



COHORT 2020 GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Menu of Options to Demonstrate College and/or Career Readiness

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In what subject areas does a student need to show demonstration of competency?

In addition to meeting course requirements, New Mexico public high school students who entered grade 9 in school year 2016-17 must be able to demonstrate postsecondary and/or workforce readiness in five content areas: Math, Reading, Writing, Science, and Social Studies.

What policy change now allows for multiple ways for students to demonstrate competency?

Until 2019, New Mexico required students to use the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) required proficiency assessment as a **primary** demonstration of competency and to request a waiver from the PED to use an **alternative** demonstration of competency. Students may now choose from a **menu of options** to demonstrate competency without a waiver.* PED is no longer using primary and alternative structures.

Local school boards are given the flexibility to make available all or some of the menu options, establish local policies that include additional requirements, or establish higher cut scores than those set by the PED (shown in parentheses below). Students may use any of the menu options allowed by their local education agency (LEA).

ESSA-REQUIRED ASSESSMENTS

Math:

PARCC or Transition Algebra I* or II, Geometry, Integrated Math II or III (725)

Reading:

Transition ELA 11 (725 or Reading 42)
Spanish Reading SBA (1137)

Writing:

Transition ELA 11 (725 or Writing 31)

Science:

Science SBA (1138)

* PARCC or Transition Algebra I can only serve as a demonstration of competency if a student has passed the Algebra II course.

OTHER NATIONAL ASSESSMENTS

Math:

Next-Gen ACCUPLACER Quantitative Reasoning (252), Algebra (255), Statistics (255), Advanced Algebra (200)
ACT Mathematics (19), Pre-ACT Mathematics (19)
ACT ASPIRE Mathematics (431)
ACT WorkKeys Applied Mathematics (3)
ACT WorkKeys Graphic Literacy (3)
AP Calculus AB or BC or Statistics (2)
ASVAB AFQT Composite (31)
IB Mathematics (4)
PSAT 10 Mathematics (480)
SAT Mathematics (480)
SAT Subject Mathematics Level 1 (580) or Level 2 (640)

Reading:

Next-Gen ACCUPLACER Reading (241)
ACT Reading (18), Pre-ACT Reading (18)
ACT ASPIRE Reading (424)
ACT WorkKeys Workplace Documents (3)
AP English Language & Composition or English Literature & Composition (2)
ASVAB AFQT Composite (31)
IB Language & Literature (4)
PSAT 10 Evidence-based Reading & Writing (430)
SAT Evidence-based Reading & Writing (430)
SAT Subject Literature (570)

OTHER NATIONAL ASSESSMENTS (CONT.)

Writing:

Next-Gen ACCUPLACER Writing (236)
ACT English (18), Pre-ACT English (15)
ACT ASPIRE English (428) or Writing (428)
ACT WorkKeys Business Writing (3)
AP English Language & Composition or English Literature & Composition (2)
IB Language & Literature (4)
PSAT 10 Evidence-based Reading & Writing (430)
SAT Evidence-based Reading & Writing (430)
SAT Essay (12)

Science:

ACT Science (20), Pre-ACT Science (20)
ACT Aspire Science (431)
ACT WorkKeys Applied Technology (3)
AP Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Environmental Science, or Physics (2)
ASVAB AFQT Composite (31)
IB Experimental Sciences (4)
SAT Subject Chemistry (640), Ecological Biology (590), Molecular Biology (620) or Physics (630)

Social Studies:

AP Art History, European History, Government & Politics (Comparative), Government & Politics (US), Human Geography, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Psychology, US History, or World History (2)
IB Individuals and Society (4)
SAT Subject US History (610) or World History (580)

Abbreviations:

ACT: American College Testing
AP: Advanced Placement
ASVAB: Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery
AFQT: Armed Forces Qualification Test
IB: International Baccalaureate

OTHER STATE ASSESSMENTS

End-of-Course (EoC) Exams

(Cut scores listed are for SY18-19 and 19-20 exams; passing scores for previous years' exams found on [graduation checklists.](#))

Math:

Algebra I (14)*
Algebra II (13)
Financial Literacy (12)*
Geometry I (15)
Integrated Math II (13)
Integrated Math III (14)
Pre-Calculus (15)

Reading:

English III: Reading (9)
English IV: Reading (9)
Spanish III: Reading (14)

Writing:

English III: Writing (17)
English IV: Writing (16)
Spanish III: Writing (17)

Science:

Anatomy and Physiology (23)
Biology (22)
Chemistry (19)
Environmental Science (21)
Physical Science (23)
Physics (20)
Social Studies:
Economics (18)
New Mexico History (14)
US Government (17), US History (29)
World History and Geography (28)

* An Algebra I or Financial Literacy EoC can only serve as a demonstration of competency if a student has passed the Algebra II course.

LOCAL DEMONSTRATION OF COMPETENCY

LEAs may develop, with PED notification, other rigorous, standards-based demonstrations of career and/or college readiness to demonstrate students' graduation competency, per NMAC 6.19.7.10 (2009, repealed 2018). PED notification form is available on the PED [Graduation Requirements](#) page.

*Alternative Demonstration of Competency (ADC) Waivers are no longer required by PED.

Students following the **modified option**, whose IEPs establish individualized passing scores, should default to their individualized score when determining demonstration of competency. Students following the **ability option** took NMAPA as the primary assessment.

For additional information, visit the Graduation Requirements page at:

<https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/college-career-readiness/graduation/>