

Assessment Schedule 2025–26

DTC Training Schedule

BEGINNING OF THE YEAR (BOY)

PROGRAM	LEVELS	WINDOW	CLARIFICATIONS
WIDA Screener for Kindergarten and WIDA Screener (1–12)	K–12	Within 30 days of the start of school OR within two weeks of initial NM enrollment	All potential K–12 EL students initially enrolling in NM public schools. Visit the PED's Language and Culture Division . WIDA Alternate Screener: WIDA Alternate Screener is a brand-new, paper-based English language proficiency assessment given to new students with the most significant cognitive disabilities in grades K–12
Dyslexia Screener	1	By the 40th day of school and within two weeks of initial NM enrollment	Please contact the Literacy Bureau for any questions pertaining to Dyslexia Screener. Literacy and Humanities – New Mexico Public Education Department .
Amira Indicators of Student Progress (ISIP) Math, SLA, ELA	K–3 ELA, SLA, and K–2 Math	August 4 – October 10, 2025	ISIP is required statewide for grades K–2 at BOY, MOY, and EOY. Early years reading is available for local use at grade 3. The PED highly recommends the required BOY K–2 ELA is given in the first 30 days of school once the window opens.
Interim Measures of Student Success Achievement Math and ELA (iMSSA)	3–8	August 4 – September 26, 2025	State-provided interim assessment in ELA and math. iMSSA can be used to meet the state's 3–8 interim assessment requirement. Required for CSI and MRI schools.
Dynamic Learning Maps Instructionally Embedded Window	3–12	September 8, 2025 – February 20, 2026	Optional state-provided formative assessment that can be used by special education teachers for instructional decision making for students with the <i>most significant cognitive disabilities</i> .
Childhood Experiences Questionnaire (CHEQ)	Kindergarten	August 8 – November 28	The Childhood Experiences Questionnaire (CHEQ) is completed by parents to provide important contextual information about children's early experiences prior to kindergarten.
Early Childhood Observation Tool	PreK, Title 1 Preschool, and Special Education Preschool	July 1 – November 3, 2025	Pre-K, Title 1 Preschool, and Special Ed Preschool are managed by the New Mexico Early Childhood Education and Care Department . ECOT is no longer required for kindergarten students.

MIDDLE-OF-YEAR (MOY)

PROGRAM	LEVELS	WINDOW	CLARIFICATIONS
Dynamic Learning Maps Instructionally Embedded Window	3–12	September 8, 2025 – February 20, 2026	Optional state-provided formative assessment that can be used by special education teachers for instructional decision making for students with the <i>most significant cognitive disabilities</i> .
Avant STAMP	K–12	December 1, 2025 – May 8, 2026	This is a statewide Spanish language proficiency assessment for all students participating in a state-funded BMEP program.
Dynamic Learning Maps First Contact Survey Deadline	3–12	November 14, 2025	LEAs are required to complete all First Contact Surveys by this date.
Amira Indicators of Student Progress Math, SLA, ELA	K–3 ELA, SLA, and K–2 Math	December 1, 2025 – January 30, 2026	ISIP is required statewide for grades K–2 at BOY, MOY, and EOY. Early years reading is available for local use at grade 3.
Interim Measures of Student Success Achievement Math and ELA (iMSSA)	3–8	November 10, 2025 – January 9, 2026	State-provided interim assessment in ELA and math. iMSSA can be used to meet the state's 3–8 interim assessment requirement. Required for CSI and MRI schools.
PSAT/NMSQT	10	October 1–31, 2025	The fall PSAT/NMSQT is free for all grade 10 students through PED's College and Career Readiness Bureau. Schools designated as CSI & CSI-MRI from the 2023-24 Accountability model will be required to administer PSAT/NMSQT to grade 10 students this fall.
Early Childhood Observation Tool	PreK, Title 1 Preschool, and Special Education Preschool	November 4 – February 6, 2026	Administration, training, and policy questions are managed by the PED's Early Childhood Bureau. ECOT is no longer required for kindergarten students.

