



ASSESSMENT BUREAU NEWSLETTER

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Survey to Identify Best Fall DTC Training Dates



As a reminder, please use the following link to complete a one question survey over potential scheduling dates for Fall 2020 DTC trainings. The deadline to the complete the survey is *Friday, August 21, 2020*.

<https://bit.ly/Fall2020DTCTrainingsTimingSurvey>

Demonstrations of Competency for Cohort 2021-2025

[Graduation requirements](#) are two-fold: course requirements and demonstration of competency requirements. The menu of options for demonstration of competency have recently been revised for cohorts 2021-2024. PED will be conducting stakeholder engage to inform the vision for cohort 2025.

NM-ASR Data & Range PLDs Review Committee Summary

We extend our gratitude to the 22 educators who participated in the recent New Mexico Assessment of Science Readiness (NM-ASR) Data & Range Performance Level Descriptors (PLDs) Review Committee meetings. Recently, New Mexico Science teachers reviewed problematic statistical results from the 436 field tested items on the Spring 2020 NM-ASR census field test to determine if the items should be revised, re-field tested, or rejected. Even though the administration window was truncated due to COVID-19 approximately 66,000 students participated from 547 schools.

FALL SAT School Day Option for Class of 2021

PED is pleased to share that over 3,500 seniors plan to be take advantage of the PED sponsored SAT School Day this fall. This PED funded fall administration is optional only and results are not used for state accountability purposes. Schools may select from multiple administration dates to reduce the number of students per test date in compliance with the Department of Health social distancing guidelines. **Fall SAT School Day** [administration information is available](#), and a [detailed schedule of events](#) is available on the [PED SAT webpage](#).

Introduction to Cognia Formative Assessment Tools and iMSSA for Grades 3–8

A repeat of the introductory webinar presented originally on July 23, 2020 will take place:

Wednesday, August 26, 2020 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

If you missed the introductory portion of the webinar in July, please register for this repeat webinar at <https://bit.ly/August26iMSSA-FormativeWebinar>.

This webinar will be recorded and a link will be sent to participants after the training.

A repeat of Part 2 of the July 23 webinar, a training on using iTester, will be presented as part of the upcoming fall DTC Training. On September 12, the formative item sets will be available for online delivery using iTester. A webinar for teachers on using iTester will be presented around that date. Watch for the announcement.

The recording and slides of the July 23 webinar, Parts 1 and 2, are posted at <https://newmexico.onlinehelp.cognia.org/training/>.

