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Business Rules for DC Full Academic Year (FAY) and PARCC Participation Rates, School Year 2015-16

Introduction

This document provides final business rules for the calculation of DC's Full Academic Year (FAY) status and PARCC Participation Rates in school year 2015-16. The FAY rule aligns closely to 2013-14 and 2014-15 rules. Participation rate calculations have been adjusted this year for the new design of the PARCC test, to set out rules for course-based test participation in advance of the test and to account for varying test windows among LEAs. Summaries of these rules were shared with LEAs at the January and March NGA Stakeholders meeting and follow up emails to those meetings.

Full Academic Year Definition

Students will be deemed enrolled for the full academic year (FAY) at their school if they are enrolled on the date of the enrollment audit, March 28, 2016, and 85% of the time in between those dates. March 28 is the first day of PARCC testing in the District of Columbia, and is within a few days of the 2013-14 and 2014-15 FAY dates, to maintain comparability with prior years' cohorts of FAY students. If a student does not meet the definition of FAY at their school, they may be enrolled for the FAY for the LEA, sector or state if the student meets the same FAY definition at the LEA, sector or state level. Only scores of students who meet FAY requirements are reported under schools or LEAs for accountability results calculations. FAY applies to PARCC, DC Science, Multi-State Alternate Assessment (MSAA) and DC Science Alternative Assessment.

PARCC Participation Rate

Only students who meet PARCC's attemptedness rule* will receive a score and should count as having a valid PARCC score. Additionally, students must be continually enrolled in the school/LEA/State between March 28, 2016 and May 20, 2016 and registered for a state assessment. For high school, course rosters must be submitted to OSSE by February 5, 2016.

The calculation for PARCC participation in grades 3-8 is:

of students with valid summative scores (both mathematics and ELA)

of students continuously enrolled, except exemptions approved medical exemptions and first year in-county ELL students in ELA

The calculation for PARCC participation in high school is:

of students with valid summative scores in a required high school test

of students continuously enrolled and registered for a required test by the registration deadline, except exemptions for approved medical exemptions and first year in-county ELL students in ELA

The required high school tests are Geometry or Integrated Math II and English II. Students who took Geometry in a middle school grade must take Algebra II in high school. OSSE will also calculate a cohort participation rate annually to check that all graduating students have participated in statewide assessments during their high school years

*The attemptedness rule for PARCC in 2016 is that students must answer at least one question in every unit of a test minus one. For instance, in an ELA test that is 4 units long, a student would need to answer 1 question in 3 of 4 units to be considered a test attempt.