information about DLM-AA?

ISBE: [http://www.isbe.net/assessment/dlm.htm](http://www.isbe.net/assessment/dlm.htm)

DLM-AA: [http://dynamiclearningmaps.org/illinois](http://dynamiclearningmaps.org/illinois)