

## New Mexico School for the Arts – 2016-2017 Academic Assessments

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Assessment</b>	<b>Grades Testing</b>
Mon. 9/26 – Wed. 9/28: In regularly scheduled academic classes	<b>Quarter 1 Interim Assessments</b>	9, 10, 11, 12
Wed. 10/19: 9:20-12:00	<b>PSAT</b>	10
Wed. 11/9: 10:00-12:30	<b>Science SBA – Retake</b> to meet High School Graduation Assessment requirement in science (score 38+)	12 - students will be notified if they need to take this test
Tue. 11/14-16 Academic Block	<b>PARCC Math Assessment – Retake</b> to meet High School Graduation Assessment requirement (score 3+)	12 – students will be notified if they need to take this test
Tue. 12/13 – Fri. 12/16: Final exam special schedule	<b>Semester 1 Final Exams</b> <b>End of Course Exams (NM History, Econ, Health only)</b> <b>Quarter 2 Interim Assessments</b>	9, 10, 11, 12
Tue. 1/10-Thu. 1/12 Arts Block	<b>End of Course Exams – Retake</b> to meet High School Graduation Assessment requirement in math, social studies, or science via Alternative Demonstration of Competency	12 – students will be notified if they need to take this test
Mon. 2/27 – Wed. 3/1: In regularly scheduled academic classes	<b>Quarter 3 Interim Assessments</b>	9, 10, 11, 12
Wed. 3/15: Academic block	<b>Science SBA</b>	11
Testing Window: 4/3 – 4/13: Specific dates & times TBD	<b>PARCC – reading, writing, and math</b>	9, 10, 11
Tue. 5/9 – Fri. 5/12: Final exam special schedule	<b>Semester 2 Final Exams</b> <b>End of Course Exams</b>	9, 10, 11, 12

## Assessments That Fulfill NM Public Education Department Mandates

Assessment	What is it?	Why do we do it?	When do we do it?	Misc.
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PARCC: Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers</b></p>	<p>NM's computer-based assessment of reading, writing, and mathematics for students in grades 3-11</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Public Education Department mandate</b></li> <li>● NM graduation requirement</li> <li>● Measures student mastery of Common Core State Standards</li> <li>● Component of school grade and teacher evaluation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 4/3-13/2017</li> </ul>	<p>Replaced SBA for reading and math</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SBA*: New Mexico Standards Based Assessment</b></p>	<p>Science only *See below</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Public Education Department mandate</b></li> <li>● NM graduation requirement</li> <li>● Component of school grade and teacher evaluation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 3/15/2016 for juniors only</li> <li>● Fall of senior year for those who did not score proficient or advanced as juniors</li> </ul>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>EoC: End of Course Exam</b></p>	<p>End of Course exams are subject-specific tests developed by PED to assess student proficiency in NM State Standards and Benchmarks.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Public Education Department mandate</b></li> <li>● NM graduation requirement for social studies</li> <li>● Alternative demonstration of competency for math, science, reading and writing</li> <li>● Component of teacher evaluation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● End of semester for single-semester classes</li> <li>● End of the year for year-long classes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● In courses where EoC is required, it replaces final exam</li> <li>● Students who do not demonstrate proficiency on PARCC/SBA may use a passing EoC score as Alternative Demonstration of Competency for graduation requirements</li> <li>● Students across NM take identical EoCs – common measurement of proficiency</li> </ul>

<p><b>NMSA Interim Assessments</b></p>	<p>Classroom teacher-created interim assessments in math, English, history, Spanish, and science given each quarter to grades 9-12</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Public Education Department mandate to give interim assessments</b></li> <li>● NMSA choice to use classroom teacher-created assessments rather than standardized interim assessments (MAP, etc.)</li> <li>● Assess student progress toward standards in order to adjust instruction as needed</li> </ul>	<p>Final week of each quarter</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● PED granted NMSA a waiver to use classroom teacher-created interim assessments in place of MAP testing</li> <li>● Given in Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra II, Biology, Chemistry, English I, English II, English III, English IV, World History, US History, and Spanish I</li> <li>● Part of regular class grade; not a high-stakes graduation requirement</li> </ul>
<p><b>Final Exams</b></p>	<p>Teacher-created cumulative semester exams taken by students in any class taken for credit</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Public Education Department mandate</b></li> <li>● Measures full extent of students' knowledge of content</li> </ul>	<p>Final week of each semester</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Final exams count for 10-20% of the semester grade</li> <li>● In courses where EoC is required, it replaces final exam</li> </ul>

## Additional College Prep/Entrance Assessments

Assessment	What is it?	Why do we do it?	When do we do it?	Misc.
<b>PSAT**</b>	See Below	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Component of school grade</li> <li>● Screening for Nat'l Merit Scholarship</li> </ul>	October of every year at NMSA	No cost for 10 <sup>th</sup> grade students.
<b>ACT***</b>	See Below	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Component of school grade</li> <li>● College admissions</li> </ul>	Throughout the year at test centers	Fee waivers available based on need.
<b>SAT****</b>	See Below	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Component of school grade</li> <li>● College admissions</li> </ul>	Throughout the year at test centers	Fee waivers available based on need.

\* **SBA:** Standards Based Assessment is a NMPED-developed assessment that all schools must use to show students' level of proficiency in science. Scoring proficient or advanced is a graduation requirement. Students who are not proficient or advanced must meet an Alternative Demonstration of Competency (ADC). The ADC will only be allowed AFTER the student has failed to be proficient on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade science SBA. The 12<sup>th</sup> grade science retake SBA is administered in the fall of the senior year.

\*\* **PSAT:** **PSAT** is a nationwide, multiple-choice test taken by about 3.4 million high school students every year—mostly sophomores and juniors. A great primer for the SAT® and even the ACT®, the **PSAT** includes math, critical reading and writing questions. The percentage of 10<sup>th</sup> grade students who take the test is used by NMPED as a measure of NMSA's college readiness. Therefore, all 10<sup>th</sup> graders take this test. 11<sup>th</sup> graders hoping to qualify as National Merit Scholarship Finalists also take the test. 11<sup>th</sup> graders unable to pay for this are given financial support.

\*\*\* **ACT:** The **ACT** is a college admission achievement test measuring what a student has learned in school. The **ACT** has up to five components: English, mathematics, reading, science, and an optional writing test. Students unable to pay for this are given financial support. The test is administered on different Saturdays throughout the year at locations other than NMSA.

\*\*\*\* **SAT:** The **SAT** is another globally recognized college admission test that lets students show colleges what they know and how well they can apply that knowledge. It tests their knowledge of reading, writing and math — subjects that are taught every day in high school classrooms. Students unable to pay for this are given financial support. The test is administered on different Saturdays throughout the year at locations other than NMSA.