



ASSESSMENT BUREAU NEWSLETTER

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Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM)

Resources to help special educators and parents understand and use DLM student reports from Spring 2020 are available through the PED Assessment Bureau web page. Hyperlinks to DLM videos for teachers and DLM Parent Interpretive Guides in English and Spanish are at <https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/assessment-3/alternate-achievement-assessments/>.

As a reminder, a small percentage of DLM assessments were administered in Spring 2020 due to the COVID-19 related closure of schools during the testing window.

October ACCESS for ELLs Events

District Test Coordinators can learn about test scheduling at a webinar scheduled for Thursday, October 22, 2020 at 12:00 PM. To register, go to the [WIDA Q&A Webinar Schedule](#).

District Technology Coordinators can find technology-related recorded trainings on the [2020-21 Q&A Webinar Schedule for Technology Coordinators](#) on WIDA AMS. Topics include software updates and installations.

The Assessment Bureau seeks your assistance in recruiting educators for bias and sensitivity reviews. Please ask educators to complete [this survey](#) to indicate interest by Friday, October 23, 2020. For questions, contact Sonia Upton at Sonia.upton@wisc.edu.

Avant Assessment Virtual Trainings

Avant is a once-a-year assessment required for all students enrolled in a **Bilingual Multicultural Education Program (BMEP)** who have not yet been identified as proficient (Intermediate-High) in the Spanish language. BME Directors, DTCs, and STCs are encouraged to attend.

- 10/20/2020 at 8:30am: [NMPED Language & Culture Division - Avant - STAMP Virtual Training - Grades K-6](#)
- 10/23/2020 at 8:30am: [NMPED Language & Culture Division - Avant - STAMP Virtual Training - Grades 7-12](#)

Formative Assessment Modules Now Available in Canvas



Course	Description	Audience	
Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) Instructionally Embedded Assessments	This course focuses on understanding the purpose, advantages, and uses of the DLM Instructionally embedded assessments and its administration process.	District Test Coordinators, Special Education Directors, Special Education coaches, and Special Education teachers	Enroll
Interim (iMSSA) and Formative Assessment Practices	This course offers educators the opportunity to learn about the formative assessment tools and iMSSA provided by NMPED to make adoption decisions. It also covers how to set up accounts to access the formative assessment item sets in PDF from the eProve platform.	3-8 Math, ELA and Science, Educators; school leaders, District Test Coordinators, Curriculum Directors	Enroll
English Language Arts - SAT Suite Question Bank Resource	These courses are the products of a collaboration between the Center for Assessment and the New Mexico Public Education Department. They each contain three modules to help educators better understand how to use the SAT Suite Question Bank (SSQB) in their classrooms.	High-School Educators, Curriculum Directors	Enroll
Mathematics - SAT Suite Question Bank Resource			Enroll

Optional Fall SAT Material Returns and Makeup Ordering

Schools who participated in the optional Fall SAT School Day on 10/14/2020 should return used test books and used answer sheets by end of day 10/15/2020. Schools should complete makeup testing orders in TOS by end of day 10/16/2020 in order to receive test material for the 10/27/2020 SAT makeup test date if needed.



After successful completion of a course, educators will obtain a badge that is recognized by PED as evidence of staff elected professional development as part of an educator's PDP and Domain IV criteria of Elevate NM.