

# Grades 9 & 10 Short-Cycle Assessment Evaluation and Approval

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# Grades 9 & 10 SCA Evaluation and Approval

Statute §22-2C-4.1, NMSA 1978 specifies that PED shall approve SCAs now in use for grades 9 and 10.

# SCA Evaluation Criteria and Rubric

1. Fall 2009 statewide Short-Cycle Assessment Taskforce:
  1. Established rubric based on requirements in statute, regulation, and input from national standards and assessment expert Dr. Stanley Rabinowicz.

# SCA Evaluation Criteria and Rubric

1. Assessment three times each year in reading/language arts, and math in grades 9 and 10;
2. Alignment with state academic content and performance standards or the SBA;
3. Ability to make reliable measurements;
4. Unbiased assessment of race/ethnicity, gender, and cultural subgroups;
5. Availability of allowable accommodations for students with disabilities and limited English proficiency;
6. Test score reports in written form, understandable format and language, and delivered promptly; and
7. Statistical correlation between student scores on the SCA and the SBA.

# SCA Evaluation a Collaborative Process

- PED will fund and contract for alignment studies (6 assessments already studied, 6 more will be studied in spring 2010)
- Districts will assemble evidence required in rubric
- Districts will submit information on WEB-EPSS now in development.
- Districts will give a preliminary score using the rubric
- PED will evaluate evidence and may request clarification
- PED will provide final score and determination (approval or non-approval)

# What if SCA is Not Approved?

- If the SCA is not approved, districts will have one year to work with SCA test vendor/developer on improvements.
- District will need to submit evidence of improvements to the PED on WEB-EPSS
- PED and Districts will evaluate evidence.
- If the improvements still do not meet requirements, the district will be required to implement a PED approved SCA.

# SCA Evaluation Timeline

- SCA Evaluation on WEB-EPSS by late February 2010.
- Online Training – Webinars or video conferences in early March 2010.
- Assembly and submission of evidence in April 2010.
- Evaluation and Approval in May 2010. Results posted on PED webpage.

# Communication Plan

- Superintendents and DTCs will be informed of rollout of SCA Evaluation on WEB-EPSS.
- Training opportunities will be announced.
- Deadlines will be announced.