



# COHORT 2021 GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

## Menu of Options to Demonstrate College and/or Career Readiness

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### In what subject areas does a student need to show demonstration of competency?

In addition to meeting course requirements, New Mexico public high school students who entered grade 9 in school year 2017-18 must be able to demonstrate postsecondary and/or workforce readiness in five content areas: Math, Reading, Writing, Science, and Social Studies.

### What policy change now allows for multiple ways for students to demonstrate competency?

Until now, New Mexico has required students to use the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) required proficiency assessment as a **primary** demonstration of competency and to request a waiver from the PED to use an **alternative** demonstration of competency. Students may now choose from a **menu of options** to demonstrate competency without a waiver.\* PED is no longer using primary and alternative structures.

Local school boards are given the flexibility to make available all or some of the menu options, establish local policies that include additional requirements, or establish higher cut scores than those set by the PED (shown in parentheses below). Students may use any of the menu options allowed by their local education agency (LEA).

### ESSA-REQUIRED ASSESSMENTS

#### Math:

PARCC or Transition Algebra I\* or II, Geometry, Integrated Math II or III (725) or Spring 2020 SAT (TBD)

#### Reading:

Spring 2020 SAT (TBD)  
Spanish Reading SBA (1137)

#### Writing:

Spring 2020 SAT (TBD)  
Science: n/a (NM-ASR field test spring 2020)

#### Social Studies:

n/a  
\* PARCC or Transition Algebra I can only serve as a demonstration of competency if a student has passed the Algebra II course.

### OTHER NATIONAL ASSESSMENTS (CONT.)

#### Reading (cont.)

PSAT Evidence-based Reading & Writing  
SAT Subject Literature

#### Writing:

Next-Gen ACCUPLACER Writing  
ACT English, Pre-ACT English  
ACT ASPIRE English or Writing  
ACT WorkKeys Business Writing  
AP English Language & Composition (3), English Literature & Composition (3)  
IB Language & Literature (4)  
PSAT Evidence-based Reading & Writing

#### Science:

ACT Science, Pre-ACT Science  
ACT Aspire Science  
ACT WorkKeys Applied Technology  
AP Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Environmental Science, or Physics (3)  
IB Experimental Sciences (4)  
SAT Subject Chemistry, Ecological Biology, Molecular Biology or Physics

#### Social Studies:

AP Art History, European History, Government & Politics (Comparative), Government & Politics (US), Human Geography, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Psychology, US History, or World History (3)  
IB Individuals and Society (4)  
SAT Subject US History or World History

#### Abbreviations:

ACT: American College Testing  
AP: Advanced Placement  
ASVAB AFQT: Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery  
Armed Forces Qualification Test  
IB: International Baccalaureate

### OTHER STATE ASSESSMENTS

#### End-of-Course (EoC) Exams

(Cut scores listed are for SY18-19 and 19-20 exams; passing scores for previous years' exams found on [graduation checklists](#).)

#### Math:

Algebra I (14)\*  
Algebra II (13)  
Financial Literacy (12)\*  
Geometry I (15)  
Integrated Math II (13)  
Integrated Math III (14)  
Pre-Calculus (15)

#### Reading:

English III: Reading (9)  
English IV: Reading (9)  
Spanish III: Reading (14)

#### Writing:

English III: Writing (17)  
English IV: Writing (16)  
Spanish III: Writing (17)

#### Science:

Anatomy and Physiology (23)  
Biology (22)  
Chemistry (19)  
Environmental Science (21)  
Physical Science (23)  
Physics (20)

#### Social Studies:

Economics (18)  
New Mexico History (14)  
US Government (17), US History (29)  
World History and Geography (28)

\* An Algebra I or Financial Literacy EoC can only serve as a demonstration of competency if a student has passed the Algebra II course.

### OTHER NATIONAL ASSESSMENTS

Cut scores for nationally recognized exams other than AP and IB will be reviewed by a committee of stakeholders. Revised cut scores will be published in early 2020.

#### Math:

Next-Gen ACCUPLACER Quantitative Reasoning, Algebra, and Statistics, Advanced Algebra  
ACT Mathematics, Pre-ACT Mathematics  
ACT ASPIRE Mathematics  
ACT WorkKeys Applied Mathematics, Graphic Literacy  
AP Calculus AB or BC or Statistics  
ASVAB AFQT Composite  
IB Mathematics (4)  
PSAT Mathematics  
SAT Subject Mathematics Level 1 or Level 2

#### Reading:

Next-Gen ACCUPLACER Reading  
ACT Reading (22), Pre-ACT Reading  
ACT ASPIRE Reading  
ACT WorkKeys Workplace Documents  
AP English Language & Composition (3), English Literature & Composition (3)  
ASVAB AFQT Composite  
IB Language & Literature (4)

### LOCAL DEMONSTRATION

LEAs may develop, with PED notification, other rigorous, standards-based demonstrations of career and/or college readiness to demonstrate students' graduation competency, per NMAC 6.19.7.10 (2009, repealed 2018). PED notification form is available on the PED [Graduation Requirements](#) page.

\*Alternative Demonstration of Competency (ADC) Waivers are no longer required by PED.

Students following the **modified option**, whose IEPs establish individualized passing scores, should default to their individualized score when determining demonstration of competency. Students following the **ability option** will take DLM as the primary assessment.

For additional information, visit the Graduation Requirements page at:

<https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/college-career-readiness/graduation/>