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The states participating in the 1% Cap CoP are listed here. Many of the states had multiple representatives on the CoP webinar calls. This resource would not exist had it not been for their active participation and sharing during the CoP calls.

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Arkansas New Hampshire
California New Jersey
Colorado New Mexico
Connecticut New York
Delaware North Carolina
Florida North Dakota

Georgia Ohio Hawaii Oklahoma Idaho Oregon

Illinois Pennsylvania Indiana Rhode Island South Carolina Iowa South Dakota Kansas Kentucky Tennessee Louisiana Texas Maine Utah Maryland Vermont Massachusetts Virginia Michigan Washington West Virginia Minnesota Wisconsin Mississippi Missouri Wyoming

Montana

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Most states and districts provide training that aims to help individualized education program (IEP) teams make appropriate decisions about student participation in the alternate assessment. IEP teams use the state's alternate assessment participation criteria and consider the unique characteristics of each student as they make these decisions. Some states use student profile examples in these trainings. Aspects of student profile examples are often highlighted to indicate whether students meet or do not meet the state's criteria. Trainees can learn to identify the pieces of a student's profile or IEP that help inform appropriate participation decisions. This resource was developed in response to the National Center on Educational Outcomes (NCEO) 1% Community of Practice's (CoP's) interest in having student profile examples they could use in their training materials.

CoP members nominated some of the student profiles in this tool; others were identified through searches of state websites. The profiles are organized by state, school level, and disability. The names of states' disability categories may vary. Some state profiles indicated that a student had a mild mental disability, moderate intellectual disability, functional mental disability, or cognitive impairment; in this resource these three groups are included in the "intellectual disability" category.

Table 1 provides a listing of student profiles from states, which are listed in alphabetical order. When using these profiles, states or districts may wish to customize the profile to align with their state disability categories. For each profile, the name of an assessment (alternate or general) is provided in bold in parentheses following the student's age, grade, and disability to indicate the assessment participation decision for the student. Many states did not indicate a decision about the assessment in which the student should most likely participate. For those student profiles, NCEO added the assessment information because NCEO believes it is helpful to indicate whether the information about the student seems to point to a decision for the student to participate in the alternate assessment or in the general assessment. States were given an opportunity to verify that NCEO had correctly categorized assessment participation decisions for their state. If a state indicated that NCEO had not appropriately categorized a student profile, the information in the table was changed. For training purposes, states or districts may want to foster discussion about the student rather than provide the suggested assessment participation decision provided in Table 1.

Table 1. Student Profiles by State

Note: If links do not open when they are clicked, try cutting and pasting them into a browser.

State	Links and Details			
Alabama	https://www.alsde.edu/sec/ses/Assessment/Power%20Point%20Presentation%20for			
	%20Training.pptx			
	Open PowerPoint. See slides #15-#24.			
	 Monique,13-year-old 7th grader with intellectual disability–middle 			
	school (alternate)			
	 Includes information about special education services 			
	received and placement			
	 Includes information about communication, adaptive 			
	behavior, and intelligence			
	 Includes information about parent input 			
	 Includes information about academic content 			
	 https://www.alsde.edu/sec/ses/Pages/assessment- 			
	all.aspx?navtext=Assessment			
	Select "1%" Tab located at the top on the right.			
	 Select Mateo case study example, the 7th item in left hand column 			
	 Mateo, 9-year-old 4th grader with autism spectrum disorder– 			
	elementary (alternate)			
	 Includes information about special education services 			
	received and placement			
	 Includes information about communication, adaptive 			
	behavior, and intelligence			
	 Includes information about parent input 			
Arinono	 Includes information about academic content https://cms.azed.gov/home/GetDocumentFile?id=5e138e2003e2b31afcf54b19 			
Arizona	Open PowerPoint ("Determining Eligibility for Alternate Assessment"). See the second of the sec			
	Open PowerPoint (Determining Eligibility for Alternate Assessment). See slides #15-#19.			
	o 7 th grader with autism spectrum disorder–middle school (slide #15)			
	[insufficient information to make an assessment determination;			
	could presume general]			
	 Includes information about cognitive and academic scores 			
	■ Includes information about IEP goals			
	o 2 nd grader with developmental delay–elementary (slide #16)			
	[insufficient information to make a determination, re-evaluate			
	before grade 3]			
	 Includes information about behavior 			
	 5th grader¹ with specific learning disability–elementary (slide #17) 			
	[insufficient information to make a determination, could presume			
	general, specific learning disability is not a typical disability category			
	for the alternate]			
	 Includes information about special education services 			
	received			
	 Includes information about parent input 			
	o 10 th grader with moderate intellectual disability and			
	speech/language impairment (multiple disabilities)–high school (slide #18) [alternate]			
	 Includes information about cognitive, academic, and 			
	adaptive scores			
	 Includes information about placement 			
	 Includes information about past history of assessments 			

¹ 5th graders are considered elementary school level in this resource.

