



## Guidelines for including all students in MontCAS Assessments

All students are required to take the suite of MontCAS assessments. Students participate in one of the following ways:

- Student takes the general science, ELA, mathematics, and/or English Language Proficiency assessments with no accommodations.
- Student takes the general science, ELA, mathematics, and/or English Language Proficiency assessments with accommodations.
  - For more information on accommodations for each of the MontCAS suite of assessments, consult the accommodations section for each assessment on the [OPI Statewide Testing website](#).
- Student takes an 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 educational plan (ie: IEP or 504 Plan) prior to administering assessments. See the [Eligibility Criteria Worksheet](#) for more information about making this decision.

### Alternate Assessment Registration

To ensure students requiring the alternate version of the MontCAS suite of assessments are correctly registered, mark the Alternate Assessment checkbox under the Statewide Assessments editor of AIM for eligible students.

- Ensure the eligible student's current IEP/504 Plan is locked in the AIM system as the OPI is unable to extract the Statewide Assessment information on IEPs and/or amendments that are unlocked.

For assistance and questions about AIM/Infinite Campus and the electronic IEP flag, contact the OPI AIM Help Desk at [OPIAIMHelp@mt.gov](mailto:OPIAIMHelp@mt.gov) or 877-424-6681.

For assistance and questions about the MontCAS suite of assessments, contact the OPI Assessment Division at [OPIAssessmentHelpDesk@mt.gov](mailto:OPIAssessmentHelpDesk@mt.gov) or 844-867-2569.