Welcome to Iowa’s AYP Alternate Assessments for the 2014-2015 school year. This is the second presentation in a series of eight that address Iowa’s AYP Alternate Assessments. In this presentation we will examine Iowa’s ELA, Math, & Science Alternate Assessments.
In the 2014-2015 school year Iowa’s AYP Alternate Assessments will include Dynamic Learning Maps in the content area of ELA and math and Iowa Alternate Assessment Science.
Dynamic Learning Maps is Iowa’s Next Generation Alternate Assessment in ELA and math. In this presentation, we will examine the background of the Dynamic Learning Maps assessment.
The adoption of the Iowa Core State Standards required Iowa to develop a new Iowa Alternate Assessment.
In this effort, Iowa joined Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM), a multiple-state consortium that has developed a new type of computer-delivered alternate assessment.
DLM provides accessibility by design and is guided by the core belief that all students should have access to challenging, grade level content which is reflected in the Iowa Core ELA and Math Essential Elements.
The DLM system provides the opportunity for students with significant cognitive disabilities to show what they know in ways that traditional alternate assessments do not allow.
For more information regarding the Dynamic Learning Maps please visit their website at dynamiclearningmaps.org
In this presentation, we will examine the background of Iowa’s Science AYP alternate assessment.
Since its inception in 2001, several enhancements have been made.

In 2011, the Department added a multiple reporting period which allowed growth to be measured, standardized the number of items teachers are required to instruct, assess, and report out on for scoring.
Beginning in 2013, all teachers who administer the Iowa Alternate Assessment are required to participate in Online Assessment Training. More information regarding IAAS online teacher training is outlined in the IAAS Process webinar.
For more information regarding Iowa Alternate Assessment Science, please visit their website at iowaalternateassessment.org
Please provide comments and questions regarding this webcast in the survey link. For additional information on Iowa’s AYP Alternates for the 2014-2015 school year, please contact Emily Thatcher.