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State	Links and Details					
	o 4 th grade English learner with disabilities–elementary (slide #19)					
	[insufficient information to make a determination, gather					
	documentation that addresses eligibility criteria]					
	 Includes information about IEP goals 					
	 Includes information about past history of assessments 					
Georgia	https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ifHUxV3cDV_i3ScaqutfpZGcdLKTpHzp?us					
	sharing Destile developed by state and not everileble an multiple website					
	Profile developed by state and not available on public website					
	Open Google Drive folder with Martha Case study example (provided as a					
	Google doc and as a PDF)					
	o Martha, 12-year-old 6 th grader with mild intellectual disability and					
	speech/language impairment–middle school (alternate)					
	 Includes information about special education services received and placement 					
	 Includes information about communication 					
	 Includes information about communication Includes information about psychological scores 					
	 Includes information about parent input 					
Hawaii	https://hsa-					
	alt.alohahsap.org/core/fileparse.php/3344/urlt/HSA Alt Participation Guidelines Ex					
	amples 2020-2021.pdf					
	Handout ("HAS-Alt Participation Guidelines-Decision Making Questions and					
	Case Study Examples") with ten brief examples beginning on p. #2					
	Disabilities are not clearly identified for every case					
	 Sandra, 13-year-old-middle school (p. #2) [alternate] 					
	 Includes information about academics 					
	o Roger, 13-year-old-middle school (p. #2) [general]					
	 Includes information about communication 					
	 Includes information about academics 					
	o Raymond, 7 th grader-middle school (p. #3) [alternate]					
	 Includes information about academics 					
	 Includes information about special education services 					
	required o Sylvia, undisclosed age (p. #3) [general with accommodations]					
	■ Includes information about instructional supports required					
	Jackson, 9-year-old-elementary school (p.#3) [general with no					
	accommodations]					
	■ Includes information about academics					
	o Caroline, 8th grader-middle school (p. #3) [alternate]					
	 Includes information about academics 					
	 Includes information about accommodations and 					
	modifications					
	 Wilson, 8th grader-middle school (p. #3) [general with 					
	accommodations]					
	Includes information about adaptations					
	o Paul, 11 th grader-high school (p. #4) [on the cusp , IEP team					
	gathering additional information] Includes information about academics					
	 Includes information about academics Includes information about accommodations and supports 					
	Rochelle, undisclosed age (p. #4) [general]					
	■ Includes information about impairments					
	 Includes information about learning characteristics 					
	o Josie, undisclosed age (p. #4) [general]					
	■ Includes information about medical history					
	 Includes information about past performance on 					
	assessments					
Kentucky	https://www.hdilearning.org					
	Training site					

State	Links and Details				
	To access the profiles go to this Google Drive link. (If the link does not work, cut an				
	paste it into browser.)				
	https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1U4H6cloAQHcm5T9cirdBlgEhkhYfUvOw?us				
	<u>p=sharing</u>				
	Google Drive folder with 8 subfolders contains cases pulled from training. Factor subfolders have 2 files an amount in a data and basic and a artisin atting.				
	Each subfolder has 3 files: a narrative, data analysis, and participation				
	guidelines. o Candace, 8-year-old 3 rd grader with mild mental disability–				
	elementary (general with accommodations)				
	 Includes information about special education services 				
	received and placement				
	 Includes information about accommodations and supports 				
	 Includes adaptive and cognitive functioning scores 				
	 Includes information about parent input 				
	Hunter, 16 year old10 th grader with multiple disabilities—high school (alternate)				
	(alternate) Includes information about special education services				
	received and placement				
	■ Includes information about communication				
	 Includes information about academics 				
	 Mateo, 9 year-old 4th grader with autism spectrum disorder– 				
	elementary (alternate)				
	 Includes information about special education services 				
	received and placement				
	 Includes adaptive and cognitive functioning scores Includes information about parent input 				
	Monique, 13-year-old 7 th grader with functional mental disabilities				
	middle school (alternate)				
	 Includes information about special education services 				
	received and placement				
	 Includes adaptive and cognitive functioning scores 				
	Includes information about parent input				
	 Nathan, 8-year-old 3rd grader with mild mental disability-elementary (alternate) 				
	 Includes information about special education services and 				
	placement				
	 Includes adaptive and cognitive functioning scores 				
	 Includes information about parent input 				
	o Robert, 13-year-old 8 th grader with mild mental disability–middle				
	school (general with accommodations)				
	 Includes information about special education services 				
	received and placement Includes information about accommodations and supports				
	 Includes adaptive and cognitive functioning scores 				
	 Includes information about parent input 				
	 Sophia, 10-year-old 5th grader with mild mental disability– 				
	elementary (general with accommodations)				
	 Includes information about special education services and 				
	placement				
	 Includes adaptive and cognitive functioning scores 				
	 Includes information about parent input English learner 				
	 English learner Steven, 12-year old 6th grader with autism spectrum disorder– 				
	middle school (alternate)				
	■ Includes information about special education services				
	received and placement				
	 Includes adaptive and cognitive functioning scores 				

