



TESTING NEWSLETTER

ACCESS Grades 4-12

Writing Subtest Before beginning any Online ACCESS Writing Subtest session for students in grades 4-12, please verify that students are assigned to the test session in WIDA AMS that aligns with their response mode.

This year, the Online Grades 4-12 Writing Subtest has embedded field test items. This means the third writing task may vary from student to student to enable a greater number of items to be field-tested and maintain the recommended testing time.

It is imperative that students who plan to handwrite their Writing ACCESS Subtest response are placed in a Handwriting Response (HW) test session within WIDA AMS. If a student that should have been placed in the HW test session, is in the incorrect test session in WIDA AMS, they may see a different field test item online compared to what appears in their handwriting booklet. If this occurs after the session is already in progress, the student should still complete testing and the district should submit the Handwriting Response booklet for scoring as usual. The third task, or field test item, will not contribute or affect to the student's overall score.

Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM)

Webinar and Q&A Opportunity for DTCs and STCs
The recorded webinar, District and Building Administrator Training 2019-2020, is now posted on the [DLM New Mexico](#) website with a PDF of the slide deck and a transcript. Within the webinar is a registration link for Q&A opportunities with DLM on January 23 and February 27.

Roster Review

LEAs must enroll and roster students in the [KITE portal](#) and complete Personal Needs Profiles and First Contact Survey by February 17. Testing window opens March 9.



Istation Teacher Trainings: Sustaining Growth

Teachers can [register here](#) for Istation trainings in seven locations around the state February 5-18.



Gadsden ISD
January 2020

Jan—Feb Dates

See attached timeline

Jan 13-March 6 Access

Jan 13 NMASR practice test available

Feb 14 DLM deadline for First Contact Survey

Feb 25 NM-MSSR Practice test available

Feb 24 Accommodations due in SSD for SAT

Feb 28 have all in house security trainings complete

What's New on the NMPED Assessment Website

- DTC Training Agenda January 2020
- DTC Training PowerPoint
- Accommodations for NM-MSSA and NM-ASR spring 2020
- Graduation cohort review documents

On the NM-MSSA page:

- Updated ELA blueprint (only substantive change in unit times)
- Updated math blueprint (cosmetic changes only)



PLATFORM OPTIONAL WORK DAYS (GAC LAB): FEBRUARY 7th, 12th, 14th, 20th



PLEASE SEND IN YOUR MEDICAL EXEMPTIONS AS SOON AS THEY ARE FINALIZED!

If you have NOT already done so Please send the number of text to speech SPANISH needed for science SBA and NM-MSSA by January 31st so that we can order the Cepstral software. This is limited number of licenses. **(UNLESS USING CHROME-BOOKS)**

The Area of Research, Evaluation and Testing, under the Curriculum and Instruction Department, will strive to bring you the most up to date information from NMPED, PARCC, Measured Progress, as well as any other testing entities. Please be patient as sometimes we receive directives to change procedures, schedules, or rules without much notice. As we get the information we will get it out to you in as -timely a manner as possible. Please feel free to contact Tori Gilpin at 575-882-6791 or email at tgilpin@gisd.k12.nm.us with any questions you might have.

iTester Platform for NM-MSSA and NM-ASR

Demo Student Feature

The Demo Students feature is now live in the Cognia iTester platform. This is the opportunity to test accommodations that are not embedded in the testing platform such as external adaptive devices for students with disabilities.

Limit on Class Sizes

The limit on class sizes for testing in spring 2020 is **90 students**. In previous years, there have been no limits on class size. The PED initially announced a limit of 30 students, but that has been revised to 90 students.

Please ensure that all students in a single class are tested at the same time. Testing classes may not be created for test sessions at different times.



HIGH SCHOOL CHANGE RELATED TO PARENT CONSENT IN SSD

During the SSD submission process, the SSD coordinator will be posted with a parent/guardian consent reminder, relaying that consent has been provided by the parent/guardian for the student to be provided with appropriate accommodations for testing.

SSD coordinators should check this box affirmatively when there is a signed IEP already on file. The LEA does NOT need to obtain a separate signature or download the "Consent form for Accommodations Request" form. **A signed IEP on file at the LEA fulfills this requirement**. The Assessment Bureau is working with the Special Education Bureau to communicate the same message to Special Education Directors.

SAT Digital Readiness Kick-off Webinar

[Register here](#) for the Digital Readiness Kick-off Webinar for Technology Coordinators on January 23 from 2:00 to 3:00 PM.

Off-site Testing Deadline Passed

The deadline to request off-site testing for the SAT School Day and PSAT 10 was January 17, 2020.

**SEE DISTRICT WEBSITE FOR INFORMATION REGARDING THE
SIU Statements Parents Webinar Invitation
(NM-ASR Score Interpretation)**

**1 webinar remaining
Webinar #3: Wednesday, January 29, 2020 | 10:00 - 11:30 AM MT**