

2021 Alternate Kentucky Summative Assessment (AKSA) Released Test Items

University of Kentucky, test vendor for the Alternate Kentucky Summative Assessment (AKSA), began releasing subsets of 2021 AKSA operational test items in Spring 2021. These test items, including associated state level performance statistics, were posted to the [KDE AKSA Combined Resources Page](#) and [KDE Sample Test Page](#), organized by content area and grade level.

Released test items are drawn from previously administered assessments and are provided for instructional planning purposes. They are not a definitive representation of what will be included on future assessments. Once a test item is released publicly, it is no longer eligible to be included in the state administration of the AKSA.

The released Alternate Kentucky Summative Assessment (AKSA) items are examples of the use of the Kentucky Academic Standards in the Alternate Assessment and the application of the Alternate Assessment targets for the purpose of assessment. The items and statistics presented represent the performance of students in the 2020-2021 assessment cycle, the first year that the AKSA utilized items from the newly enacted content standards in Reading, Writing, Mathematics and Social Studies. Development of assessment items is an ongoing process that takes approximately eighteen months from the initial stakeholder item writing to the use of the item in an assessment. Following the same procedures, new items are developed to replenish the item bank on an ongoing basis. These AKSA data provide evidence of student learning that helps to inform decision-making related to teaching and learning. Along with other data at the school level, these data can provide insight into student outcomes and provide a clearer picture of school performance.

District, School and Student Test Item Reports

As required by KRS 158.6453, *assessment reports provided to the school districts and schools shall include an electronic copy of an operational subset of test items from each assessment administered to their students and the results for each of those test items by student and by school.*

In compliance with statute, statistical information by student and by school is being provided directly to District Assessment Coordinators (DACs) through a secure file transfer to share with school/district staff. Although not statutorily required, district level data are also included.

Data Details

The information provided to DACs includes a district and school level data file and a student level data file with information on each released item.

Student Files

The information provided to the districts and schools includes the school code, district name, school name, student last, student first and middle name, grade, question ID, student score, student response, and correct response for each released item.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
Code	District Name	School Name	SSID	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Grade	Question ID	Student Scored	Student Response	Correct Response