



ASSESSMENT BUREAU NEWSLETTER

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2021 NM STEM Symposium - July 2021

Math & Science Bureau is requesting proposals for the Virtual NM STEM Symposium. For more details and proposal submission, please complete the [NM STEM Symposium Virtual Session Proposal](#) by **Sunday, March 21, 2021**. Please distribute this announcement to your colleagues.

Spring 2021 Materials Shipment Status: ASR & MSSA



- LEAs should expect to receive shipments by March 19, 2021, for initial paper and computer-based NM-ASR, NM-MSSA Math, ELA, and SLA paper test materials orders.
- If no initial order was placed and the LEA has only computer-based student testers, expect a shipment of the manuals (both TCM and TAM) no later than March 19, 2021.
- For assistance with the shipment of materials, contact the Cognia Help Desk at 1-877-676-6722 or email: nmtechsupport@cognia.org.
- The additional ordering window opens March 15, 2021.



Upcoming ACCESS for ELLs Q&A Webinar

WIDA and DRC will host a webinar: Post-Testing: Interpreting ACCESS Score Reports on Tuesday, March 16, 2021, 12:00 PM-1:00 PM MT

Please see details at the [WIDA Q&A Webinar Schedule](#).

Spanish Text to Speech for ASR & MSSA

- For students needing the Spanish text-to-speech feature for a Windows or Mac device, submit a request for the Cepstral voice pack by going to the [Help & Support Page](#)
- For students using Chromebooks, there is no need to use the Cepstral voice pack since the Spanish voice is embedded.
- If assistance with the Cepstral Spanish voice pack, contact the Cognia help desk at 1-877-676-6722 or email: nmtechsupport@cognia.org.

Digital SAT Bulk Registration

The [bulk registration tool](#) is now open to submit rosters for the March 24-26, 2021, digital SAT testing window. Rosters will be available for update until the day before testing. DTCs and bulk registration coordinators should have already received their bulk registration access codes on January 28, 2021. Please email Adam Rios at adam.rios2@state.nm.us if you have difficulty accessing the tool. A [recorded webinar](#) (access code: NMPED_Spring2021) about bulk registration is available along with the [slide deck](#).

System Requirements for ACCESS

Updated [Supported System Requirements for ACCESS for ELLs Online and WIDA Screener Online](#) is available on the WIDA AMS. For questions, please contact DRC support at wida@datarecognitioncorp.com.

SAT Test Mode Switches

This is a reminder that PED expects all schools who will be administering the SAT School Day this spring to test digitally unless already approved by College Board for a paper administration. Requests to switch test modes will only be approved in cases where school testing devices do not meet the College Board secure [technical requirements](#). The last day for schools to request test mode changes is Monday, March 15, 2021.

Requests should be sent to nmsat@collegeboard.org for review.