

Questions & Answers from August 27, 2020 NMPED Office Hours Zoom Session

SAT & PSAT

1. **Can you speak about the SAT fall school day please- how do we set it up etc.?**

SAT School Day with Essay will be offered for free as a state-provided opportunity for 12th grade students (the 2021 cohort) to earn a college- and scholarship-reportable score. If you need assistance or have questions, please contact nmsat@collegeboard.org.

2. **What is the cost for SAT?**

SAT School Day with Essay is offered for free as a state-provided opportunity for 12th grade students (the 2021 cohort) to earn a college- and scholarship-reportable score.

3. **Can we fill out the pre-id information for SAT Fall School Day prior to testing day since there will not be labels?**

Once your materials arrive, you can conduct your pre-administration session for the SAT.

4. **If we go all remote in all districts how will we administer SAT?**

The new PSAT/NMSQT test date 1/26/2021, was just announced this week. At this point, there will not be another opportunity for SAT other than national test dates in March, April, and May. Grade 11 students will participate in the SAT School Day in spring as part of the state's accountability system. There is not a digital version of the SAT for fall, so if your school has to go remote, unfortunately, there is not an alternative for testing. You may administer at your sites if the district allows, following the health order guidelines.

5. **With regards to Fall SAT day, the accommodation window has already passed for both the September and October dates. Is there any leniency to this deadline?**

Please input new or updated accommodations in SSD Online as quickly as possible and notify nmsat@collegeboard.org of the late entry. The SSD team will work to review each late accommodation request. Please note that approved accommodations from spring 2020

*carried over and will only need to be updated if there has been a change or update to an IEP or 504. All accommodation requests must be placed in SSD Online. Also, if you have EL 50% extended time students, those students must be entered in SSD Online. Those entries **DO NOT** carry over from spring 2020.*

6. How will SAT be handled if schools elect to remain “remote” for the fall semester?

There is not a digital version of the SAT for fall, so if your school has to go remote, unfortunately, there is not an alternative for testing. You may administer at your sites if the district allows, following the health order guidelines.

7. If that is the case (no digital version of the SAT) is there a possibility that NMPED could pay for seniors to take the March administration of a school day SAT?

At this time, there are no plans to pay for seniors to participate in the Spring administration.

8. There is a new PSAT NMSQT Date for January will there be one then for the SAT as well?

At this time, there are no plans for a January SAT.

9. For the fall administration of the PSAT/NMSQT, can it be digital or is it paper only?

PSAT/NMSQT and SAT in fall are paper/pencil only.

10. What is the date to order by for SAT October testing?

To order material for the October 14th SAT, the deadline is September 16. The deadline to order material for the September 23rd test date has already passed.

11. October is our new date and the 27th is the alternate date, correct? What about accommodated testing?

October 14th is a primary SAT test date; October 27th is the makeup test date. If you have students who are APPROVED for 2-day accommodated testing, the window is from October 14-27. Any accommodations provided by a school should be approved in SSD Online, and that material will be ordered through the Test Ordering Site (it is not automatically sent).

12. Would schools be able to take SAT over multiple days this fall, in order to meet Health guidelines?

The SAT is administered on a single day, unless students have approved accommodations that require testing over 2 days.

13. SAT and PSAT contact information

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Istation (ISIP)

1. As far as BOY Istation, we have until October 1st, correct?

The BOY for Istation was set this year for August, September, or October. You have the month of October to complete the BOY.

2. Can someone clarify Istation BOY? I thought it was optional, why are some asking about the BOY window.

Istation BOY is optional, although many have chosen to begin testing for the formative information.

3. I need more Istation clarification too- if we use a different platform (i.e., Renaissance) to assess our students for our own data, can we completely skip the Istation? Our K-2 teachers are struggling right now...

PED is paying for K-2 Istation reading and math.

4. Where do we find Istation Resources?

- Resources can be found at <https://padlet.com/scude/nmistation2021> password: *newmexico*
- Located on that Padlet is a link to the recordings from all the sessions this year: <https://www.gotostage.com/channel/istation-newmexico>
- We also have a new page on our website where we will advertise all professional learning opportunities this year: <https://www.istation.com/newmexico/training>

5. We need Istation for our SRCL grant – Roswell District

Istation is available in New Mexico for all K-2 students. The assessment is for Reading, Lectura, and Math.

EOCs

1. How do we access the released EOC tests?

They were on the 2020 graduation resources that came out in the spring.

Link to EOCs: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1U5q7yIsC-DUh4ObYKiL-ewrIYglVmcTO>

2. So, EOCs are still available to use for local ADCs?

Yes, that is correct.

