



Required DTC Trainings

Per 6.10.7 NMAC, District Test Coordinators must attend required state trainings. This year's trainings will be hosted in Canvas and held the week of September 13. Registration for this DTC training is available [here](#). There are sessions for both new (less than 4 years) and experienced DTCs (4 years or more) along with select sessions tailored for the groups. There is also an opportunity to be a mentor/mentee for newer DTCs. Please consider this opportunity to assist fellow DTCs. A [Save-the-Date-Flyer](#) is available for your reference.

Recent Office Hours Recording

Please click for access to the recording of the [Memorandum Office Hours - Zoom](#) to clarify and answer questions on the [Memorandum 8.24.21](#) that discussed Demonstrations of Competency and the Pandemic Related Non-Standard Administration Waiver for required assessments and screeners found in the [Assessment Newsletter 8.24.21](#). Be advised that the waiver has been revised regarding ECOT and KOT.

Upcoming: Assessment Literacy Trainings

September 8, 2021 at 3:30pm-5:00 pm:
[Using Equity Mindset and Culturally Responsive Practices to Ensure Every Student's Success \(Click to register\)](#)

All DTCs, educators, and school leaders are encouraged to attend.

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For questions about newsletter content, please email: PED.Assessment@state.nm.us

Fall ACCESS for ELLs Information Session Recording

The recording for the Fall ACCESS information session is available [here](#). The PPT and FAQ are available on the [DTC Resources page](#).



Fall ACCESS for ELLs Paper Administration Training

For DTCs who plan to administer fall ACCESS, a deeper dive [webinar on Fall Paper ACCESS administration is scheduled](#) for September 2, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. Please register for this additional webinar/training if your district or charter has identified ELLs for fall testing. A recording will be made available. Additionally, please refer to the attached Fall ACCESS Continuing Administration Guidance document for Pre-ID label instructions and key dates. If DTCs need verification of Spring 2021 ACCESS scores for transfer students, please contact the prior district or charter. If DTC contact information for the prior school is needed, please send an email request to PED.Assessment@state.nm.us.

Reminder: Spring 2021 ACCESS for ELLs Reports

Score reports from the Spring 2021 ACCESS for ELLs administration will be available in the WIDA AMS portal today.

MyPIRLS E-Filing

On August 2, the PIRLS Help Desk began reaching out to school coordinators in schools marked as "Cooperating" to provide instructions for MyPIRLS registration and completing the Provide School Information (PSI) section.

E-Filing opened on August 23, at which time the PIRLS help desk began contacting cooperating schools to provide instructions. The help desk will continue to reach out to cooperating schools for both MyPIRLS registration and list submission.

Istation Reminders

Istation will turn OFF the administration function of the off-campus **state required** BOY, MOY, and EOY assessments. Unless a [Pandemic-Related Non Standard Assessment Waiver](#) is on file, DTCs must ensure that the current ISIP settings do not allow for ISIPs to be visible from IP addresses that are not official district locations during the required BOY, MOY, and EOY windows.

Dyslexia Screening Use: Istation Temprana is an approved dyslexia screener for students whose **primary language of instruction** is Spanish.

State Assessment Requirement & Guidance: It is required for all K-2 students to be assessed using the Istation ISIP in English or in Spanish. Testing must occur during BOY, MOY, and EOY. A student should be assessed in the majority language of instruction. If a student is in a dual language program 50/50 model, an LEA may decide which language is appropriate for the student, and NMPED guidance would recommend the **language of strength**. However, this is at the discretion of the LEA. An LEA may also choose to assess students in both English and Spanish, but the **primary** assessment will be the one used for accountability purposes. As a reminder, K-2 English Learners have a right to accommodations, including the use of Istation in Spanish when available.