



The New Mexico Assessment of Science Readiness is New Mexico’s statewide summative assessment for science. As the NM-ASR is a single measure at the end of a grade band, interpretations and uses of NM-ASR scores should be supplemented with additional measures, including information from classroom summative and formative assessments in science.



### Who takes the NM-ASR

All students in Grades 5, 8, and 11 take the ASR unless they are designated for the alternate science assessment. Eligible English Learners in Grades 3-8 may be assigned the Spanish Language Arts version of the assessments.



### What does the test measure?

The NM-ASR is designed to measure whether students are on track to be ready for college or career, as defined by the state, by showing they have mastered the New Mexico [STEM Ready! Science Standards](#). The standards require integration of Science and Engineering Practices, Disciplinary Core Ideas, and Crosscutting Concepts to explain phenomena and solve problems.



### When is the test given?

These assessments are administered in the spring of the academic year. Please see the state testing calendar [here](#).



### How is the test administered?

The NM-ASR is a computer-based, fixed-form assessment but can be ordered on paper for students requiring such per their IEP. The assessment is made up of three untimed sessions:

- Grade 5 and 8: Approximately 50 minutes per session, 48 total questions.
- Grade 11: Approximately 55 minutes per session, 51 total questions.
- For specific information about question types and total point allotment, please see the [NM-ASR Blueprint](#).



### What are the performance levels?

Students will receive a performance level and a numerical scaled score on the assessment:

Novice	Nearing Proficiency	Proficient	Advanced
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NM-ASR scale score ranges vary by grade. For information about the knowledge, skills, and abilities a student must demonstrate to score within each proficiency level, please see the [Performance Level Descriptors](#) for the corresponding grade levels.



### Where can I access reports?

Preliminary scores will be available to district and school administrators in [Kite Educator Portal](#) approximately 10 days after the testing window closes. Results will be made available in [Kite Parent Portal](#) as well.

For more information on the NM-ASR, please visit the [PED NM-ASR resource page](#) or the [Kite-New Mexico Assessment website](#).