3. Do we have to fill out the Local demonstration of comp. for EOCs this year if we makeup EOC test this year?

Currently PED is not accepting LDOC forms.

4. Since EOCs were released can they still be used to show competency?

Yes.

5. Putting EOCs on CANVAS is that something planned for short term?

Yes

ECOT

1. If we are online only, should preschool and Kindergarten do the ECOT online?

Yes, teachers may observe students for ECOT essential indicators in the following ways during remote/hybrid learning:

- *record online synchronous small and large group learning sessions and view later to assign rubric ratings to student responses*
- *educational assistant can record responses during online synchronous small and large group learning sessions for teacher to score later*
- *teacher can ask parent/guardian to send/upload a photo or video of an activity such as retelling a story, responding to an open-ended question, a writing sample, gross motor activity, etc.*
- *children may come to school in small groups of 5 students prior to the implementation of hybrid learning and observations can occur during this time*

2. Will ECOT be 30 days from first day of school or 30 days from when we return to in person?

The ECOT BOY and KOT window was extended until October 15th. However, please note that preschool children with IEPs who are entering school for the first time must be assessed within 30 calendar days of the first day of school entry, which includes remote or hybrid learning. This is an IDEA requirement and the federal government has not waived this requirement.

3. What is the status of ECOT in regard to administration as right now our students are all virtual? Where can I find the latest updates for ECOT?

The ECOT KOT and BOY preschool assessment window was extended to October 15. Suggestions for observations are listed in question 1 above.

4. Brenda sent an email this week stating that the ECOT window has been extended until October 15.

This is correct. However, please note that preschool children with IEPs who are entering school for the first time must be assessed within 30 calendar days of the first day of school

entry. This is a federal IDEA requirement and the federal government has not waived this requirement.

5. Contact Information for the Early Childhood Bureau & Special Ed Bureau

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ACCESS

- 1. I have new elementary school that has not yet been added in the DRC Insight portal. My district has completed the form required for adding a school and we have received a school id number already. It is Cottonwood Elementary School in Carlsbad. The Screener Online will be administered for grades 1-3 at that school beginning next week. I have emailed and communicated with a couple of people at PED (not in the Assessment Bureau) but the school has still not been added. Who should I talk to in order to get the school added by next week?**

Please contact Melissa.Hernandez2@state.nm.us.

INTERIMS, iMSSA

1. Where do we find the iMSSA PDFs so we can start BOYs?

iMSSA is only available online using the iTester Portal link:

<https://newmexico.measuredprogress.org/>

2. Regarding iMSSA, can teachers jump around in the platform to choose questions from different sets?

No. iMSSA is composed of intact test forms similar to NM-MSSA but much shorter. If students skip test questions, it will affect their scores.

3. When we upload for iMSSA do we have to fill in all the columns for the bulk upload to be successful?

Yes, if they are required; however, you can leave some blank if you do not have the information or if it does not apply

4. iMSSA interims are not open until mid-September. We need to do BOYs before then.

The BOY iMSSA already started and the portal is open. The BOY iMSSA administration window is August 17 – October 23, 2020

5. If we use iReady as our interim assessment, would it make sense to also take the iMSSA?

That is a local decision. LEA staff are encouraged to learn more about iMSSA in order to inform their decision. <https://newmexico.onlinehelp.cognia.org/imssa/>

PED staff are not familiar with other vendor's products and cannot make comparisons or recommendations.

6. When will the Cognia portal open?

The Cognia iTester portal is open now for the iMSSA (interim) BOY which goes through October 23.

7. Can iMSSA replace DRA?

*That is a local decision. LEA staff are encouraged to learn more about iMSSA in order to inform their decision. <https://newmexico.onlinehelp.cognia.org/imssa/>
PED staff are not familiar with other vendor's products and cannot make comparisons or recommendations.*

8. The iMSSA MOY and EOY will not be required?

Correct; they are optional

9. What will the reporting piece look like for the iMSSA? Is there a document/presentation that we can refer to?

*The link that will take you to the iMSSA reporting user guide is:
<https://newmexico.onlinehelp.cognia.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/10/2020/08/NMPED-Assessments-Reporting-User-Guide.pdf>*

10. Where do we find information about iMSSA?

All the resources related to iMSSA, including a recorded introductory webinar, can be found in the following link. <https://newmexico.onlinehelp.cognia.org/manuals-nm-imssa/>

11. Is the digital format of the iMSSA available online now? If not, where can I find the printable version?

The iMSSA tests are only available online. You can access the online interims iMSSA via the iTester portal at: <https://newmexico.measuredprogress.org/>

