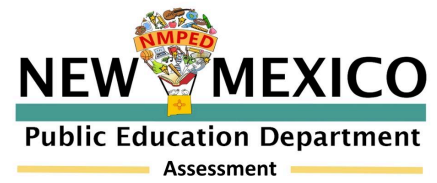


New Mexico Public Education Department

2026–2027 Assessment Schedule



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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 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 3 – September 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. 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 3 – October 2, 2026 (revised 9.16.2026)	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.
Dynamic Learning Maps Instructionally Embedded Window	3–12	September 14, 2026 – February 19, 2027	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> .
Early Childhood Observation Tool	PreK, Title 1 Preschool, and Special Education Preschool	July 1 – November 9, 2026	Pre-K, Title 1 Preschool, and Special Ed Preschool are managed by the New Mexico Early Childhood Education and Care Department . <i>ECOT is no longer required for kindergarten students.</i>
PSAT 8/9	9	October 1 – 30, 2026	Optional state-provided assessment for grade 9 students that is aligned to the SAT Suite of Assessments. Provides early, standards-based measures of students' readiness for college and careers.

MIDDLE-OF-YEAR (MOY)

PROGRESS MONITORING

PROGRAM	LEVELS	WINDOW	CLARIFICATIONS
Dynamic Learning Maps Instructionally Embedded Window	3–12	September 14, 2026 – February 19, 2027	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 (MBEP – SSBB)	K–12	Dec 1, 2026 – March 26, 2027	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 16, 2026	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, 2026 – January 29, 2027	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 9, 2026 – January 8, 2027	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 – 30, 2026	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 10 – February 27, 2027	Pre-K, Title 1 Preschool, and Special Ed Preschool are managed by the New Mexico Early Childhood Education and Care Department . <i>ECOT is no longer required for kindergarten students.</i>

END-OF-YEAR (EOY)

PROGRESS MONITORING

PROGRAM	LEVELS	WINDOW	CLARIFICATIONS
Amira Indicators of Student Progress Math, SLA, ELA	K-3 ELA, SLA, and K-2 Math	April 1 – May 28, 2027	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 29 – May 21, 2027	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 2027	Testing dates for specific exams can be found on the College Board's AP WEBSITE .
Early Childhood Observation Tool	PreK, Title 1 Preschool and Special Education Preschool	February 28 – June 30, 2027 (due within 2 weeks of the program's last day of school)	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.

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ASSESSMENT STUDIES AND SURVEYS

PROGRAM	LEVELS	WINDOWS	CLARIFICATIONS
NAEP Science (Pilot)	8	January 25 – March 19, 2027	Only for those pre-identified schools that were sampled by NCES; not statewide.
Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS)	4 & 8	March-June 2027	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

PROGRAM	LEVELS	WINDOWS	CLARIFICATIONS
WIDA ACCESS & WIDA Alternate ACCESS	K-12	January 11 – March 5, 2027	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 WIDA Alternate ACCESS
SAT School Day Reading and Writing & Math	11 ¹	March 8 – April 23, 2027	The SAT School Day is a national assessment developed by the 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.
Prueba de Aptitud Académica (PAA)	11 ¹	March 8 – 26, 2027	The Prueba de Aptitud Académica (PAA) is an accommodation option for grade 11 English learners. The PAA will replace the Grade 11 Spanish Standards-Based Assessment (SBA) Reading form.
New Mexico Assessment of Science Readiness (NM-ASR)	5, 8, 11 ¹	March 8 – April 30, 2027	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.
Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM)	3-8, 11 ¹ ELA/Math 5, 8, 11 ¹ Science	March 8 – April 30, 2027	Designed exclusively for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities who have been identified as Alternate Assessment participants in their IEPs. 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 15 – April 30, 2027 (Schools wanting preliminary reports would need to complete testing by April 15.)	LEAs have the flexibility to schedule these assessments in a way that best fits their local needs.

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 Test Coordinator Portal (TCP) [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](#).

ASSESSMENT MATERIALS ORDERING

Assessment Name	Materials To Be Ordered	Ordering Window(s)	Ordering Instructions/Comments
Amira	NA	NA	Paper-based forms can be downloaded and determined locally based on their assessment window.
Avant STAMP	NA	NA	NA
Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM)	NA	NA	NA
iMSSA	paper-based version	can be ordered at any time	Paper-based forms can be ordered using this link . They will only be available when the testing window opens.
NM-ASR	paper-based version	Initial Ordering Window- Jan. 29, 2027 - Feb. 19, 2027 (to have before testing window opens) Additional Ordering Window- Feb. 22, 2027 - Mar. 19, 2027	Paper-based forms can be ordered through the Kite Educator Portal . Ordering becomes available once students are rostered.
NM-MSSA	paper-based versions: -standard test booklet and answer document -large-print kit -Braille kit -Human Reader kit	Initial Ordering Window - Nov. 30, 2026 - Jan. 8, 2027 Additional Ordering Window - Feb. 22, 2027 - Apr. 23, 2027	Paper-based forms can be ordered through Cognia iservices . Contact the Cognia Help Desk for login credentials: (877) 676 - 6722 M-F, 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. MT Paper-based forms that are ordered during the initial ordering window will be delivered to districts/schools by February 26, 2027. This is two weeks prior to the opening of the testing window.
SAT School Day	Digital test, DTCs do not have to order SAT materials. Tests are loaded into Test Day Toolkit based on PED student registration file and manual upload of students by DTC. Paper-based version for students with approved accommodations only via the SSD Online Portal . Once the paper test accommodation is approved tests will be shipped - no need to order separately.	Paper Test Ordering Closes: January 19, 2027 Return Deadline: April 23, 2027	Contact College Board at (866) 499-6154 or nmsat@collegeboard.org . Paper tests start to ship February 23, 2027. Student answers must be transcribed by school staff in Bluebook before materials are returned.
WIDA ACCESS & WIDA Alternate ACCESS	WIDA Kindergarten (add the current count in WIDA AMS) Writing Booklet for 1-3 (add the count to the grade and this will be added by WIDA) Alternate Paper Testing (identify the current count for each grade cluster) Customized Order (for example, large-print for Kindergarten) For more information, attend the WIDA ACCESS Test Materials Ordering Training, see the training available in WIDA Secure Portal for ordering materials under WIDA ACCESS Online: Administration, Module 2: Planning & Logistics, and make sure to review the email once it is in your inbox from DRC.	Oct. 12 - Nov. 19, 2026	WIDA AMS - LEA will receive information via email from DRC. There is a training to go over the process. See the 2026-27 Assessment Training Schedule .
NAEP	NA	NA	NA
EDI	NA	NA	NA
Prueba de Aptitud Académica (PAA)	The PAA is offered as a paper test only.	Ordering closes February 1, 2027 Return Deadline: April 30, 2027	The PAA is a new test, ordering instructions will be sent to DTCs in December 2026.

PSAT 8/9	Digital test, order tests at SAT Suite Ordering and Registration (SSOR). Paper-based version for students with approved accommodations only via the SSD Online portal. Once the paper test accommodation is approved tests will be shipped - no need to order separately.	Ordering closes September 30, 2026 Return Deadline: September 30, 2026	Ordering in SSOR Registering Students to Test Student answers must be transcribed by school staff in Bluebook before materials are returned.
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