

# TESTING NEWSLETTER

June 2020

## *Special points of interest:*

- The 2020-2021 Assessment Calendar is posted on the [DTC resources page](#).
- PSAT NMSQT and SAT ordering window is now open for FALL
- We are working to update the [District testing website](#)
- New AVANT Stamp Language Testing coming this Fall K- 12, [SAMPLE TEST](#)

## **DATES**

ISTATION BOY  
Aug or SEPT 2020 TBD

KOT First 30 days of School

WIDA SCREENER / WAPT  
OPENS FOR ADMINISTRATION JUNE 26th  
COMPLETE 1st 10 DAYS of  
SCHOOL. As schedule permits

Woodcock Munoz Language  
Survey BOY Kinder and new  
students

CFA's—TBD

## **Cohort 2021 Demonstration of Competency**

Due to the extraordinary circumstance of the COVID-19 pandemic and the closure of schools in Spring 2020, the PED was granted a waiver to bypass assessment and accountability requirements under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

Therefore, no spring 2020 ESSA related assessment results can be applied to cohort 2021. A hold constant from cohort 2020 has been applied to cohort 2021 for all other national assessment cut scores (e.g., PSAT 10 Mathematics remains at 480 for cohort 2021). A revised Menu of Options document for cohort 2020-21



will be coming soon

## **End-of-Course (EOC) Exams—DISTRICTS CAN STILL USE LOCALLY AS FINALS or PRACTICE**

Any student who earned a passing score using an EOC exam prior to, and after, the COVID-19 release can still apply their previously obtained score as a Local Demonstration of Competency (LDC). NMPED publicly released all EOCs during

the pandemic related school closures in spring 2020. The released EOCs can still be used to meet local demonstration of competency, per 6.19.7 NMAC, for cohort 2021 students if they were given prior to the release. Please be ad-

vised that LDCs will still be extended to future cohorts. However, PED is eliciting stakeholder feedback through convening a community of practice to craft this guidance for communication by August 1.

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### **WIDA UPDATE**

On June 26, users will see an updated WIDA AMS login page and primary navigation features, a new interface for Central Office Services, and enhancements to Site Selection. A recording of a Q&A Webinar on these changes can be found in the Secure Portal [Download Library](#).

When you log in to your WIDA Secure Portal account for the first time on or after July 1, you will see a prompt asking you to read and agree to the WIDA Non-Disclosure and User Agreement (NDUA). As a reminder, the NDUA explains secure materials policies associated with ACCESS for ELLs and WIDA Screener, as well as other secure materials stored within the Portal. All users must agree to the NDUA before accessing Secure Portal materials and resources.

## **Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM)**

Due to school closure, a small number of students completed testlets in one or more content areas in areas: ELA, math, science. Only those students will receive Individual Student Reports (ISRs). DTCs have been notified via email. ISRs were posted in [Educator Portal](#) on Friday, June 12, 2020. ISRs are availa-



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ble in digital format for download and may be printed locally; no reports will be shipped. LEAs are required to distribute ISRs to parents/guardians. Directions for downloading reports are in the [Educator Portal User Guide, p. 94](#). For assistance contact the DLM Service Desk: 1-855-277-9751 DLM-[support@ku.edu](mailto:support@ku.edu)

### **ACCESS FOR EL**

The ACCESS and Alt-ACCESS Individual Student Reports (ISRs) are available in the DRC Portal. For more information, please contact DRC at [wida@datarecognitioncorp.com](mailto:wida@datarecognitioncorp.com), or at 1-866-276-7735.

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