

# New Mexico's Assessment Program

Recent Changes Affecting  
Assessment in 2011-2012

# 2012 Assessment Dates

- **NMHSCE:**
  - Fall: Sept 26 – Oct 14, 2011
  - Winter: Jan 9 – Jan 27, 2012
- **AAHSG:**
  - Fall: Sept 26 – Oct 28, 2011
  - Winter: Jan 9 – Feb 10, 2012
- **ACCESS:** Jan 16 – Feb 24
- **NMAPA:** Feb 27 – April 6, 2012
- **SBA:** March 19 – April 6, 2012

# New Documents

- Checklists
- Test Security Manual
- Updated Accommodations Manual  
(simplified coding)
- Updated Procedures Manual
- Confidentiality Agreement  
(only one now)

# Test Vendor Contact Info

- Measured Progress (SBA, NMHSCE)  
877-676-6722
- American Institutes for Research  
(AIR) 1-800-254-6130
- WIDA (ACCESS, W-APT)  
800-747-4868

# Senate Bill 360

## Temporarily Suspended:

- SBA Writing in grades 4, 6, 7, and 11.
- SBA, grade 11, Social Studies
- Short Cycle Assessment for grades 9 and 10.
- Graduation Exit Exam requirement for students completing course requirements during 2011-2012.

# New Mexico High School Competency Examination

- 2010-2011 Seniors were the last cohort taking the NMHSCE (now only retakes, mainly G-13, some in-school)
- Retakes: Fall and January windows  
9/26/-10/14/2011 and 1/9/-1/27/2012
- Results back by graduation
- Students who started on the NMHSCE still must pass all subtests for graduation.

# Significant Changes: SBA

- Science assessed in grade 4, 7, 11
- Writing assessed in grades 3, 5, 8
- Social Studies Eliminated (G-11)
- For Grade 11, Spring SBA becomes the High School Graduation Assessment with PASS/FAIL for graduation for the class of 2013.
- Assessment Window: March 19 – April 6\*, 2012 (3 weeks)

# New Mexico Standards Based Assessment 2012

Subtests	Grade Levels Assessed						
Reading	3	4	5	6	7	8	11
Mathematics	3	4	5	6	7	8	11
Science		4			7		11
Writing	3		5			8	

# SBA

- Generates AYP scores
- For Grade 11, Spring SBA 2012 will become the Graduation Assessment (SBA/HSGA)
- Can be taken with accommodations
- Accommodations may not invalidate the results
- IEP Committee can set PASS/FAIL levels for Students on Career Pathway
- Assessment dates: Mar 19 – Apr 6

# Content areas tested in 2011-2012

Grade	Reading*	Writing	Math*	Science
3	E & S	E & S	E & S	
4	E & S		E & S	E & S
5	E & S	E & S	E & S	
6	E & S		E & S	
7	E & S		E & S	E & S
8	E & S	E & S	E & S	
11	E & S		E & S	E & S
* used in AYP calculations				

# Change in Sessions

- Reading now has only 2 sessions (due to elimination of field test items).
- Grade 3 Writing now has 3 sessions (to simplify directions).

# Test Schedule and Order

- District/schools are now required to follow state testing schedules
- SBA subtests must be administered in the order they appear in the test booklet.

# SBA Online Reports

- Student Report to Parents S\*
- Student report to teachers D\*\* & S
- Student Roster Report D & S
- Perf by Subgroup Categ Confidential D & S
- Perf by Subgroup Non-Confidential D & S
- Item Plot Report D & S
- District Summary Roster D
- District Report of Schools D

\* School

\*\* District

# Alternate Demonstration of Standards Based Competencies

- Students can choose to do a demonstration of their knowledge of the standards in a subject they did not pass on the SBA/HSGA (see regulation) [for class of 2013].
- <http://www.ped.state.nm.us/HighSchoolRedesign/dl11/NM%20ADC%20Guidance%20Doc%202011%2005%20Revised.pdf>

# NMAPA

- Alternate for the SBA
- Based on Expanded Grade Band Expectations
- Generates AYP scores
- For Grade 11+ also serves as a Graduation Assessment (2013)
- IEP Committees can set passing levels after Grade 11 spring test (Ability Pathway 2013)
- Assessment dates: Feb 27 – Apr 6, 2012

