

DTC-Alt Training FAQs

Frequently Asked Questions during the DTC-Alt Training Session

What is the best way to find out which test a high school student has taken in the past?

- Past test results can be view for all SC-Alt Students by searching for their records in the Centralized Reporting System (CRS). The CRS User Guide will be posted prior to the SC-Alt Go-Live.

If a high school student took an assessment last year, do they need to retake the assessment this year?

- The ESSA requires that all students take the high school assessment for accountability purposes by their third year of high school. If a student took the SC-Alt for accountability purposes in high school in previous years, he or she is not required to take it again.

Are high school students only eligible to take the assessment in the year they received instruction?

- For high school students meeting the eligibility criteria for alternate assessments, the district will determine when it is most appropriate for these students to receive instruction on the standards for each subject for which the alternate assessment is aligned. The students should be scheduled for the assessment by the end of the year in which they receive instruction. All high school assessments must be completed by the end of a student's third year of high school.

If a high school student does not complete all assessments by the end of their third year of high school, do they need to take an assessment in their fourth year?

- The ESSA requires that all students take the high school assessment for accountability purposes. If you want the students accountability to be recorded, they should take the missing assessments.

When will the TA Certification Course be available?

- All TAs administering the SC-Alt during the spring 2021 administration must complete the online TA Certification Course, available on the Portal on January 6, 2021. At the end of the course, they will take a short certification quiz. To be flagged as “TA Certified” in the Test Information Distribution Engine (TIDE), TAs must correctly answer 80% of the questions in the online TA Certification Course. TAs must be TA Certified to administer tests. The TA Certification Course is completely online, and there is not an in-person training for TAs in 2021.

I am unable to log into TIDE, who do I need to contact?

- New DTCs-Alt must contact the SC-Alt Help Desk to activate their accounts. They will receive a temporary password via an activation email from TIDE. The activation link is valid only for 15 minutes. After that time, the activation link will expire, and you will need to click the second link to request a new activation email.
- DTCs-Alt are responsible for ensuring that their contact information is up to date in TIDE. Account inquiries and requests for shipping address changes must be submitted through the SC-Alt Help Desk at 877-231-7789, or via email to schelpdesk@cambiumassessment.com.
- DTCs-Alt are responsible for creating user accounts for all STCs and TAs. Directions for creating user accounts can be found in the TIDE User Guide. Descriptions of the different roles and responsibilities are available in the User Role Matrix located on the Portal.

Where can I find the updated Participation Guidance for IEP Teams document?

- The updated document can be found in the Resource section of the Portal under Participation Guidance.

Will CAI provide districts with Braille Materials this year?

- Braille and tactile graphic materials are not provided by CAI and will need to be created at the district/school level. Full Paper Test Booklets can be ordered in advance to assist with this process.

Can TAs administer the SC-Alt virtually?

- All students identified as requiring alternate assessment must have the test administered to them in person. Students taking the SC-Alt who are receiving instruction outside of the school setting must also be assessed with the SC-Alt. These situations include students who have been placed in medical homebound or home-based instruction.