State	Links and Details					
	 Includes information about parent input 					
Louisiana	https://louisianabelieves.com/docs/default-source/students-with-disabilities/2					
	tl-alternate-assessment-comprehensive-handout.pdf?sfvrsn=ff4a9d1f_4					
	See pages 3–5 of the PDF file					
	 9-year-old 3rd grade female receiving most services in a separate 					
	setting-elementary (p. #3) [alternate]					
	 Includes information on content and standards 					
	 Includes adaptive and cognitive functioning scores Includes information on communication 					
	o 11-year-old 5 th grade male with autism spectrum disorder–					
	elementary (p. #4) [general]					
	 Includes information on content and standards 					
	 Includes adaptive and cognitive functioning scores 					
	Includes information on special education services received					
	 16-year-old 10th grader (no name or gender) in a self-contained special education classroom for most classes–high school (p. #5) 					
	[general]					
	 Includes information on content and standards 					
	 Includes information on placement 					
	 Includes cognitive functioning score 					
	■ Includes information on post-graduation goals					
Michigan	https://mdoe.state.mi.us/mdedocuments/AssessmentSelectionGuidelinesTraining/pa					
	• Training site with six online interactive student case studies					
	Training site with six offine interactive student case studies					
	https://mdoe.state.mi.us/mdedocuments/AssessmentSelectionGuidelinesTrain					
sessment%20Selection%20Guidance-Case%20Studies.pdf						
	 The same six student case studies in the training site provided as PDF files 					
	 12-year-old 7th grade male with specific learning disability–middle 					
	school (p. #1) [general]					
	 Includes information about academics and standards 					
	 Includes information about post-graduation goals 					
	 Includes information about extracurriculars 					
	 9-year-old 3rd grade female with cognitive impairment–elementary (p. #2) [alternate] 					
	 Includes information about special education services 					
	received and placement					
	 Includes information about academics and standards 					
	 Includes information about communication 					
	12-year-old 6 th grade male with autism spectrum disorder–middle					
	school (p. #3) [alternate ELA, general mathematics] Includes information about special education services					
	received and placement					
	 Includes information about academics and standards 					
	 9-year-old 3rd grade male in a self-contained special education 					
	program located in a center-based program-elementary (p. #4)					
	[alternate]					
	 Includes information about special education services 					
	received and placement Includes information about communication					
	 Includes information about confindingation Includes information about academics and standards 					
	o 16-year-old 10 th grade male in a self-contained special education					
	classroom-high school (p. #5) [alternate]					
	 Includes information about special education services 					
	received and placement					

