



2022-23 Fact Sheet

New Mexico Measures of Student Success and Achievement

The New Mexico Measures of Student Success and Achievement is New Mexico's statewide summative assessment for mathematics and English language arts, administered at the end of Grades 3-8. As the NM-MSSA is a single measure at the end of a grade band, interpretations and uses of NM-MSSA scores should be supplemented with additional measures, including information from classroom summative and formative assessments in mathematics and English language arts as well as interim assessments.



Who takes the NM-MSSA in 2022-23?

All students not designated for alternate assessment in Grades 3-8 take the NM-MSSA in ELA and math. Eligible English Learners in Grades 3-8 may be assigned the Spanish Language Arts version of the assessment.



What does the test measure?

The NM-MSSA is designed to measure whether students are on track to be ready for college or career, as defined by the state, by showing they have mastered the [New Mexico Common Core State Standards](#) Performance Level Descriptors.



When is the test given?

See administration dates under Title I, ESSA Assessments on the PED's [2022-23 Assessment Schedule](#). Access the [Online Interactive Calendar](#) for all pertinent dates related to this assessment.



How is the test administered?

The NM-MSSA is a computer-based, fixed-form assessment but can be ordered on paper for students requiring such per their IEP. Schools have the flexibility within the testing window to schedule sessions to best meet student needs.

| Subject | Sessions | Time (Approximation) |
|--------------|----------------|----------------------|
| ELA (or SLA) | Reading | 75 minutes |
| | Language Usage | 75 minutes |
| Math | No Calculator | 60 minutes |
| | Calculator | 60 minutes |

For specific information about question types and total point allotment, please see the [NM-MSSA ELA](#), [NM-MSSA SLA](#) and [NM-MSSA Math](#) Blueprints.



What are the performance levels?

Students will receive a performance level and a numerical scaled score in Math, Reading, and Language Usage:

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|--------|---------------------|------------|----------|
| Novice | Nearing Proficiency | Proficient | Advanced |
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NM-MSSA scale score ranges vary by grade. Please see [Cognia Scale Scores](#) to see the scale score matrix. For specific information about the knowledge, skills, and abilities a student must demonstrate to score within each proficiency level, please see the [Performance Level Descriptors](#) for the corresponding grade levels.



When can I access reports?

Preliminary scores will be available to district and school administrators in the [Cognia Data Interaction](#) portal approximately 10 days after the testing window closes. Results will be made available in the [Parent Portal](#).

For more information on the NM-ASR, please visit the [PED NM-MSSA resource page](#) or [Cognia Help and Support site](#).