



New Mexico Public Education Department

# Assessment Bureau Newsletter

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## Spring 2019 Transition Assessment of Math and ELA Testing Window Opens Today

**Transfer Students:** If a receiving school cannot complete a transfer work request in PAN because there is no "FROM organization," that means the sending school/district disenrolled the student. Before contacting PED, please search for the student on the Students screen by selecting the filter "by Ignoring 2019 Spring Registrations." Once you have found the student, you will need to check the "Registered" box and input demographics on the Register Students screen, and then assign tests and accommodations on the Manage Student Tests screen. **To prevent extra work for the receiving school/district, please do not disenroll students in PAN until testing is complete.** Students who were in an online test session when the transfer was initiated will be placed in an auto-generated "TRANSFER" session at the receiving school/district. See [Transfer Student Guidance](#) for more information on PAN procedures for transfer students.

**Transition Materials and Additional Ordering:** The additional order window is open now through **May 10**. Please allow for 3-5 days shipping time when placing additional orders in planning for test administration. Procedures on placing an additional order can be found in the TAM, beginning on page 30. DTCs no longer have permission to approve their own additional orders. Pearson is approving orders as they are submitted. Please contact Pearson if your order is not approved within 24 hours of submission

**Calculator and Non-Calculator Sections:** Unit 1 of the math tests for grades 6, 7, and all high school math tests have a time limit for the entire unit, which includes **BOTH** the calculator and non-calculator section. The time limit for that unit is **60 minutes for grades 6 and 7**, and **90 minutes for high school tests**. Please remind TAs that they must **NOT** allow the allotted time for each of these sections, but 90 minutes for the unit as a whole.

Post-Testing Procedures: [Kimber Sanchez](#) will host a webinar on **May 9, 2018, at 3:30 p.m.** to assist with questions regarding Transition Assessment Post-Testing Procedures. Register for the webinar at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3319815229695982091>.

## DTC Webinar Recording

A recording of the mandatory District Test Coordinator webinar on April 11, repeated on April 15, will be on the DTC Resources page of the Assessment Bureau website:

<https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/assessment-3/district-test-coordinator/>

## New Mexico Assessment of Science Readiness (NMASR)

**Science Testing Waiver Approved:** The US Department of Education has approved New Mexico's request to administer a census field test of the NMASR as the only summative science assessment in spring 2020. The Science SBA will be made available for senior retakes in fall 2019, and thereafter only as a legacy assessment to meet graduation requirements.

**NMASR Item Review and Bias/Sensitivity Committees** The PED and Measured Progress will host ASR Field Test Science Item Review and Bias & Sensitivity Review Committees **July 9-12, 2019**. These committees are composed of New Mexico science teachers and administrators who can represent the perspectives of under-representative student groups, e.g., students with disabilities, English learners, and students from various ethnic and cultural groups.

Lodging will be provided at the same location free for all participants traveling more than 50 miles one way. Mileage reimbursement will be paid at the state rate, 43 cents per mile. Substitute reimbursement will be provided, or an honorarium will be paid if no substitute is required.

Please distribute the following registration URLs to potential committee members.



Click here to apply for the Item Review Committee: <http://bit.ly/Spring2020NMAISRIRCAApplication>

Click here to apply for the Bias/Sensitivity Committee: <http://bit.ly/Spring2020NMAISRBSCAApplication>

Applications will be reviewed by PED, and notifications of selection for committees will be emailed no later than **May 13, 2019**.

## Update: Re-imagining the State Assessment System

The New Mexico Student Success Task Force met on April 16 and 17 to begin the development of the statewide assessment transition plan, with a focus on Phase I, a mathematics and English language arts assessment for 2019-20.

Next, the task force will have a virtual meeting on May 7 and shortly following, a Phase I recommendation will be finalized.



## End of Course (EOC) Exams Contact Information

For questions about End of Course exams or the EPIC platform, please contact Adam Rios at (505) 289-7944 or [Adam.Rios@state.nm.us](mailto:Adam.Rios@state.nm.us).