12. Will iMSSA be paper pencil for all testing?

No; iMSSA is only available online

13. Where do I access the recordings and presentation for formative tools and iMSSA?

*The iMSSA link for the recordings and presentation from the July 23 webinar on formative and iMSSA introduction which includes information about what the reporting will look like:
<https://newmexico.onlinehelp.cognia.org/training/>*

14. Where can we download teacher template and class template variable definition for interim Assessment?

Interim Pre-ID template, data definitions file, and upload error codes are all available here:

<https://newmexico.onlinehelp.cognia.org/pre-id-file-upload/>

A video showing how to upload your Pre-ID file and correct errors is available here:

<https://newmexico.onlinehelp.cognia.org/cbt-tutorials/>

The Pre-ID videos are at the bottom of the page

15. Will the Cognia Interims continue to be optional after this year?

At this time, Cognia iMSSA is optional. It would require legislation or case law to mandate interim assessments.

FORMATIVE ITEM TOOLS (Cognia)

1. How do we have access to the eProve PDFs of the formative item sets?

- *The link to the Formative eProve access request form will be found at:*

<https://newmexico.onlinehelp.cognia.org/formative-assessments/>

- *The link to the formative STEM Gauge item sets is at:*

<https://go.cognia.org/instructional-support-materials-for-new-mexico-science-educators>

2. Is there any document with the links for formative and interim resources?

Here is a quick reference guide with links to the instructions and websites for formative and interim tests: <https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Formative-and-Interim-Assessment-Technology-Requirements-Quick-Guide-v2.pdf>

NM-ASR

1. Is there a fall ASR retake opportunity?

There will be no fall ASR retake.

2. I just sent out a tentative assessment schedule to my schools with updated information. One thing I did not find on the NMPED site is regarding the number of sessions for the Spring 2021 NM-ASR. Will it still be 2 sessions?

There will be 3 sessions for spring 2021 NM-ASR. The blueprint can be found here: <https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/assessment-3/nmasr/>

3. When will districts receive the aggregate data from last year's NM-ASR administration?

The state is still waiting for the final results from Cognia. After we receive and review all data, we will decide whether districts will receive aggregate data. A communication will go out about this.

WIDA

1. Do you have information on the Remote WIDA that needs to be completed in the first 30 days of school?

- *The Language and Culture Division provided guidance, and it is posted at https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/NMPED_SupportDoc_ElsBMEPsSSBB.pdf. The document states:*
- *The WIDA Remote Screener is not a department-approved English language proficiency screening assessment, per section 6.29.5.11 of the New Mexico Administrative Code (NMAC). Thus, the identification process is not complete until the hybrid or full reentry models are implemented, and the district/schools complete the full identification process by administering the department-approved English language proficiency screening assessment (W-APT for kindergarten and WIDA Screener Online for grades 1–12) to promptly ensure proper identification and placement for new English learners.*

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- 1. For a student in Cohort 2022 who is petitioning to graduate in 2021, will they fall under the Demonstration of Competency Menu for Cohort 2022 or 2021?**

The would fall under the [Cohort 2021 Menu of Options](#).

- 2. Will local ADCs be extended for Cohort 2022?**

The following statement is listed in the [Cohort 2022 Menu of Options](#):

*Local school boards **have** the flexibility to make available all or some of the menu options **or** can develop Local Demonstration of Competency (LDC) that require [PED approval](#).*

- 3. What is the link to the Innovative Assessment Community of Practice?**

The Innovative Assessment Community of Practice website is

<https://futurefocusededucation.org/initiatives/community-of-practice>

- 4. I am concerned with a lot of those changes to graduation requirements. That seems to have become less attainable.**

Please contact Melissa.Hernandez2@state.nm.us for questions and concerns regarding graduation demonstration of competency requirements.

- 5. Is it still the case that new students who enroll in their senior year must meet graduation-testing requirements in Reading, Writing, and Math only?**

If a student is transfers from out of state to New Mexico in their senior year, they only need to demonstrate competency in Reading, Writing, and Math.

- 6. Will the Performance Based Assessments that LEA's can use to show competency have cut scores? or is that something that districts will decide?**

A variety of local demonstrations including [rigorous portfolio projects](#) and [competency-based options](#) may be used as LDCs. LDCs other than the portfolio and competency-based options must be [approved by PED](#).

MISCELLANEOUS QUESTIONS & LINKS

1. Just became DTC, we are using Cognia, where do I even begin?

- *Start by learning more. You will find the July 23 recordings and presentation in the Cognia Help and Support Page, Trainings Section at: <https://newmexico.onlinehelp.cognia.org/training/>.*
- *Here is a quick reference guide with links to the instructions and websites for formative and interim tests: <https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Formative-and-Interim-Assessment-Technology-Requirements-Quick-Guide-v2.pdf>*

2. Will this session be recorded and sent out to each us? or posted?

No, today's session was not recorded. The questions are being collected and put into an FAQ document for everyone.

