

Determining PASA Participation

The IEP team must actively consider the PASA criteria before recommending PASA participation. The description of the criteria should be shared at the IEP meeting so that the team can consider it and make a good decision regarding eligibility. You can access the criteria by going to: <http://www.pasaassessment.org/AdminElig.jsp>. A pdf version of the criteria is enclosed.

IEP teams must address “Participation in State and Local Assessments” for our students with severe cognitive disabilities. When a team determines that a student should participate in PASA, two statements, described below, must be included on the IEP.

The two items regarding PASA participation with recommended IEP language are identified below:

1. Explain why the child cannot participate in the PSSA:

The IEP team does not feel this student can be adequately assessed using the PSSA.

2. Explain why the PASA is appropriate:

After reviewing the six PASA criteria, the IEP team found the student eligible and feels the student can be adequately assessed using the PASA.