



1% Updates

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GAA 2.0 and the 1% Participation Rate



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GAA 2.0 and the 1% Background

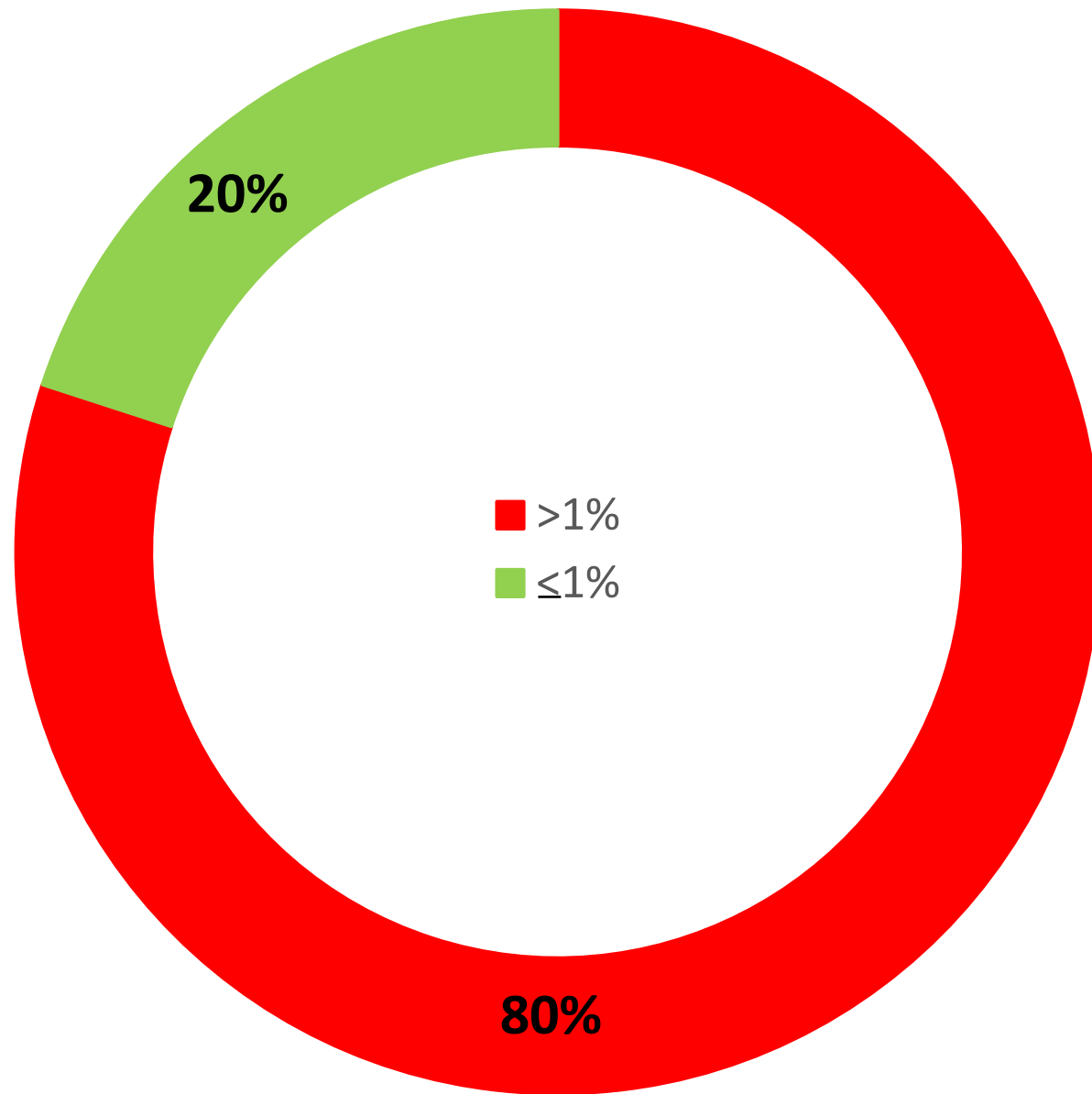
- The GAA was initially developed as a portfolio
- Redesigned during 2017-2018 and the GAA 2.0 was implemented for the first time during the 2018- 2019 school year
- The assessment was administered in 2018-2019 to all eligible students in grades K, 3-8, and 11 for English language arts and Mathematics and in grades 5, 8, and 11 in Science and Social Studies
- The GAA 2.0 assessment is no longer administered in grade K and in grade 5 Social Studies

