



STUDENTS & FAMILIES ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

COVID-19 UPDATES

What occurred with spring 2020 exams and testing requirements

Due to physical school closures, PED submitted a [waiver application](#) to the U.S. Department of Education (USDE) to seek a one-year reprieve from federal student testing and accountability requirements for the 2019-20 school year. The [USDE granted the waiver](#) providing relief from federally mandated testing requirements.

Grades 3-8 Math & English Language Arts

- **Students were not required to test** for the New Mexico Measures of Student Success and Achievement exam.
- Testing is expected to resume for the 2020-2021 school year.

End of Course Exams

All end of course exams have been made public. PED encourages educators to use the blueprints, which identify critical standards to be measured, to develop open-ended questions or to integrate questions as part of instruction. Any student who took and passed an EOC exam prior to Spring 2020 is still able to use their prior scores for graduation purposes

Special Education: Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM)

Special education students with significant cognitive disabilities in grades 3-8 and 10-11 had the opportunity to take the new alternate assessment, DLM, for the first time beginning March 9. However, schools closed one week after the DLM test window opened, with only some tests being completed. **What to expect:**

- Students who completed testing in one or more subject areas will receive Individual Student Reports (ISRs).
- When school resumes, teachers will have access to DLM's Instructionally Embedded Assessments to determine the current performance of their students on the Essential Elements and to assist with instructional planning.

Assessments for English Language Learners

- ACCESS for ELLs and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs was completed before physical closures. Due to current school closures, Individual Student Reports will not be shipped to schools for distribution to parents until September.
- Students will exit EL status upon receiving an overall composite score of 5.0 or higher on ACCESS for ELLs or a composite overall score of P1 or higher on Alternate ACCESS.
- Students should complete all State Seal of Bilingualism-Biliteracy requirements by June 19, 2020. Completing the Assessment through Avant Online Remote Proctoring (AORC):
 - High school seniors are provided an online remote proctoring option provided through the AROC Service. Students can take Avant STAMP or WorldSpeak tests at home. NMPED will cover the costs.
 - Students need an internet-connected computer and a headset with a mic. Additionally, test takers will need to have a smart phone and a web cam on their computer for testing.

College Entrance Exams

While PED only manages the SAT School Day and PSAT used for federal testing requirements, ACT and SAT weekend testing are not controlled by the PED.

- Some high school seniors have already taken exams, and we anticipate that higher education institutions will waive entrance exam requirements for this year. For seniors graduating in 2021, who missed the opportunity to take the SAT School Day this spring-- PED is in discussion with College Board to offer an optional SAT School Day this fall.
- For questions related to weekend testing of SAT and ACT, families are encourage to visit their websites.

Advanced Placement Tests

- AP exams will be offered online from May 11-22, 2020, which AP students can access from home. You can **visit www.collegeboard.org to see the list of exam dates and times**, as well as extended deadlines for portfolios.
- Exams will last only 45 minutes and cover material that students should have covered up to March 2020.
- College Board is working to provide access for students with limited technology. Contact College Board directly at <https://collegeboard.tfaforms.net/74>.