

School Support Visits: Including Alternate Assessments

RIDE conducts School Support Visits in 64 LEAs on a five-year rotating schedule. LEAs are placed into a Tier 1 (file review only) or Tier 2 (file review and school verification visit) category based on data collected from previous years. This data includes, but is not limited to, performance on state evaluations, disproportionalities, district complaints, and the percentage of students that are identified as taking the alternate assessment.

During Tier 1 and Tier 2 visits, IEP files are pulled on a range of students including students who are identified to take the Alternate Assessment. RIDE staff checks to make sure that the appropriate documentation has been completed.

During a Tier 2 school support visit, RIDE staff interviews teachers and administrators and asks questions about various aspects of the school including asking about the process and policies that the district uses to qualify a student for the Alternate Assessment.