

Student Services Division  
Nevada Alternate Assessment (NAA)  
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### Department Overview

The Nevada Alternate Assessment (NAA) Department works closely with the Nevada Department of Education to distribute information regarding the state test for students who exhibit severe cognitive deficits. The NAA Department assures that all teachers who have students who access the NAA are trained to proctor the exam and are taught methodologies that will help students be successful.

The NAA Department also provides staff development to teachers so they can provide the high quality functional curriculum for the students.

### Performance Measures

**Customer Service:** Surveys are provided after training to assure quality instruction is provided to teachers. Emails and phone calls are returned within 24 hours. The NAA support person is assigned to each of the 18 areas to provide quick answers to questions.

**Communication:** The NAA Department attends special education instructional facilitator (SEIF) meetings to communicate information as well as manages the NAA Icon and responds to emails.

**Consistency:** Written guidelines, in adherence with Federal law, state requirements, and best practices are strictly followed.

### Department Services



- Provides training to the staff of students who access the Nevada Alternate Assessment (NAA). This includes testing trainings that come from the Nevada Department of Education as well as instructional training for teachers, instructional facilitators and administrators to provide optimal instruction on a daily basis to students with significant cognitive deficits.
- Responsible for interpreting Federal law regarding who qualifies for alternate assessments.
- Provides technical support to the IEP team.
- Consults with teachers to support their use of a functional curriculum with all students who access the alternate assessment.
- Assists teachers understand how to support students who communicate and learn differently.
- Support teachers with students access to the content standards.

### Service by the Numbers

- Approximately 1,680 students participate annually
- 500 teachers, SEIFs, and administrators trained each year

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