

NM Public Education Department

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS: COHORT 2017

The state has multiple options for graduation purposes: the standard option, the career option, and the ability option. The required assessments and passing scores necessary for demonstrating competency differ depending on the graduation option a student is pursuing. Below are the **primary methods** for students to demonstrate competency in the five subject areas.

STANDARD OPTION

Students using this graduation option must meet state-established passing scores for all regular assessments. Students with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) or Section 504 Plans and English language learners (ELLs) may use approved accommodations on these assessments to assist them in accessing the content of the tests.

MATHEMATICS

- PARCC Algebra II with at least a score of 725 (Performance Level 3)
or
- PARCC Geometry with at least a score of 725 (Performance Level 3)
or
- PARCC Integrated Mathematics II with at least a score of 725 (Performance Level 3)
or
- PARCC Integrated Mathematics III with at least a score of 725 (Performance Level 3)

Note on Integrated Mathematics II and III exams: Because Integrated Mathematics II and III exams are not available for retests in the fall, students needing to demonstrate competency in these areas are permitted to progress directly to an ADC.

READING

- PARCC ELA Grade 11 with at least a score of 725 (Performance Level 3)
or
- PARCC ELA Grade 11 Reading subscore of at least 42 (See note on page 2.)

WRITING

- PARCC ELA Grade 11 with at least a score of 725 (Performance Level 3)
or
- PARCC ELA Grade 11 Writing subscore of at least 31

Note on ELA Grade 11 Reading and Writing subscores: Students failing to meet the passing score for PARCC ELA Grade 11 may still have met the passing score for a single component: reading **or** writing. If the student achieved a passing score in only one component, he or she may attempt to satisfy the other component by retesting with PARCC ELA Grade 11.

SCIENCE

- SBA Science Grade 11 with at least a score of 1138

SOCIAL STUDIES

- One state-developed Social Studies EOC exam with the state-established passing score

TEST ATTEMPT REQUIREMENT

To meet the test requirements, students may retake the assessments in fall 2016 and, if needed, for five additional years, to earn a diploma. Prior to pursuing an ADC, students in the 2017 cohort must make the following number of attempts (with the exception noted above for the Integrated Mathematics II and III tests):

Mathematics and ELA: PARCC a minimum of 2 times

Science: SBA Science 2 times

Social Studies: One state-developed EoC 1 time

CAREER OPTION

Certain students with disabilities have alternate high school graduation options outlined in their IEPs. Students following the career option take similar assessments as those in the standard option, but their IEP teams may set passing scores for all assessments. Students using this option may retake the SBA in science and PARCC graduation assessments in fall 2016.

MATHEMATICS

- PARCC Algebra I, Geometry, or Algebra II with individualized passing scores
or
- PARCC Integrated Mathematics I, II, or III with individualized passing scores

READING

- PARCC ELA Grade 11 with individualized passing scores
or
- PARCC ELA Grade 11 Reading with individualized subscores

WRITING

- PARCC ELA Grade 11 with individualized passing scores
or
- One writing EoC with individualized passing scores
or
- PARCC ELA Grade 11 Writing with individualized subscores

SCIENCE

- SBA Science Grade 11 with individualized passing scores

SOCIAL STUDIES

- One state-developed Social Studies EoC with individualized passing scores

Students on the career option who do not meet passing scores on the primary demonstration of competency may use the ADC after completing the same attempt requirements as students on the standard graduation option.

ABILITY OPTION

The ability option for graduation is available for students with severe cognitive impairments that affect the student in multiple settings (school, home, and community). As determined by the IEP team, students on the ability option take the alternate state assessments in the five required subjects. The Alternate Assessment for ELA, mathematics, science, and social studies is the New Mexico Alternate Assessment (NMAPA). IEP teams may set appropriate passing scores for students under this graduation option according to state statute and rule.

MATHEMATICS

- NMAPA Mathematics with 1240 or with individualized passing scores

READING

- NMAPA Reading with 1240 or with individualized passing scores

WRITING

- NMAPA Writing (Spring 2017) with 1240 or with individualized passing scores

Note on NMAPA Writing: Because Writing was not scored in spring 2015 or spring 2016, a student may proceed directly to an ADC for writing.

SCIENCE

- NMAPA Science with 501 or with individualized passing scores

SOCIAL STUDIES

- NMAPA Social Studies with 501 or with individualized passing scores.

Students pursuing the ability option who do not meet the established cut scores or their individualized passing scores on the primary demonstration of competency may use a local ADC after attempting an alternate state assessment twice per subject area.

ADC IMPLEMENTATION APPLICATION

If students do not meet the number of assessment attempt requirements listed above for any of the three graduation options, they may use the ADC with an ADC Implementation Application approved by the state.

GRADUATION ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS: COHORT 2017

Below are the graduation assessment requirements for out-of-state and private school transfer students in the cohort of 2017. These requirements are dependent on the timing of a student's entrance into New Mexico public schools.

Transfer Timing	Assessment	Waiver Needed?
Transfer NOT IN final year of High School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must meet all New Mexico assessment requirements by subject: English language arts (reading and writing), mathematics, science and social studies • Passing scores on out-of-state exit exams may apply to assessment requirements by subject. For example, if a student passed English language arts (reading and writing) and mathematics on out-of-state exit exams, this student needs to pass only New Mexico assessment requirements in science and social studies. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of out-of-state assessments requires a Graduation Waiver Request.
Transfer IN final year of High School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must pass English language arts (reading and writing) and mathematics assessment requirements ONLY • Passing scores on out-of-state exit exams may apply to assessment requirements by subject: English language arts (reading and writing) and mathematics. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waiver of science and social studies assessment requirements is NOT necessary for this category of student. • Use of out-of-state assessments to fulfill assessment requirements in English language arts (reading and writing) and mathematics requires a Graduation Waiver Request. • If a student transfers in during the final year of high school after the fall retest window, the student does not need to meet the test attempt requirement before pursuing an ADC. A waiver is NOT necessary in this situation.