



**Statewide Assessment for Students with  
Disabilities  
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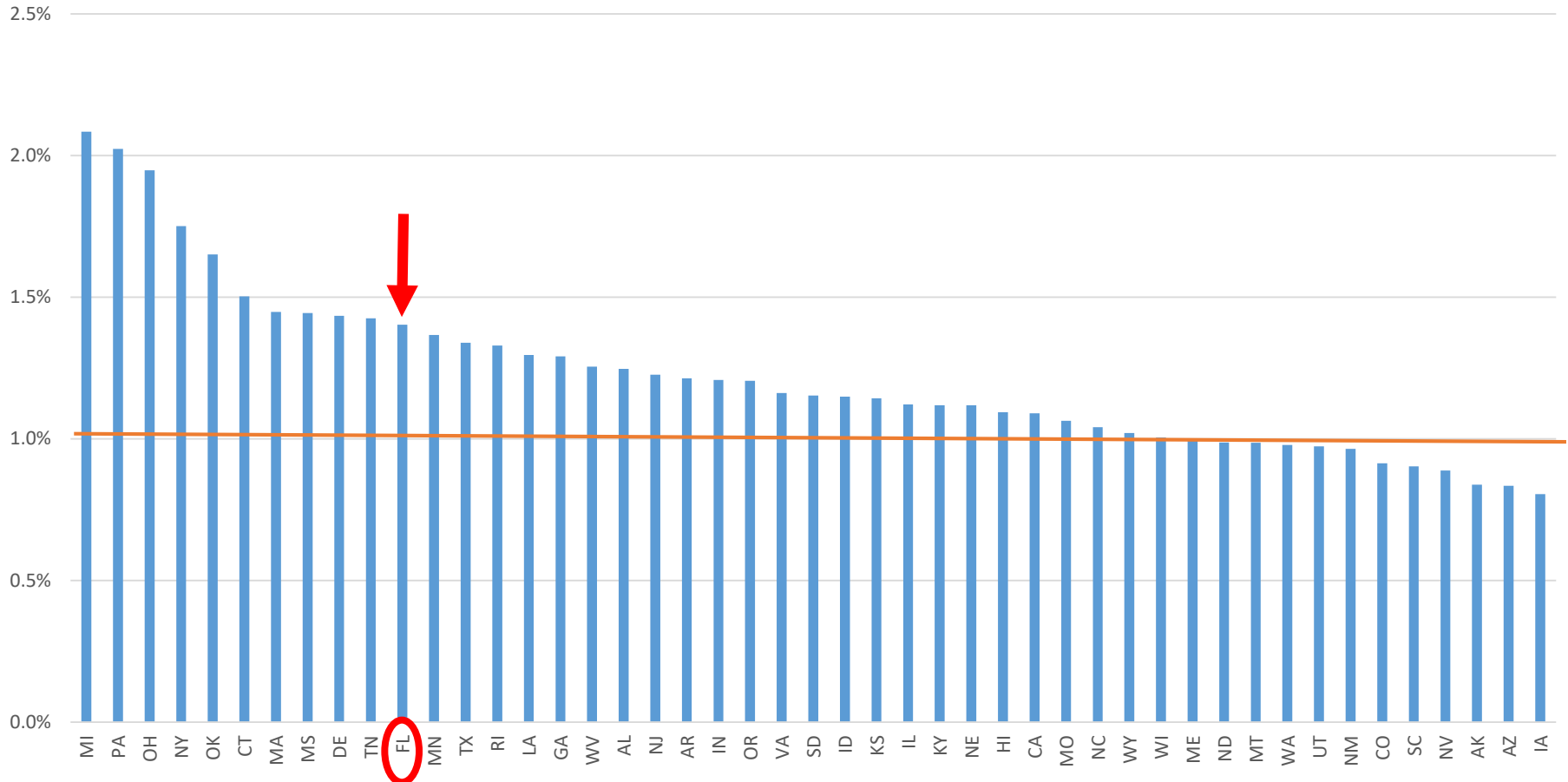


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# The Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as Amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act

