



Guidelines for including all students in MontCAS Assessments

1. Student takes the general CRT, Smarter Balanced, Grade 11 ACT with Writing, or English Language Proficiency (ELP) tests with no accommodations.
2. Student takes the general CRT, Smarter Balanced, Grade 11 ACT with Writing, or ELP tests with the use of accommodations.
 - a. For more information on accommodations for each of the above assessments, please consult the [MontCAS webpage](#) accommodations section for each assessment.
3. Student takes a MontCAS alternate assessment. The decision as to whether a student with disabilities will participate in the regular or the alternate assessment and what accommodations, if any, are to be provided to the student must be documented in the student's IEP prior to administering assessments. [Eligibility requirements](#) for the three MontCAS alternate assessments are located online.

MontCAS Alternate Assessments

- Science CRT: **Science CRT Alt**
- Smarter ELA and Math and ACT with Writing ELA and Math: **Multi State Alternate Assessment (MSAA)**
- ELP: **Alternate for English Language Learners**

Alternate Assessment Registration

MSAA and Science CRT-Alt Directions

- Mark eligible students in the Alternate Assessment checkbox under the Statewide Assessments editor of the student's current locked IEP in your AIM system.
- If you do not mark this box, and a new IEP has not been written, you will need to create an amendment on the current locked IEP in the AIM system and check the Alternate Assessment box.
 - Please make sure your student's current IEP is locked in the AIM system as OPI is unable to extract the Statewide Assessment information on IEPs and/or amendments that are unlocked.
- If you have questions about the Alternate Assessment box, please contact Mary Graff, 406-444-0685, mgraff@mt.gov.
- Once the steps above are complete, the student(s) is registered for the appropriate alternate assessment.

Science CRT Alt Only

- Please contact OPI to register alternate students enrolling in your district in late January or later.