



ASSESSMENT BUREAU NEWSLETTER

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January 19, 2021

Save the Dates: Winter 2021 DTC Training, Feb 2-4, 2021

All DTCs will be automatically enrolled for the upcoming Winter DTC Training. Those districts and charters planning to administer all or some of the spring assessments will need to attend. PED will offer this training in Canvas, and information is forthcoming.

Assessment Literacy Webinar Series - Spring 2021

In partnership with Cognia, PED has designed professional learning to help educators utilize free assessment resources to better leverage classroom decision making. Please see the **Increasing Assessment Literacy: A Springboard for New Mexico Educators** [schedule and registration information](#).

Opt-In Testing Considerations Zoom: Required for DTCs

On January 14, the PED announced its intentions to apply for a [waiver for required summative ESSA assessments](#). In preparation for this allowance, PED is permitting schools to work with their communities and have the flexibility to leverage opt-in testing for all ESSA Summative assessments. To assist DTCs in thinking about "opt-in" guidance and thoughtful considerations before communicating with staff and the local community, DTCs are required to attend a [Zoom meeting on this topic](#) on Thursday, January 21, 2021 at 8:00 AM MT.

Revised Assessment Calendar

The 2020-2021 Assessment Calendar is now revised to include extended testing windows or additional testing dates. Please note the red changes, and it is available on the [DTC Resources](#) page on the PED website.

NM-MSSA, ASR, & SBA Administration

If your district is planning on administering these assessments, please note the following activities and dates:

1/25-2/12/2021:
Roster validation/District pre-ID bulk upload window

1/25-2/5/2021:
Identification of paper testers

1/25/2021:
iTester Updated Kiosks available for download



SAT School Day March Administration

All high schools will be automatically set up for a primary testing administration window of March 3 - March 5. PED added this window to provide an additional testing date; schools testing digitally will have 3 additional testing windows available. Schools doing paper/pencil administrations will have a total of 5 test administration dates, starting with March 3. DTCs will receive detailed instructions, timelines, and resources.

ACCESS & DLM Required TA Training

Access for ELLs test administrators must complete training annually through the WIDA Secure Portal and completed certification quizzes. DTCs should ensure that training and certification be completed before test administration by visiting the [WIDA Secure Portal Login](#). For schools planning to administer DLM, the required test administration training will be offered in Moodle. The [Guide to DLM Required Test Administrator Training](#) is available on the [DLM New Mexico](#) webpage.

Assessment for Learning Conference Resources

The session recordings are now available in the [Assessment for Learning Virtual Conference Canvas Course](#). Certificates of attendance will be sent to all participants by the end of next week.

- **Know someone who couldn't make it to the conference but wants to view the resources?** Please share the course registration link below with anyone who doesn't currently have access will need to [enroll here](#).
- **Know a teacher who missed Dr. Doug Fisher's closing keynote?** PED will be hosting two additional training sessions with Dr. Fisher, a popular speaker at the conference. Event details are forthcoming.

