

2021 School Counselors' Virtual Conference

THE COLLEGE BOARD AND SAT CHANGES

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SESSION AGENDA

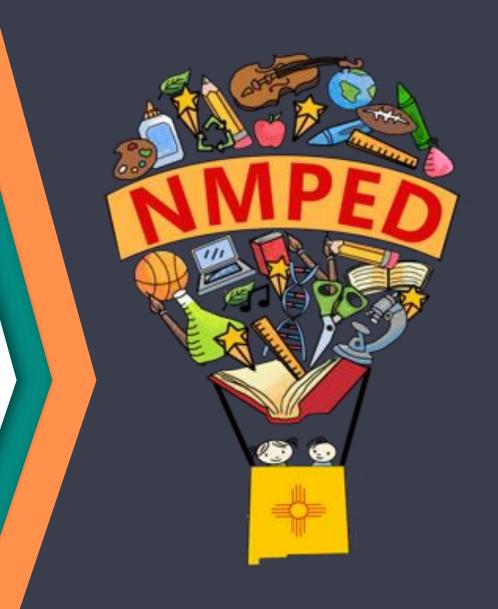
- Graduation Requirements
- Demonstration of Competency
- SAT testing this spring
- Changes to College Board programs



Demonstrations of Competency

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Policy: Graduation Requirements



New Mexico Statute 22-13-1.1

New Mexico Administrative Code 6.19.7 and 6.29.1.9

Statute & Rule Under Review for Cohort 2025

Cohort 2021

Entered grade 9 in 2017-18 school year

6.19.7 NMAC 2009 applies Cohort 2022

Entered grade 9 in 2018-19 school year

6.19.7 NMAC 2018 applies Cohort 2023

Entered grade 9 in 2019-20 school year

6.19.7 NMAC 2018 applies Cohort 2024

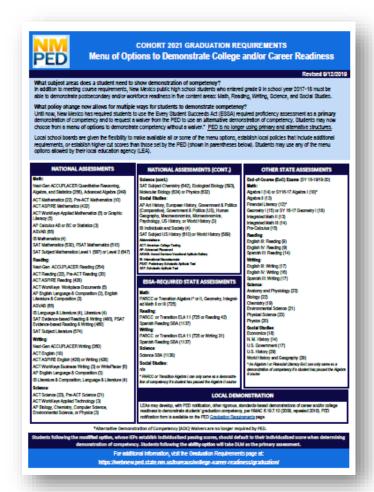
Entered grade 9 in 2020-21 school year

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Enters grade 9 in 2021-22 SY

> 6.19.7 NMAC under review

COVID Impact on Cohort 2021





Support High School Seniors for School Year 2020-2021

These adjustments apply only to seniors graduating with Cohort 2021

Adjusting Graduation Requirements

Flexibility with Course Requirements

- Assessments in place of seat time (examples include locally designed tests, online PSAT/SAT prep, leveraging a cut score from a college entrance exam, college admissions/placement beyond community college, industry credential, or any <u>state</u> <u>demonstration of competency.</u>)
- 2. Credit via job experience that connects with the curriculum.
- 3. Credit via a locally designed and agreed-upon series of assignments or work completion.
- Credit through expanded course equivalency. The LEA will determine the expanded course equivalency for seniors. However, LEAs will report which courses they are using in such cases to the College and Career Readiness Bureau. Please email JoAnne.Beuerle@state.nm.us

Demonstrations of Competency

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Some examples of local demonstrations of competency might be:

- Portfolios
- Project-based learning
- Capstones
- Oral presentations
- · College Admissions Letter

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Cohort 2021: Course Requirements = Competency

