



# ASSESSMENT BUREAU NEWSLETTER

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## Cohort 2021 Demonstration of Competency



Due to the extraordinary circumstance of the COVID-19 pandemic and the closure of schools in Spring 2020, the PED was granted a [waiver](#) to bypass assessment and accountability requirements under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

Therefore, no spring 2020 ESSA related assessment results can be applied to cohort 2021. A hold constant from cohort 2020 has been applied to cohort 2021 for all other national assessment cut scores (e.g., PSAT 10 Mathematics remains at 480 for cohort 2021).

A revised Menu of Options document for cohort 2020-21 will be coming soon.

## End-of-Course (EOC) Exams

Any student who earned a passing score using an EOC exam prior to, and after, the COVID-19 release can still apply their score as a Local Demonstration of Competency (LDC).

PED publicly released all EOCs during the pandemic related school closures in spring 2020. The released EOCs can still be used to meet local demonstration of competency, per 6.19.7 NMAC, for cohort 2021 students.

Please be advised that LDCs will still be extended to future cohorts. However, PED is eliciting stakeholder feedback through convening a community of practice to craft this guidance for communication by August 1.

## Fall SAT School Day Option for Seniors



PED is funding an optional fall SAT School Day for Seniors cohort 2021. There will be two fall administration dates. It is only available in paper/pencil mode. The ordering window is now open for both administration dates, and the closing dates are shown in the box below. All orders must be placed in the Test Ordering Site (TOS).

Previously entered accommodations, with few exceptions, will carry over within the SSD Online System. EL supports will be offered for fall school day SAT.

For questions, please contact College Board at [NMSAT@collegeboard.org](mailto:NMSAT@collegeboard.org) or at (866) 499-6154.

Ordering Window	Sept Admin	Oct Admin
	6/9—8-25	6/9—9/16

## Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM)

Due to school closure, a small number of students completed testlets in one or more content areas in areas: ELA, math, science. Only those students will receive Individual Student Reports (ISRs). DTCs have been notified via email. ISRs were posted in [Educator Portal](#) on Friday, June 12, 2020. ISRs are available in digital format for download and may be printed locally; no reports will be shipped. LEAs are required to distribute ISRs to parents/guardians. Directions for downloading reports are in the [Educator Portal User Guide, p. 94](#). For assistance contact the DLM Service Desk: 1-855-277-9751 [DLM-support@ku.edu](mailto:DLM-support@ku.edu).

The 2020-2021 Assessment Calendar is posted on the DTC resources [page](#).

## ACCESS FOR ELLS

The ACCESS and Alt-ACCESS Individual Student Reports (ISRs) are available in the DRC Portal. For more information, please contact DRC at [wida@datarecognitioncorp.com](mailto:wida@datarecognitioncorp.com), or at 1-866-276-7735.