



2022-23

Federal Testing Requirements FAQ

What Are the Federal Requirements for Participation in State Assessments?

The Every Students Succeeds Act 1111(c)(4)(E)(i) requires states to annually measure the achievement of not less than 95% of all students, and 95% of all students in each subgroup of students, who are enrolled in public schools. ESSA 1111(b)(2)(B) requires the assessment of all students, including students with disabilities and English learners, in:

- reading and/or language arts in Grades 3-8 and once in high school;
- mathematics in Grades 3-8 and once in high school; and
- science once in Grades 3-5, once in Grades 6-9, and once in Grades 10-12;
- English language proficiency for students identified as English learners.

What Assessments Does New Mexico Administer to Meet These Federal Requirements?

- New Mexico-Measures of Student Success and Achievement to measure mastery of math and language arts in Grades 3–8. NM-MSSA results will be comparable to those of the spring 2019 Standards Based Transition Assessment;
- SAT to measure math and language arts in Grade 11;
- New Mexico Assessment of Science Readiness to measure science proficiency in Grades 5, 8, and 11; and ACCESS for ELLs to measure English language proficiency for students who are identified as English Learners.

ESSA 1111(b)(2)(B)(vii) requires students with disabilities and English learners be provided appropriate accommodations on assessments and that the state provide an alternate assessment (ESSA 1111(b)(2)(D)) for students with the most severe cognitive disabilities.

What Math and Reading Test Will Students Take?

In Grades 3–8, students will take NM-MSSA. In Grade 11, students will take the SAT School Day.

Which Alternate Assessments do Students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities Take?

Students whose Individualized Education Program teams have determined the general education assessment is not appropriate, even with accommodations in place, will take the Dynamic Learning Maps assessment. DLM is administered in the same subjects and grades as the general assessments. [View the Alternate Assessment FAQ for more details.](#)

English learners with significant cognitive disabilities will take the Alternate ACCESS in place of ACCESS.

What Additional Assessments Does the State Require?

The New Mexico Statutes Annotated requires students to demonstrate competency in reading or language arts, writing, mathematics, science, and social studies to graduate high school (22-13-1.1 NMSA). Among a variety of options for demonstrating competency, students can demonstrate competency on the ESSA-required assessments.

The Istation early literacy assessment is required in Grades K-2 for all students statewide (New Mexico Administrative Code (NMAC) 6.19.9).

Per Senate Bill 22-13-31 NMSA 1978, all first grade students must be screened for dyslexia by the 40th day of school and within two weeks of initial enrollment for students new to New Mexico. Visit the [Assessment Bureau](#) website for more information or email ped.assessment@state.nm.us.