State	Links and Details					
	 Includes information about academics and standards 					
	 Includes information about post-graduation goals 					
	 8-year-old 2nd grade female with specific learning disability— 					
	elementary (p. #6) [general]					
	 Includes information about past assessment scores 					
	 Includes information about special education services 					
	received and placement					
	 Includes information about communication 					
Rhode	https://www.ride.ri.gov/Portals/0/Uploads/Documents/Instruction-and-Assessment-					
Island	World-Class-Standards/Assessment/Eligibility Presentation Pawtucket 2018-					
	19 3.14.2019.pptx?ver=2019-12-20-094138-917					
	Download and open PowerPoint Presentation ("Eligibility Presentation					
	Pawtucket 2018-19"). See Slide #27 for one student case study example.					
	 Zack, 4th grader with autism spectrum disorder–elementary 					
	(insufficient information to make a determination)					
	 Includes information on special education services received 					
	 Includes information on placement 					
	 Includes information on communication 					
South	https://doe.sd.gov/assessment/documents/Alt-Guidelines-20.pdf					
Dakota	Guidance document with three examples (pages 13-19)					
	 Student Example A (p. #13): 13-year-old male with autism spectrum 					
	disorder–middle school (genera l)					
	 Includes information about academics and standards 					
	 Includes information about communication 					
	 Student Example B (p. #15): 9-year-old female with autism 					
	spectrum disorder–elementary (alternate)					
	 Includes information about academics and standards 					
	 Includes information about communication 					
	 Includes intelligence score 					
	 Example C (p. #17): 17-year-old male with autism spectrum 					
	disorder-high school (alternate)					
	 Includes information about academics and standards 					
	 Includes information about communication 					
	 Includes information about placement 					
Washing-	https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Us45b_0Xf59DmK7iYRtS0iJiZiSvgrjT?usp=s					
ton	<u>haring</u>					
	Profile developed by state and not available on public website					
	 Google Drive folder with a "David's Story_WA" document and a "David's 					
	Score Profiles_WA" document. First read David's story; then, examine					
	David's score profiles.					
	 David, 5th grader with autism spectrum disorder–elementary 					
	(insufficient information to make a determination, use for					
	discussion in training)					
	 Includes information on special education services received 					
	and placement					
	 Includes information on IEP goals 					
	 Includes information on history of past assessments 					

Table 2 provides an easy way to access student profiles by school level for states and districts providing professional development to educators working within one school level. Each link in this table is to the state with a student profile at that level. These links go to state entries in Table 1 where the specific student profile can be identified and accessed. States may have student profiles at more than one level, so the reader should use grade information to determine the school level.

Table 2. Student Profiles by School Level

Elementary School	Middle School	High School
Alabama (1 example)	Alabama (1 example)	Arizona (1 example)
Arizona (3 examples)	Arizona (1 examples)	Hawaii (1 example)
Hawaii (1 example)	Georgia (1 example)	Kentucky (1 example)
Kentucky (4 examples)	Hawaii (5 examples)	Louisiana (1 example)
Louisiana (2 examples)	Kentucky (3 examples)	Michigan (1 example)
Michigan (3 examples)	Michigan (2 examples)	South Dakota (1 example)
Rhode Island (1 example)	South Dakota (1 example)	
South Dakota (1 example)		
Washington (1 example)		

Table 3 provides an easy way to access student profiles by category of disability (as well as grade level within each category). States and districts emphasizing decisions for students in a particular category can use the links in this table to find the student profiles in each category. Each link in this table is to the state with a student profile for a student with that categorical label. States may have student profiles for students in more than one category, so the reader should use the category label to determine which profiles to use.

Table 3. Student Profiles by Disability

Note: Some students' disability types were not identified by the state.

Intellectual Disability	Autism Spectrum Disorder	Developmental Delay	Specific Learning Disability	Multiple Disabilities
Alabama (7 th grade)	Alabama (4 th grade)	Arizona (2 nd grade)	Arizona (5 th grade)	Arizona (10 th grade)
Kentucky (3 rd , 5 th , 7 th , and 8 th grade)	Arizona (7 th grade)		Michigan (2 nd and 7 th grade)	Georgia (6 th grade)
Michigan (3 rd grade)	Kentucky (4 th and 6 th grade)			Kentucky (10 th grade)
	Louisiana (5 th grade)			
	Michigan (6th grade)			
	Rhode Island (4 th grade)			
	South Dakota (ages 9, 13, and 17)			

Intellectual Disability	Autism Spectrum Disorder	Developmental Delay	Specific Learning Disability	Multiple Disabilities
	Washington (5 th grade)			

Table 4 identifies the available student profiles for students with disabilities who are also English learners. States and districts emphasizing decisions for English learners with disabilities can use the links in this table to find the student profiles for these students. Each link in this table is to the state with a student profile for an English learner. States may have student profiles for several students, so the reader should use the grade level in Table 4 to determine which profile to use.

Table 4. Student Profiles of English Learners with Disabilities

Arizona (4th grade)	
Kentucky (5th grade, mild mental disability)	

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