



New Mexico Public Education Department

Assessment Bureau Newsletter

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Spring 2019 Math/ELA Transition Assessment

Testing Window Closes This Friday, May 10: Please make sure all students have completed testing by this Friday.

Support and Irregularities: Please send irregularity reports to PED.Assessment@state.nm.us within 10 days of the incident. For immediate assistance with student test sessions, please contact [Pearson support](#) (833-350-4584), [Brigette Russell](#) (505-827-6528 or 505-629-9516) or [Kimber Sanchez](#) (505-827-6553).

Post-Testing Procedures: The Assessment Bureau will host a webinar on **May 9 at 3:30 PM** to assist with questions regarding post-testing procedures. Register at:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3319815229695982091>.

Istation EOY Window

The testing window for the Istation End of Year benchmark is May 1-31. Please make sure all students in grades Kindergarten through 2nd grade (and 3rd grade in K-3 Plus and RDA schools) are assessed during this window.

Students with severe cognitive disabilities, who would qualify to take the NMAPA in third grade, are not required to take the Istation assessment.

Accommodations Manual, FAQs, and customer support information is available at: <https://www.istation.com/newmexico>



Inspire 2019 Conference

The PED Inspire 2019 Conference showcasing the work of New Mexico educators around the state will take place May 30-31. Registration is now closed as the conference is at full attendance.

ACCESS Score Reports

ACCESS for ELLs reports will be available in printed form and online on May 20, 2019. Please see the NM state page at WIDA's website at:

<https://wida.wisc.edu/memberships/consortium/nm>

Please advise STCs to watch for their reports after that date.

A School Score Reports Memo will be included with your report shipments. NMPED encourages LEAs to use the resources mentioned in the memo to support your communication to students, families, and other educators about ACCESS scores. A link to the memo can be accessed by logging into the secure WIDA portal:

<https://portal.wida.us/SecureDocuments/communications.aspx>.

Memoranda from PED Leadership

On May 1, 2019, Dr. Gwen Warniment, Deputy Secretary of Teaching, Learning, and Assessment, issued a memorandum on [Assessment Program Updates and Clarifications](#). The memo clarifies that End of Course (EOC) exams will be administered as planned for spring 2019, that the US Department of Education has approved the PED's science waiver, and that after the spring 2019 administration of ACCESS, the PED will re-evaluate the exit criteria for English learners.

On May 2, 2019, Dr. Warniment issued a second memorandum on the [Teacher Evaluation Systems Transition Year](#) to the effect that the Transition Teacher Evaluation Report for the 2018-19 will not include any student assessment data as part of the evaluation framework, and that the PED will engage stakeholders across the state to provide input on a new teacher evaluation system.

Dr. Karen Trujillo, Secretary of Education, is requesting recommendations for the [2019 Talent Pool](#), a group of teachers and administrators who may be considered for advisory boards and task forces, as well as candidates for special recognition. Please submit this form, available on the [DTC Resources web page](#), to Bev.Friedman@state.nm.us by May 31 at 5:00 PM.

Item Review and Bias/Sensitivity Review Committees

New Mexico educators will meet to review items for quality and for possible bias and sensitivity issues for the Transition Assessment of Math and ELA and for the New Mexico Assessment of Science Readiness (NMASR) at meetings in May and June.

Transition Assessment Item and Bias Reviews: May 7, 8, and 9 in Albuquerque

NMASR Item and Bias Reviews: July 9, 10, 11, and 12 in Albuquerque

Return Paper Test Materials

Please make sure that all paper-based test materials from assessments whose windows have closed have been returned to vendors according to vendor directions. Materials can be returned as soon as schools and districts are finished using them. It is not necessary to wait until the end of the testing window to return them.

Innovation in Education Symposium

[Future Focused Education](#) is hosting a symposium on **June 11-12** to showcase innovative approaches to instruction and assessment in New Mexico schools.

For information, please visit: <https://mailchi.mp/868950049fe9/symposium2019>