FEDERAL TESTING REQUIREMENTS

What are the required assessments based on federal testing requirements?

The Every Student Succeeds Act 1111(c)(4)(E)(i) requires states to annually measure the achievement of not less than 95% of all students, and 95% of all students in each subgroup of students, who are enrolled in public schools. ESSA 1111(b)(2)(B) requires the assessment of all students, including students with disabilities and English learners, in:

- Reading and/or language arts in Grades 3–8 and once in high school;
- Mathematics in Grades 3–8 and once in high school; and
- Science once in Grades 3–5, once in Grades 6–9, and once in Grades 10–12;
- English language proficiency for students identified as English learners.

What Assessments Does New Mexico Administer to Meet These Federal Requirements?

- New Mexico Measures of Student Success and Achievement (MSSA) measures academic proficiency relative to the state-adopted Common Core Standards in mathematics and language arts. The MSSA is administered to students in Grades 3–8.
- SAT School Day measures academic proficiency relative to the state-adopted Common Core Standards in mathematics and language arts. The SAT School Day is administered to students in Grade 11.
- New Mexico Assessment of Science Readiness (ASR) measures academic proficiency relative to the state-adopted STEM Ready! Science Standards. The ASR is administered to students in Grades 5, 8, and 11; and ACCESS for ELLs to measure English language proficiency relative to the English Language Development Standards for students who are identified as English Learners.

What Assessments Do Students with the Most Significant Cognitive Disabilities Take?

ESSA 1111(b)(2)(B)(vii) requires students with disabilities and English learners to be provided appropriate accommodations on assessments and that the state provide an alternate assessment (ESSA 1111(b)(2)(D)) for students with the *most significant cognitive disabilities*. For these students, the state administers a specialized alternate assessment, Dynamic Learning Maps, in lieu of MSSA, ASR, and SAT School Day. Additionally, for these students developing proficiency in English, the Alternate ACCESS for ELLs is administered.

When are These Assessments Administered?

Federal assessments are administered in the spring of the academic year; these administration windows are posted within the state testing **calendar**.

How Do Parents or Guardians Obtain Their Students' Results?

State law requires assessment reports to be made available to parents. All federal assessments must provide an individual student report. PED makes these reports available to your local district or charter school following the state testing window. It is the responsibility of the district and charter to share this information with students and families.