



New Mexico Public Education Department

Assessment Bureau Newsletter

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Frequently Asked Questions Edition

Q: When will LEAs be able to download their Spring 2020 ACCESS for ELLs reports?

A: 2020 ACCESS reports will be available for download on Thursday, May 21. Reports will be accessible within the [WIDA AMS](#). Post reporting validation will open on Friday, May 22 and close on Friday, June 5. As a reminder, students with overall composite scores of 5 or higher exit EL status. Due to the physical closure of schools, Individual Student reports (ISRs) will be shipped September 8, 2020.

Q: When will Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) reports be available, and how can LEAs access them?

A: DLM does not ship paper reports; ISRs will be posted to the virtual DLM Educator Portal on Friday, June 12. LEA data corrections are due by Wednesday, June 5. Please direct questions regarding DLM to Karen Greer at: Karen.Greer@state.nm.us.

Q: Will grade 3-8 interim assessments be available in SY 2020-21?

A: LEAs will have the opportunity to administer a state provided interim assessment that is aligned to the summative New Mexico Measures of Student Success & Achievement (MSSA). Please refer to the [January 31, 2020 memorandum](#) on future program availability.

Q: Will 2021 seniors have an opportunity to take the SAT School Day for college admissions this fall?

A: PED and the College Board are collaborating to administer an **optional** SAT School Day for students in the graduating class of 2021. Details are forthcoming.

Q: Given that End-of-Course Exams are released, what does PED advise for cohorts 2021-2023 demonstration of competency?

A: Guidance around demonstrations of competencies for Cohorts 2021-2024 (including incoming freshman) is being discussed. PED will seek stakeholder engagement on this topic in the coming weeks.

Q: When will assessment Fact Sheets and FAQs be revised?

A: The bureau team is actively working to update these documents. We intend to post them by June 1. Additionally, we are developing communications documents to support LEA use of formative, interim, and summative assessments.

Q: When should LEAs anticipate invoices for ACCESS testing?

A: Please submit a purchase order to DRC if you have not done so already. Starting Friday, May 15, 2020, DRC will invoice LEAs that have submitted a purchase order. For questions on submitting a purchase order and a list of the 2019-2020 costs, please visit review the [state specific directions](#). If you have yet to return paper testing materials to DRC, please contact PED.Assessment@state.nm.us for assistance.

Q: When should LEAs anticipate invoices for New Mexico Assessment of Science Readiness (NM-ASR) field tests?

A: Invoices will be processed by Monday, May 18, 2020, and LEAs will **ONLY** be charged for completed tests. In order to ensure that invoices are processed on time and delivered by the desired date, all paper-based testing materials need to be returned to Cognia.

Q: At which grade levels and subject areas will Istation be available in SY 2020-21?

A: Istation's Indicators of Progress (ISIP) diagnostic assessments in ELA and SLA will be required statewide for K-2 students and optional for 3rd graders. **Optional** ISIP Mathematics diagnostic assessments will also be available statewide for K-2 students.

Q: Who should LEAs contact with Advanced Placement (AP) inquiries and concerns?

A: For questions related to AP, please contact Alexandra Lutz who is a member of the College & Career Readiness Bureau (CCRB). You can email Ms. Lutz at Alexandra.Lutz@state.nm.us.

Q: Is the New Mexico Exam Platform (NM-EPIC) still available?

A: Given the inability to securely proctor EOCs in a remote learning environment and the recent release of the exams, the PED has discontinued the use of this platform. If you need assistance in retrieving prior exam scores from the platform, please contact Xavier DeLeon at: Xavier.DeLeon@state.nm.us.



We know schools are juggling many priorities, and we share a mutual concern for the safety of our students and communities. Please know we are wishing you well, and we enjoy hearing from you! We will be sending information out soon on professional development opportunities and look forward to seeing you online.

-The Assessment Team