# Changes to the Alternate Assessment (NMAPA)

- Elimination of Science in Grades 3, 5, 6, and 8 (Temporarily Suspended)
- Elimination of Social Studies in G-11 (Temporarily Suspended)
- Additional testing window in January that will bring results by graduation

# New Mexico Alternate Performance Assessment (NMAPA)

Subtests	Grade Levels Assessed						
Reading	3	4	5	6	7	8	11
Language Arts	3	4	5	6	7	8	11
Mathematics	3	4	5	6	7	8	11
Science		4			7		11

Note: NMAPA is also administered to G-12 as a grad assessment (exit exam requirement suspended for Class of 2012).

# NMAPA Training

This training is only for those people who will be administering the NMAPA and have not participated in a PED-sponsored training session.

- Recommended for Directors of district and school Special Ed. Depts., administrators, and staff who support certified staff who administer this assessment.
- **Required** for Test Administrators and second raters.

# NMAPA Training Dates and Locations

Registration is online.

- **Dates:**

  - Sept. 12, 13, 14, 15 (2011)

  - Jan. 30, 31

  - Feb. 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 (2012)

- **Locations:**

  - Las Cruces
  - Roswell
  - Las Vegas
  - Los Lunas
  - Farmington
  - Albuquerque

# NMAPA: Why is there a Second Rater?

- Verify the validity and reliability of the NMAPA scoring model.
- A second rater study shows inter-rater reliability by:
  - determining the accuracy with which NMAPA test administrators score student responses to assessment items
  - determining the rates of agreement between two independent scorers.

# NMAPA: What is a Second Rater?

- Observe the administration of each item and the student response. Score the student's response independently.
- Test administrators and second raters do not confer on any aspect of the administration, including scaffolding and assignment of scores to student responses.
- Must participate in NMAPA training provided by PED.
- 25% of students randomly selected statewide will have a second rater. At least 1 student from every school will require a second rater.

# Second Rater: NMAPA

- All schools should plan to conduct at least one second rater administration in every grade band (3-4, 5-6, 7-8, or 11-12) in which they intend to administer the NMAPA. Schools assessing **one through five** students in a grade band should plan to provide one second rater assessment in that grade band, while schools administering NMAPA to **six or more** students in a grade band should plan for two second rater assessments in that grade band.

# Waivers for graduation assessments

- Waivers for the NMHSCE: process remains the same.
- There will also be for the SBA/HSGA. The form will be available on the Waivers PED webpage.

# ACCESS for ELLs

- Assessment of English language proficiency
- All ELL students must be assessed annually
- ELL requirements governed by Title III (federal) and state
- ELL students are protected by the Office of Civil Rights

# ACCESS for ELLs

- Required by federal law to
- Developed by; World-Class Instructional Design and Assessments (WIDA)
- NM also adopted WIDA English Language Development Standards
- 2012 Assessment window:  
Jan 16 – Feb 24, 2012

# W-APT: Placement/Screening Test

- Upon enrollment, if Home Language Survey indicates a language other than English; the W-APT is administered.
- Student must be assessed and if qualifies as ELL must be placed into program within 30 days.

# Short Cycle Assessment

- Originally required for grades 9 and 10
- Suspended for 2011-2012
- NWEA (MAPS) and Discovery are both Provisionally Approved
- <http://www.ped.state.nm.us/AssessmentAccountability/AssessmentEvaluation/SCA/index.html>

# Impacts on Students

- Class of 2012 has no graduation test requirement.
- No retakes for 2011-2012 graduates.
- All students will have shorter assessment times for SBA and NMAPA.
- Grades 9 and 10 students are not required to be assessed by their schools with short cycle assessment.

# Impacts on Teachers

- More instructional time
- Less testing

# Impacts on Schools

- Shorter Assessment Window (SBA)
- Shorter testing time (writing eliminated in grades 4, 6, 7, 11 and social studies eliminated grade 11)
- More instructional time
- Not required to administer short cycle assessment in grades 9 and 10
- Cost savings

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