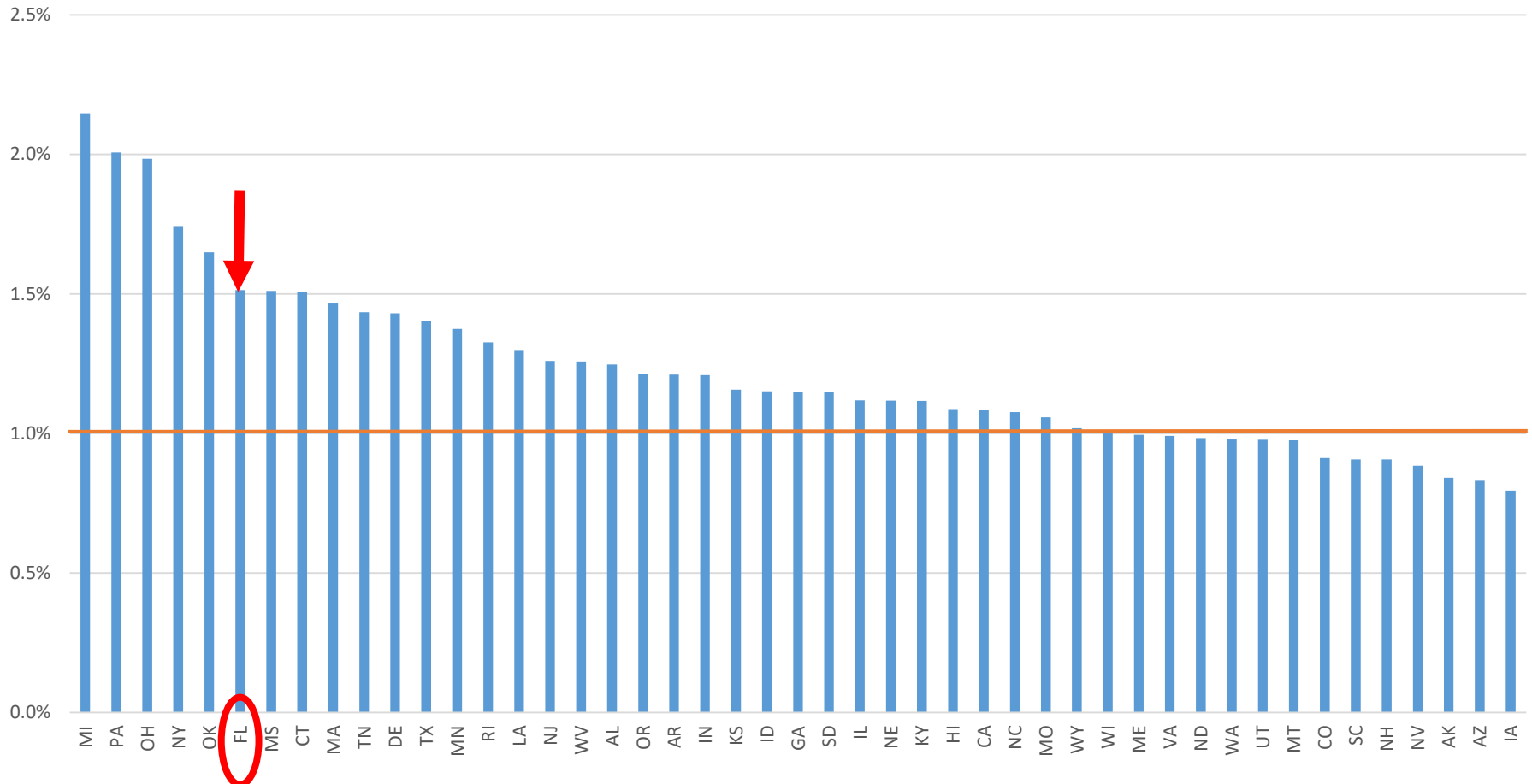
- Alternate assessments are optional for states.
- If a state chooses to offer them, **only students with the most significant cognitive disabilities** may take them.
- Participation is limited to **no more than 1.0 percent** of students statewide.
- States exceeding this cap may request a temporary waiver from the U.S. Department of Education (USED) to allow them more time to come into compliance.

# Alternate Assessment Participation National Comparison for 2017-2018: Reading/English Language Arts (ELA)



Source: [https://nceo.info/Assessments/alternate\\_assessments/aa-aas](https://nceo.info/Assessments/alternate_assessments/aa-aas)

# Alternate Assessment Participation National Comparison for 2017-2018: Math



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# Proposed Eligibility Revisions for the Alternative Assessment

To participate in the alternate assessment the student must NOT:

- Be identified as having a specific learning disability or gifted
- Be identified with a disability in only the following areas: deaf/hard of hearing, visual impairment, dual sensory impaired, emotional behavioral disability, language impairment, speech impairment or orthopedic impairment
- Have scored a level 2 or above on a previous standards assessment (unless there is evidence of a traumatic brain injury or other health-related complication)

To participate in the alternate assessment the student must:

- Has an existing IEP indicating a most significant cognitive disability, be receiving specially designed instruction and have had the opportunity to learn with all the allowable accommodations, assistive technology and supports
- Enrolled in access point courses for two consecutive reporting periods prior
- Present and available for instruction for at least 70% of the school year prior
- Instructed by a certified teacher for at least 80% of the school year prior

## State Level Alternate Assessment Participation

Subject	2017-18	2018-19	Proposed Rule Potential Impact
ELA	1.40%	1.50%	1.22%
Math	1.50%	1.60%	1.30%
Science	1.50%	1.60%	1.23%

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