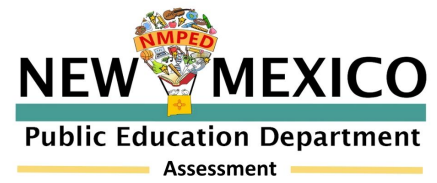


New Mexico Public Education Department

2026–2027 Assessment Schedule



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This schedule remains in draft until June 30, 2026; yellow = TBD

BEGINNING OF THE YEAR (BOY)

SCREENING / PROGRESS MONITORING

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 – September 25, 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 . ECOT is no longer required for kindergarten students.
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	K–12	TBD for 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	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)

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)	ECOT is managed by 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](#).