3. Where do I find the recordings and prior presentation on formative and interim tools?

You will find the July 23 recordings and presentation in the Cognia Help and Support Page, Trainings Section at: <https://newmexico.onlinehelp.cognia.org/training/>. The recording and presentation from the August 26 session will also be posted to the same location as soon as they are ready.

4. Where do we find resources information for DTCs?

This is the link for the DTC resources page

<https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/assessment-3/district-test-coordinator/>

5. Are we still going to be getting dyslexia training?

The Structured Literacy 101 and Dyslexia Training are on Mr. Owl. Dyslexia training is an 8-hour course. There is another training for this, but it is over two years for LETRS. For further details and clarification, please contact: Severo.Martinez@state.nm.us

6. Is it possible for district charters to designate a DTC as sometimes it takes time to get information from our district?

As a District Charter, that approval must come from the District Test Coordinator designated by the Superintendent.

7. Can you post a list of every single account I should have access to as a DTC? Cognia, College Board, etc.

PED Test Coordinator Portal, College Board, eProve/Cognia, Istation, WIDA AMS and WIDA DRC, DLM Educator Portal

8. Can the assessment bureau come up with a list of what NMPED personnel are responsible for?

Yes. It is posted at <https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/assessment-3/staff/>.

9. Is there a list of required assessments at each grade level with deadlines?

- *We currently have the Assessment calendar, with all of the deadline dates, on the PED website at <https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/2020-21-NM-Assessment-Program-Calendar-8.3.2020.pdf>*
- *We also have a new interactive calendar of Detailed Assessment Activities at: <https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/assessment-3/district-test-coordinator/detailed-assessment-activities-calendar/>*

10. Do we have tentative dates for the DTC trainings yet? Has a date been chosen for the DTC training for Fall?

We do have dates available and are finalizing the document for registration. That document will go out later this week. They will occur on the week of September 14.

11. How about just sending out the chat?

Not for this session as we are compiling all the questions from the chat into an FAQ document which will be shared with everyone.

12. Where do we find all the links we shared today?

All links shared today are posted at https://docs.google.com/document/d/1RH-qg57NB8biZvBMbSZ0RJTpKq_oFhIq4KvPXAhGHig/edit?usp=sharing.

13. Where do we find District Test Coordinator Resources on the PED website?

<https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/assessment-3/district-test-coordinator/>

14. 20-21 New Mexico Assessment Secured Portals and Help Desks Link:

<https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Secured-Portals-and-Help-Desks.pdf>

15. Who would be the primary contact NMPED for Mr. Owl? Do you have any further information on this tool?

- For ECOT schedules and content, please contact Brenda Kofahl, brenda.kofahl@state.nm.us.
- For all technical assistance, login, registrations, certificates, etc., send an email to info@mrowl.com. For literacy courses, contact Severo Martinez, Literacy Director, at severo.martinez@state.nm.us

16. Where can we find information about re-entry and webinars?

This is the link for the resources page including the re-entry guide and webinars:

<https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/assessment-3/task-force/>

17. A list of these project managers or contact information for the vendors would also be appreciated. There are so many.

- The contact information for the PED staff project coordinator is available on the PED website at: <https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/assessment-3/staff/>
- The New Mexico Assessment Secured Portals and their help desks information is at: <https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Secured-Portals-and-Help-Desks.pdf>

- Here is the technology reference guide which contains the list of vendors and their help and support contact: <https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Formative-and-Interim-Assessment-Technology-Requirements-Quick-Guide-v2.pdf>

18. Where can I find the list of assessments information?

You can visit this link: <https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/2020-21-NM-Assessment-Program-Calendar-8.3.2020.pdf>

19. I agree with what was said earlier- a document telling us exactly what is REQUIRED and what is OPTIONAL would be really helpful and appreciated for DTCs, especially new DTCs. Thanks so much for hosting this Q&A!

This information is available on the [Assessment Calendar](#).

20. Where is the Google Doc link containing all links shared today?

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1RH-qg57NB8biZvBMbSZ0RJTpKq_oFhIg4KvPXAhGHig/edit?usp=sharing

21. I am BRAND NEW to this, is there an acronym resource located somewhere. I am very lost.

A list is in progress. Will include the link when available.

22. Where do I find information about the Language and Culture Bureau?

<https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/languageandculture/>