



COHORT 2023 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 2019-20 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:

SAT School Day Mathematics (TBD)¹

Reading:

SAT Spring 2022

Spanish Reading SBA (1137)

Writing:

SAT School Day Reading and Writing (TBD)

SAT School Day Essay (TBD)

Science:

NM Assessment of Science Readiness (NM-ASR) (TBD) in Spring 2021.

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 TBD

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

Exit Exams: Comprehensive Exit Exams in each of the five content areas: Math, Reading, Writing, Science, and Social Studies

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 II (13)

Geometry I (15)

Integrated Math II (13) or 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) or Chemistry (19)

Environmental Science (21)

Physical Science (23) or Physics (20)

Social Studies:

Economics (18)

New Mexico History (14)

US Government (17) or US History (29)

World History and Geography (28)

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 TBD

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 TBD

SAT Subject Literature (570)

STANDARDS-BASED PORTFOLIOS

Rigorous [standards-based portfolio](#) projects, scored by trained local review teams according to PED-approved rubrics, may be used to demonstrate competency in Writing, Science, and Social Studies.

COMPETENCY-BASED OPTIONS

A variety of [competency-based options](#), used along with qualifying criteria as defined in 6.19.7 NMAC (2018), may be used to demonstrate competency in all five content areas.

LOCAL DEMONSTRATION OF COMPETENCY

A Community of Practice of districts and charters is developing quality criteria that will inform a new local demonstration of competency option.

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** will take DLM as the primary assessment.

For additional information, visit the Graduation Requirements page at:
<https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/college-career-readiness/graduation/>

1. SAT and PSAT 10 results are TBD as standards setting will take place following the initial administration in Spring 2020.