

MAY NEWSLETTER

FAQ's FROM NMPED

Q: When will LEAs be able to download their Spring 2020 ACCESS for ELLs reports?

A: 2020 ACCESS reports will be available for download on Thursday, May 21. Reports will be accessible within the [WIDA AMS](#). Post reporting validation will open on Friday, May 22 and close on Friday, June 5. As a reminder, students with overall composite scores of 5 or higher exit EL status. Due to the physical closure of schools, Individual Student reports (ISRs) will be shipped September 8, 2020.

Q: When will Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) reports be available, and how can LEAs access them?

A: DLM does not ship paper reports; ISRs will be posted to the virtual DLM Educator Portal on Friday, June 12. LEA data corrections are due by Wednesday, June 5.

Q: Will 2021 seniors have an opportunity to take the SAT School Day for college admissions this fall?

A: PED and the College Board are collaborating to administer an **optional** SAT School Day for students in the graduating class of 2021. Details are forthcoming.

Q: Given that End-of-Course Exams are released, what does PED advise for cohorts 2021-2023 demonstration of competency?

A: Guidance around demonstrations of competencies for Cohorts 2021-2024 (including incoming freshman) is being discussed. PED will seek stakeholder engagement on this topic in the coming weeks.

Q: Is the New Mexico Exam Platform (NM-EPIC) still available?

A: Given the inability to securely proctor EOCs in a remote learning environment and the recent release of the exams, the PED has discontinued the use of this platform.

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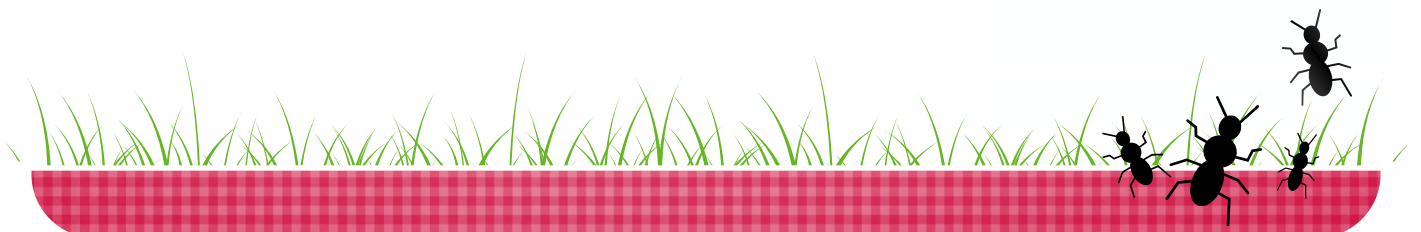
Q: When will assessment Fact Sheets and FAQs be revised?

A: The bureau team is actively working to update these documents. We intend to post them by June 1. Additionally, we are developing communications documents to support LEA use

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ALL documentation is
in your Google folder.

- Trainings / sign in sheets
- Irregularities/ medical exemptions
- All schedules for tests given
- Order forms
- Confidentiality and principal verifications
- Any other relevant documentation



Assessment and Accountability Waiver SY 2019-2020

Due to the unprecedented circumstances brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic and the closure of schools, the U.S. Department of Education has granted the New Mexico Public Education Department (PED) 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).

Specifically, the waiver addresses the state's inability to administer assessments as required under ESEA section 1111(b)(2) or to comply with the test administration, reporting requirements, and school identification, as would normally be planned due to extensive school closures in the state.

Spring 2020 Assessment & Accountability Implications This waiver is applicable for the 2019-20 SY and allows New Mexico to forgo or cancel statewide testing that would be typically administrated during this time of year. The following is provided to assist schools in understanding the impact of the waiver in relationship to all federal required assessments:

In addition, given the closure and concerns around opportunity to learn, Istation end-of-year

Assessment Program	Status Upon Statewide Closure	Assessment Results
ACCESS for ELLs	ACCESS Testing window concluded on 3/6/2020	Results will be valid, and LEAs will still receive individual, school, and district level reports.
Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM)	Minimal number of students tested	LEAs will receive individual score reports for students who completed an entire test for one or more subject areas.
Assessment of Science Readiness (ASR)	70% of census field test completed.	Results will be used to develop operational ASR for Spring 2021. New Mexico is not required to report results for the census field test. ¹



Accountability and School Ratings Due to the waiver, PED will not be producing district and school level reports as required by ESEA. The Accountability system will be devoid of Assessment and Teacher Quality Survey data; hence, no performance-based evaluation of schools will be conducted this year. However, where available, PED may publish the school and/or district level data that were previously published in these reports.

Federal Designations, CSI and TSI Hold Constant As a result of the waiver and with the absence of data, the PED will "hold-constant" the federal designations of Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) and Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) through the 2020-2021 school year.