



ASSESSMENT BUREAU NEWSLETTER

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DLM Administration Preparation

First Contact Survey Requirement: All DLM students need to have a First Contact Survey completed prior to test administration. The survey must be reviewed, updated, and submitted each school year to assign testlets to the student. Find more detailed information about the First Contact Survey in the [Educator Portal User Guide](#) starting on page 39.

DLM Test Administration Training Requirement

- The required Test Administrator training can be found here <http://training.dynamiclearningmaps.org/>
- Find training and log in information in the [Guide to DLM Required Test Administration Training](#)

English Learner Identification



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); the Remote Screener only gives provisional guidance on the language supports a student may be entitled. Thus, the screening process is not complete until the district/school administers a PED-approved English language proficiency screening assessment (W-APT for kindergarten and WIDA Screener Online for grades 1–12) to ensure proper identification and placement for new English learners. Formal guidance is posted at https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/NMPED_SupportDoc_ELSBMEPsSSBB.pdf.

ACCESS for ELLs Testing Window In Progress

ACCESS for ELLs Testing Window opened February 15, 2021, and will continue through May 31, 2021. An extended test window beyond May is possible. If an extension is needed please send a request to PED.Assessment@state.nm.us. All Test Administrators are required to complete training prior to test administration. Log in to the [WIDA Secure Portal](#) to find test administration required training modules.



MSSA and ASR Manuals Available

Test Administrator and Test Coordinator Manuals are available on the Cognia Help & Support Page. [TAM](#) and [TCM](#) for the NM-MSSA Math and ELA (grades 3-8) and the NM-ASR (grades 5, 8, & 11).

Parent Resource for Spring 2021 Summative Assessments

PED has just created a document to help inform New Mexico families on the status of spring 2021 summative assessments. This document is available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).



Assessment Waiver Status

This week, states were notified that the U.S. Department of Education would be meeting individually with those states who have requested waivers, and the Department has recognized that states need flexibility given their local state context. We anticipate this meeting in the next 1-2 weeks.

Please keep in mind that New Mexico has NOT canceled spring testing. PED has made available all federally required assessments and encourages districts to communicate with and extend to students and families an opportunity to participate in state testing. PED remains steadfast in our commitment to safety and flexibility for families.