



## SAT School Day

Starting in spring 2020, PED will administer a state-funded, digital SAT as part of the accountability system and as a way for all public-school juniors to access at no cost an entrance exam accepted at all state universities.

## Test Windows

Primary Testing Window\*: April 14-16, 2020

Accommodated Test Window: April 14-27, 2020

Makeup Administration: April 28, 2020

\*PED and College Board will work with districts that may need a different window.

## Advantages for Students

- Access to free practice through [Khan Academy](#)
- [College Board](#) resources to reinforce instruction
- Up to four free score reports sent to higher education institutions and scholarship organizations
- Interactive online score report.

## "Getting to Know College Board" Webinars

This webinar, offered at three different dates, will provide district and school administrators with information on SAT implementation and an opportunity to address questions.

- Tuesday, October 29, 2019 4:00 pm. Register [here](#).
- Friday, November 1, 2019 7:00 am. Register [here](#).
- Monday, November 4, 2019 4:00 pm. Register [here](#).

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## Mark your Calendars: November ACCESS for ELLs Q&A Webinars

Please join WIDA and DRC to learn about the following ACCESS for ELLs topics:

- **Thursday, November 7, 11:00am-12:00pm CT** *Pre-Testing: Technology Coordinator Support for Test Administrators*
- **Wednesday, November 13, 2:00pm-3:00pm CT** *During Testing: Managing Students in WIDA AMS (Online)*

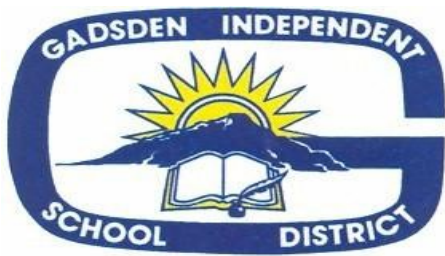
More information and login details can be found on the [WIDA Q&A Webinar Schedule](#). Technology Coordinators interested in attended technology-related webinars can find the [2019-20 Q&A Webinar Schedule for Technology Coordinators](#) on WIDA AMS. ( SEE LAST PAGE FOR LINKS)

Recordings of previous ACCESS webinars are available on the following topics: □ **Welcome Back: What's New This Year?** □ **ACCESS for ELLs for New Test Administrators**, 9.24.19 □ **ACCESS for ELLs for New District Test Coordinators**, 9.26.19 □ **Software Updates and Technology Readiness Checklist**, 10.03.19 □

PER NMPED ALL WIDA TEST ADMINISTRATORS MUST CERTIFY FOR THE TESTS THEY WILL BE GIVING: KINDER, ONLINE 1-12, ALTERNATIVE, ETC. TA's MUST PASS WITH AT LEAST AN 80% PROFICIENCY

[Non-Disclosure Agreement](#) is embedded in the quizzes

XXXXXX has read and agreed to the WIDA Non-Disclosure and User Agreement (NDUA) for the current academic year that started on July 1. [WIDA Non-Disclosure and User Agreement \(NDUA\)](#)



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Updated Graduation Cohort Fact Sheets Updated versions of the graduation fact sheets for Cohorts 2020, 2021, and 2022 are included with this newsletter. Cut scores for nationally recognized exams other than AP and IB (e.g., ACT, ACCUPLACER, ASVAB, SAT) are provided only for Cohort 2020. Cut scores for other cohorts will be published in early 2020 after being reviewed by a committee of stakeholders. These fact sheets, dated 10/8/2019, supersede any previous versions, and will be available on the and will be available on the Graduation website. Graduation requirements for Cohort 2023 (students now in grade 9) will be published before the end of 2019.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please be sure to certify all TA's through WIDA. If you need access for them please contact Tori Gilpin

**Please submit your medical exemptions!**

Please submit your training agendas, sign-ins, and confidentiality agreements as soon as they are complete into Google folders !

[KHAN PREP](#)

[LOOK INSIDE SAT LINK—](#)

[MONDAY SAT WEBINAR](#)

[SAT FAQ SHEET](#)

[WIDA eWORKSHOPS](#)

[WIDA](#) Go to download library

[COLLEGE BOARD RESOURCES](#)

All students have access to 8 full length practice test on Khan Academy. Students will need to set up practice accounts. Instructions for establishing these accounts are posted on the [PED SAT site](#).

SLRT forms /accommodation are in the google docs. Remember these are to be kept on your campus for 5 years.

**If a student attended kindergarten, that year will count as the first recognized year is U.S. schools.** As such, a student who enters school in kindergarten may test in Spanish through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and could continue testing in Spanish with a waiver in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades. This student will be required to test in English in 5<sup>th</sup> grade. **REMEMBER TO ACCOUNT FOR RETENTIONS.**

Counting kindergarten as a school year for the purposes of testing in Spanish went into effect 2015-2016 school year. When completing waivers, please pay particular attention to your 5<sup>th</sup> graders, noting that they are **not** eligible for a waiver if they attended U.S. school in kindergarten and have been in U.S. schools each consecutive year since regardless of the fact that they may have used a 1<sup>st</sup> waiver during the 14-15 school year.

Spanish-speaking students may take accountability assessments in Spanish for their first 3 consecutive years in U.S. schools. Waivers of testing in English, which allow students to continue testing in Spanish, are available for students in their 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> years in U.S. schools.

Waivers will be due to this office no later than the 3rd of December. Waivers have not been given to us by NMPED as of today however please be prepared to fill those out upon delivery.

**Please fill out the Alt Access order form Regular orders will be placed based on Powerschool current ELL Status**

**There was a misprint on the NMSBA order form (started Grade 4 , and 7) instead of Grade's 5 and 8 these have been taken out of the google folder and will be replaced**