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GAA 2.0 and the 1% Background Continued

- The assessment was administered in 2020-2021 to all eligible students in grades 3-8 and 11 for English Language Arts and Mathematics and in grades 5, 8, and 11 in Science and grades 8 and 11 in Social Studies
- The percentage of students assessed via the GAA 2.0 in 2020-2021 was 1.4 for English Language Arts, Mathematics and Science and 1.8 for Social Studies
- The estimated percentage of students assessed via the GAA 2.0 in 2021-2022 is 1.3 for English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science
- Historically, Georgia has tested over 95% of students on state assessments. Over identification- Mild/Moderate Intellectual Disabilities

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1% Waiver

34 CFR 200.6(c)(4) 1% participation cap placed on states under the Every Student Succeeds Act

- States have been implementing Alternate Assessments (AA) for more than 15 years
- These assessments were first identified in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) reauthorization of 1997
- Implementation of AA were required by the year 2000
- In 2003, regulations for the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) reauthorization of 2001 (NCLB) allowed for proficient performance on AA standards to be counted in with proficient performance on grade-level achievement standards

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1% Requirements

- Only students with the most significant cognitive disabilities may take an AA
- Limits the percentage of students that a State may assess with an AA to no more than 1.0 percent of all students for each subject (reading/language arts, mathematics and science)
- This requirement took effect beginning with the 2017-18 school year

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Georgia's 1% Waiver

- States with 95% participation rate had opportunity to request a waiver
- Georgia received a waiver for 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2020, and 2021-2022

BUT

- Any future waivers will be contingent on progress on the States' plans and reduction in percentage of students taking an AA

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Requirements of the States

- Require all LEAs who exceed 1% threshold to submit justification of the need to assess more than 1% of its assessed students with GAA
- Provide oversight of those LEAs that are required to submit justification and make publicly available
- Verify that LEAs follow state guidelines and addresses any disproportionality in students taking GAA

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Failure to Meet Requirements

Why is Title I, Part A participating in assisting Georgia meeting our 1 percent AA CAP?

- If a State fails to meet any of the requirements of this section [1111 – Title I, Part A], the Secretary may withhold funds for State administration under this part [Title I, Part A] until the Secretary determines that the State has fulfilled those requirements

ESEA §1111(a)(7)

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Justification

- ESSA requires those LEAs that assess more than 1% on GAA 2.0 to submit a justification statement explaining why they exceed 1%. This justification must be made publicly available.
- ESSA requires that the State monitor and support (tiered system) those districts that assess more than 1% on the GAA 2.0.
- GaDOE uses the GAA 2.0 Application as the primary data source to collect the necessary information required to meet these federal reporting requirements.

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GaDOE Significant Cognitive Support

- Georgia Brigade (Community of Practice)
- Monthly Virtual Professional Learning Opportunities
- The Basics- Face to face training/make and take
- [2022 2023 PL SigCogDis and COP.pdf \(gadoe.org\)](#)

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1% Statewide Technical Assistance

- 1% Participation Rate on the Georgia Alternate Assessment(GAA 2.0)
 - Examine LEA data
 - Discuss instructional needs
 - Insight into the Learner Characteristics Inventory

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1% Statewide Technical Assistance

- Tuesday, January 31, 2023
- 9:00-2:00
- Special Education Directors and Testing Coordinators
- [Registration Link: Statewide Technical Assistance Meeting: 1% Participation Rate on the Georgia Alternate Assessment\(GAA 2.0\)](#)

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What You'll Need for the 1% Statewide Technical Assistance

- GAA 2.0 assessment data (full student-level data file)
- MyGaDOE Portal > District Assessments > GAA

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GAA 2.0 Updates

- Georgia's K-12 Mathematic Standards
 - Implementation starting in Fall of 2023
- All state mathematics assessments have been revised to align with the new standards
- Revised assessments will be administered beginning in the 2023-2024 school year
 - Beginning with the winter EOC administration

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GAA 2.0 Updated Resource List

Georgia Milestones

- Revised test blueprints

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- Revised Extended Content Standards

GKIDS

- Revised big ideas and learning progressions

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GAA 2.0 Resource List

- Additional resources (e.g., assessment guides, achievement level descriptors) will be available in May 2023.
- The ***Assessment Update, January 2023***, has been posted to the Testing/Assessment Webpage under the [For Educators link](#).

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