END-OF-YEAR (EOY)

PROGRAM	LEVELS	WINDOW	CLARIFICATIONS
Amira Indicators of Student Progress Math, SLA, ELA	K–3 ELA, SLA, and K–2 Math	April 1 – May 29, 2026	ISIP is required statewide for grades K–2 at BOY, MOY, and EOY. Early years reading is available for local use at grade 3.
Interim Measures of Student Success Achievement Math and ELA (iMSSA)	3–8	March 30 – May 22, 2026	State-provided interim assessment in ELA and math. iMSSA can be used to meet the state's 3–8 interim assessment requirement. Required for CSI and MRI schools.
Advanced Placement	9–12	May 2026	Testing dates for specific exams can be found on the College Board's AP WEBSITE .
Early Development Instrument (EDI)	Kinder	Feb 3 – May 29	EDI is completed by the teacher based on observational recall and takes a teacher approximately 10–15 minutes per student. EDI replaced the KOT
Early Childhood Observation Tool	PreK, Title 1 Preschool and Special Education Preschool	February 9 – June 30, 2026	ECOT is managed by New Mexico Early Childhood Education and Care Department . <i>ECOT is no longer required for kindergarten students.</i>

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ASSESSMENT STUDIES AND SURVEYS

PROGRAM	LEVELS	WINDOWS	CLARIFICATIONS
Pilot and Special Studies (Math and Reading)	4, 8 and 12	January 26 – March 20, 2026	Only for those pre-identified schools that were sampled by NCES; not statewide.
NAEP Math and Reading	4 and 8	January 26 – March 20, 2026	
NAEP US History and Civics	8	January 26 – March 20, 2026	Only for those pre-identified schools that were sampled by NCES; not statewide.

ESSA, TITLE I, FEDERALLY REQUIRED STATE ASSESSMENTS*

*2025–26 Test Assignment Guidance for ESSA, Title I State Assessment

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ACCESS for English Language Learners and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs	ACCESS: K–12 WIDA Alternate ACCESS K–12	January 13 – March 6, 2026	Students must have been screened and identified as English Learners to be eligible for ACCESS assessment participation. Only ELs identified as a student with the most significant cognitive disabilities are assigned to the Alternate ACCESS for ELLs
SAT School Day Math and Reading and Writing	11 ¹	March 9 – April 24, 2026	The SAT School Day is a national assessment developed by College Board and aligned to New Mexico's high school academic standards to measure knowledge and skills that can consistently predict a student's success in college and workforce training programs.
New Mexico Assessment of Science Readiness (NM-ASR)	5, 8, 11 ¹	March 9 - May 1, 2026	This year, the ASR is being administered on the Kite testing platform, the same platform used to administer the DLM assessment; the test blueprint, scale, and PLDs remain the same. The approximate time to complete the Science assessment is 150–165 minutes.
NAEP	4 and 8	January 26 – March 20, 2026	Only for those pre-identified schools, not statewide. New Mexico's State Coordinator will be in contact with selected schools.
Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM)	3–8, 11 ¹ ELA/Math 5, 8, 11 ¹ Science	March 9 – May 1, 2026	Designed exclusively for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities who have been identified as an "Alternate Assessment" participant in the IEP. The PED highly recommends beginning testing early in the window.
New Mexico Measures of Student Success and Achievement (NM-MSSA) Math, ELA, SLA	3–8	March 16 – May 1, 2026 (Schools wanting preliminary reports would need to complete testing by April 16. This date was revised by the PED on April 9, 2026 to extend the deadline by one week.)	LEAs have the flexibility to schedule these assessments in a way that best fits local needs.
Spanish Reading Standards-Based Assessment (Spanish SBA)	11	PBT: deadline is April 24, 2026	

¹SAT School Day, ASR, and DLM are available to seniors as make-up assessments only (missed testing in the grade 11 SY). An off-grade level waiver request should be submitted via [Google Form here](#).

Spring 2026 ESSA Title I Assessment results are used for the 2025–26 ESSA Accountability Cycle. See the current year's 2025–26 ESSA Accountability Cycle

Schedule [here](#).