



ASSESSMENT BUREAU NEWSLETTER

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Changes to Test Administration Guidance

Please note the following changes to test administration guidance for this academic year.

- Given the remote start of the school year and that Istation is a computer-adaptive assessment, K-2 ISIP ELA beginning of year (BOY) will not be required but will be optional. Additionally, we will not be offering ISIP for grade 3.
- College Board grade 9 PSAT will not be administered.
- Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) grade 9 will not be administered.

The cost saving in not testing at grade 9 allows PED to fund other needed programs. Please see the revised [assessment calendar](#) and [test assignment guidance](#).

Start of the Year Screeners

The PreK Observation Tool and Kindergarten Observation Tool should continue to be utilized by LEAs. Questions should be directed to Early Childhood Director, Brenda Kofahl at Brenda.Kofahl@state.nm.us.

The Language and Culture Bureau has provided the following [guidance](#) on WIDA screener on the NMPED school reentry website.

Information on the Dyslexia screener will be forthcoming after Labor Day.

NM Childcare Survey

PED in collaboration with the Early Childhood Education & Care Department (ECECD) and the Governor's office, has designed a statewide survey to identify and more deeply understand the childcare needs across our state. State agencies and LEAs will use the data collected to inform planning, programming, and policy that will support families at a local level. The [survey](#) is available in English, Spanish, and Navajo and takes about ten minutes.

FALL SAT School Day Adjustment

Based on your feedback, we've adjusted the original administration dates to provide choices on different days of the week. Schools may select multiple administration dates for SAT School Day to reduce the number of students per test date. Please visit the [Assessment Calendar](#) to view the revised makeup date that has been changed from October 28th, to October 27th. Administration information and deadlines can be found [here](#).

NMPED Istation Assessments in Remote and Hybrid Learning Environments

Istation will provide key details for district test coordinators (DTCs) and school leaders to prepare their staff, students, and parents/caregivers for remote assessments with Istation's Indicators of Progress (ISIP™) Progress Monitoring at Home.

This session is offered twice:

[Monday, August 10th at 1:00 PM](#)

[Tuesday, August 11th at 9:00 AM](#) (Repeat)

Getting Started with Istation Assessments in Remote and Hybrid Learning Environments

Audience: Teachers with previous Istation Experience

Join us as we discuss key details for teachers to prepare their students, and parents/caregivers for remote assessments with Istation's Indicators of Progress (ISIP™) Progress Monitoring at Home. Learn about Istation's remote testing guidance with suggestions for communication with parents and caregivers as well as other tools to support both remote and hybrid learning environments. Time for questions and answers will be provided during come and go office hours on August 19th from 12:30-1:30 pm.

[Register in advance here](#).

Attend Istation Office Hours for Q&A: [Wednesday, August 19th from 12:30-1:30 PM](#)