



## Wyoming Alternate Assessment for Students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities (WY-ALT) Assessment Overview

The WY-ALT, which was administered for the first time in spring 2015, is designed to allow students to demonstrate their knowledge and skills as they relate to the Wyoming Content and Performance Standards (WyCPS). Key aspects of the WY-ALT include the following:

- Content of the WY-ALT is appropriately rigorous and aligned to the WyCPS extensions
- Students respond to tasks/items or prompts
- Scores reflect student knowledge and skills
- Scores provide information that allows educators to build and maintain instruction aligned with academic expectations

Below you will find a chart which outlines the main features of the alternate assessment.

Feature	WY-ALT Description
Vendor	American Institutes for Research
Testing Population	Developed for students with significant cognitive disabilities who cannot meaningfully participate in the state's general assessment.
Eligibility	The IEP team determines whether a student will participate in the WY-ALT using the criteria for participation guidelines.
Test Administrators	Only trained test administrators who are certified employees of the district may administer the WY-ALT. It is the responsibility of each TA to maintain proof of attendance per the district's policy. Each content area is administered by one TA.
Test Design and Administration	Individually administered student performance assessment that tests discrete academic skills, and is aligned to Wyoming Content and Performance Standards extensions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Test materials available in print form through a test booklet with a detailed script.</li> <li>• Test administrator administers an assessment based on performance items/tasks in each content area and grade/grade bands.</li> <li>• Test administrator scoring based upon accuracy of response.</li> <li>• Student responses will be entered into a web-based scoring system.</li> <li>• Student scores available in real-time upon test submission.</li> </ul>

The WY-ALT is administered by grade band (3-5, 6-8, 9-11). Students will take the WY-ALT in the same grades and content areas that are administered for the WY-TOPP.

Form	Student Grade	Content Areas to be Administered to Each Student
<b>3-5</b>	3	English Language Arts and Mathematics
	4	English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science
	5	English Language Arts and Mathematics
<b>6-8</b>	6	English Language Arts and Mathematics
	7	English Language Arts and Mathematics
	8	English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science
<b>High School</b>	9	English Language Arts and Mathematics
	10	English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science
	11	English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science