

The Pennsylvania Alternate System of Assessment (PASA) 1.0 Percent Participation Threshold Justification process was developed by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Bureau of Special Education (BSE) in accordance with the, Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The ESSA requires Pennsylvania to ensure that the total number of students assessed in each subject using the PASA does not exceed one percent of the total number of all students in the state assessed on the statewide assessments. Each local educational agency (LEA) must complete and submit the PASA 1.0 Percent Participation Threshold Justification to BSE if it anticipates that more than 1.0 Percent of its students enrolled in grades 3-8 and 11 will be assessed using the PASA. A list of LEAs who anticipate exceeding the threshold will be made publicly available on the PDE website, in accordance with 34 CFR 200.6 (c)(3) regulations. LEAs must also make the document publicly available upon request, removing any personally identifiable information. Any LEA that exceeds the 1.0 percent threshold may be subject to further review by BSE.

West Greene School District anticipates exceeding the 1.0 percent threshold for the 2020 testing cycle, and submitted a justification to BSE accordingly.

If you have any questions, regarding the Pennsylvania Alternate System of Assessment (PASA) 1.0 Percent Participation Threshold Justification please contact Laura Walters at [724-499-5191](tel:724-499-5191) x. 2218 or [walters1@wgsd.org](mailto:walters1@wgsd.org)