



2022-23 Fact Sheet

Dynamic Learning Maps



Dynamic Learning Maps alternate assessments are designed for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities for whom, even with accommodations, general state assessments are not appropriate. DLM assessments offer these students a way to show what they know and can do in mathematics, English language arts, and science.



Who takes the DLM in 2022-23?

DLM is New Mexico’s federally required alternate assessment for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities whose Individualized Education Program Teams designate the state’s alternate assessment as the most appropriate academic assessment.

- Students in Grades 3-8, and 11 take DLM in English Language Arts and Math
- Students in Grades 5, 8, and 11 take DLM in Science
- Cohort 2023 graduates who were not administered the assessment in spring 2022 are encouraged to take DLM in English, Math, and Science
- ELs enrolled in a U.S. school for less than a full academic year may be exempted from taking the ELA assessment during their first year in a U.S. school. They will take math, science, and ELP assessments as appropriate.
 - DLM is not available in other languages, but can be translated as an accessibility feature.

For more information on determining if the DLM is the appropriate assessment for a student, please refer to the [DLM Participation Guidelines](#) or visit the DLM [Professional Development](#) site.



What does the test measure?

DLM measures proficiency on the Essential Elements for [English Language Arts](#), [Math](#), and [Science](#). EEs are alternate standards linked with the Common Core State Standards and Next Generation Science Standards, although at less-complex skill levels.



When is the test given?

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



How is the test administered?

- DLM is administered by an educator who has completed the required [DLM test administrator training](#) and who is familiar with the student in a 1:1 setting.
- DLM is not a timed test. Test sessions are adapted to the student’s ability and attention span. Because of the dynamic nature of the assessment, it can take up to 15 minutes for a subsequent testlet to load; please schedule accordingly.
- Accessibility features and accommodations are provided online or by the teacher to fit student needs. Completion of the First Contact Survey and Personal Needs Profile will tailor the assessment to fit individual student needs.



What are the Performance Levels?

Emerging	Approaching the Target	At Target	Advanced
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Where Can I Access Reports?

Educators can access reports via the [Kite Educator Portal](#). LEAs can provide access to parents via the [Kite Parent Portal](#).

For more information on DLM, please visit the [DLM-New Mexico](#) or the [State Assessment](#) sites.