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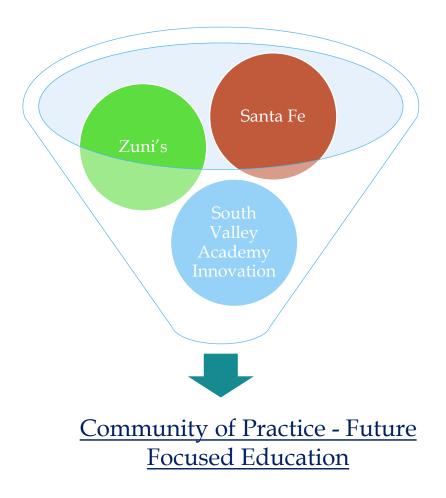
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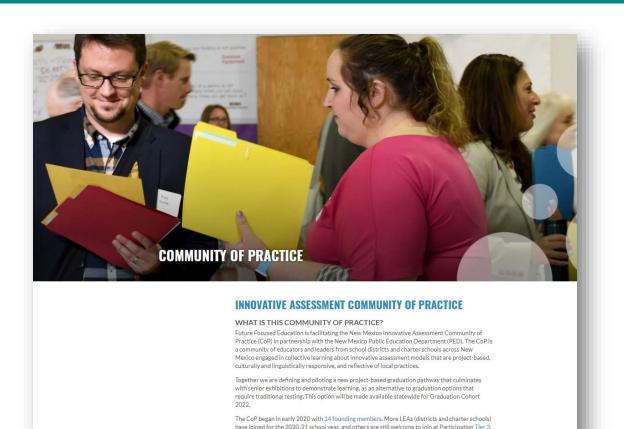
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- This cohort will likely need flexibility as well for their demonstrations of competency
- Not yet determined, but guidance coming soon

Equity Seeking Competency Options





(Tiers 1 and 2 have closed for the school year.)

Future Competency Options

14 Founding Member LEA working to develop capstone projects

New Mexico SAT School Day

Spring 2021

SAT School Day provides all 11th grade students in New Mexico the opportunity to take the SAT and receive a college reportable score at no cost to them.

Status of Testing

The SAT is available to districts/schools who wish to administer the SAT under PED's flexible testing model this spring. Schools will have the flexibility to allow families to participate in all testing or partial testing without penalty or concern of negatively impacting students.

Health and Safety Guidance

PED has provided districts with guidance to ensure every safety precaution is taken to protect the health of all students and staff.

Test Preparation for Students

College Board has a partnership with Khan Academy to provide personalized practice and multiple practice tests to students for free. Additional information can be found here.

Flexibility Options

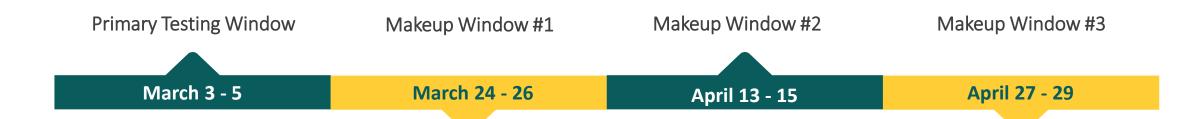
College Board is offering additional testing windows this spring to ensure schools can schedule their testing while observing all required safety protocols.





SAT School Day Timeline

Spring 2021









SAT SUITE QUESTION BANK

The <u>SAT Suite Question Bank (SSQB)</u> is a freely accessible tool for teachers to created targeted assessments using about 3,500 real SAT, PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT10, and PSAT 8/9 test questions.



SSQB Module - ELA

Training course for high school ELA teachers interested in using the question bank in the classroom.



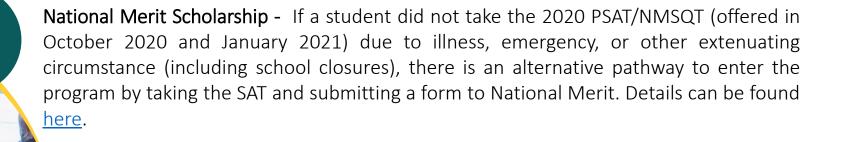
SSQB Module - Math

<u>Training course</u> for high school math teachers interested in using the question bank in the classroom.





Scholarship Opportunities



Student Search Service – When students take the SAT, they can opt-in to Student Search Service and get connected to Colleges and scholarship opportunities.

College Board Opportunity Scholarships Program - The program guides students through the college planning process and offers students a chance to earn money for college for each action they complete. Think of it as a college planning tool-meets-scholarship program. Students earn chances at scholarships by completing six key actions along the path to college. Scholarships are awarded monthly through drawings among all eligible students.





College Board Updates

As students and colleges adapt to new realities and changes to the college admissions process, the College Board is making sure its programs adapt with them





Discontinuing SAT Subject Tests

The expanded reach of AP and its widespread availability for low-income students and students of color means the Subject Tests are no longer necessary for students to show what they know.



Discontinuing the SAT Essay

This decision recognizes that there are other ways for students to demonstrate their mastery of essay writing. After June 2021, the Essay will only be available in states where it's required for SAT School Day administrations for accountability purposes.

A More Flexible, Digital SAT

A commitment to a more streamlined, digitally delivered test that meets the evolving needs of students and higher education.

