In what subject areas does a student need to show demonstration of competency?
In addition to meeting course requirements, New Mexico public high school students who entered grade 9 in school year 2020-2021 must be able to demonstrate postsecondary and/or workforce readiness in five content areas: Math, Reading, Writing, Science, and Social Studies.

What policy change now allows for multiple ways for students to demonstrate competency?
Students may choose from the menu of options to demonstrate competency. **PED no longer uses primary and alternative structures.** All assessments shown below are ways that students can demonstrate competency.

Local school boards have the flexibility to make available all or some of the menu options or can develop Local Demonstration of Competency (LDC) Requirements.

### STATE ESSA ASSESSMENTS
- **Math:**
  - SAT School Day Mathematics (TBD)
- **Reading:**
  - SAT School Day Reading and Writing (TBD)
  - Spanish Reading SBA (1137)
- **Science:**
  - NM Assessment of Science Readiness (TBD)

### OTHER NATIONAL ASSESSMENTS
- **Math:**
  - Next-Gen ACCUPLACER Quantitative Reasoning (252)
  - Advanced Algebra (252)
  - ACT Mathematics (19), Pre-ACT Mathematics (19)
  - ACT ASPIRE Mathematics (431)
  - ACT WorkKeys Applied Mathematics (3)
  - ACT WorkKeys Graph Literacy (3)
  - AP Calculus AB or BC or Statistics (2)
  - SAT School Day Mathematics (TBD)
- **Reading:**
  - SAT School Day Reading and Writing (TBD)
  - Spanish Reading SBA (1137)
  - ACT Reading (18), Pre-ACT Reading (18)
  - ACT ASPIRE English (428)
- **Science:**
  - AP Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Environmental Science, or Physics (2)
  - ASVAB AFQT Composite (31)
  - IB Experimental Sciences (4)
  - NM Assessment of Science Readiness (TBD)
- **Writing:**
  - Next-Gen ACCUPLACER Writing (236)
  - ACT English (18), Pre-ACT English (15)
  - ACT ASPIRE English (428) or Writing (428)
  - SAT Evidence-based Reading & Writing (430)
  - AP English Language & Composition or English Literature & Composition (2)
  - IB Language & Literature (4)
  - PSAT 10 Evidence-based Reading & Writing (430)
- **Social Studies:**
  - AP Art History, European History, Government & Politics (Comparative), Government & Politics (US), Human Geography, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Psychology, US History, or World History (2)
  - IB Individuals and Society (4)

### OTHER DEMONSTRATION OF COMPETENCY

#### LOCAL DEMONSTRATION OF COMPETENCY (LDC)
A variety of local demonstrations including rigorous portfolio projects and competency-based options may be used as LDCs. LDCs other than the portfolio and competency-based options must be approved by PED.

#### INNOVATIVE ASSESSMENT OPTION
In partnership with a Community of Practice, NMPED is developing a new statewide graduation option that culminates with student exhibitions to demonstrate learning. Guidelines will be provided in August 2021.

### Abbreviations:
- ACT: American College Testing
- AP: Advanced Placement
- ASVAB: Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery
- AFQT: Armed Forces Qualification Test
- IB: International Baccalaureate

1. SAT and PSAT 10 Results are TBD as standards setting will take place following the initial administration in spring 2022
2. An EOC score earned prior to, and after, the COVID-19 release can be used as an LDC.

Students following the modified option, whose IEPs establish individualized passing scores, should default to their individualized score when determining demonstration of competency. Students following the ability option, PED encourages the use of local demonstration of competency as well as DLM as the primary assessment.

For additional information, visit the Graduation Requirements page at:
https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/college-career-readiness/graduation/