



# ASSESSMENT BUREAU NEWSLETTER

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## Middle-of-Year (MOY) Testing Updates: SRCL, CLSD, and K5+ Sites

Please note that SRCL, CLSD, and K5+ subgrantees will **not** be required to administer Istation or iMSSA middle-of-year (MOY) assessments.

## Remote Testing Availability for MOY Istation and iMSSA

As a reminder, both Istation and iMSSA are browser based assessments and can be administered remotely facilitated by a parent or guardian. Given the current COVID conditions, schools should prioritize student and staff safety and test remotely when possible. Both Istation and iMSSA are available via [browser](#). Should you have any questions regarding testing windows or browser questions, please contact your District Test Coordinator.

## iMSSA MOY Extension



The iMSSA middle-of-year (MOY) administration window has been extended by one week to give LEAs more time and flexibility for testing. The iMSSA is optional and the revised window is **December 7, 2020 — January 22, 2021**.

## New Mexico Assessment for Learning Conference

PED is excited to announce the first annual assessment conference that includes presentations from district and national assessment experts. Please see the attached save the date flyer and [enroll now](#) to reserve your seat for the conference.

## Spring 2021 Summative Assessments Update

Currently, end-of-year federally required testing (e.g., ACCESS, SAT School Day, DLM, MSSA, ASR) is on hold. PED is focused on the health and well-being of students, educators, and our school communities and will reassess the feasibility of spring administration in the weeks ahead. In the meantime, PED has push back the ACCESS testing window to February 15, 2021.

## Assessment Literacy Trainings



PED in partnership with Cognia is providing professional learning opportunities designed to help educators better understand the New Mexico Balanced Assessment System as well as how to use assessment resources to better leverage classroom decision making. During the past couple of weeks, educators participated in the webinar series [Increasing Assessment Literacy: A Springboard for New Mexico Educators](#) and the recordings of past sessions are available. New webinar dates will be published soon for Spring.

## iMSSA Digital Proctoring - Changes to Portal

Cognia and eMetric, in cooperation with the NM PED, are conducting a pilot study of a new iTester feature: TestStream Digital Proctoring. TestStream Digital Proctoring is an online proctoring capability that can be used with Cognia computer-based assessments. TestStream allows LEAs to proctor assessments for remote learning students or students testing across multiple testing locations by providing secure webcam access, screen sharing, and student activity alerts.

The pilot study will occur during the middle-of-year iMSSA interim test window. Select districts have been identified to participate in this pilot study; however, during the pilot study TestStream-related digital proctoring buttons and menus will be visible to all students and proctors using the iMSSA assessment. If you are serving as a proctor for a non pilot study school site, do **not** select the "Start digital proctoring" button in the test sessions menu and students should **not** select the "Start Proctoring" button on the student profile page. *Digital proctoring will only be enabled if both the student and proctor initiate digital proctoring.* All other test scheduling and log-in procedures remain the same and are not impacted by the addition of these digital proctoring controls.