



A 21ST CENTURY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Striving For Academic Achievement, Leadership Skills and Social Responsibility

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Dear TA Families,

Taos Academy is committed to ensuring that all students continue to make or exceed expected yearly academic growth. Assessments are a way for us to gain the information needed to further tailor instructional needs for every student. Knowing that no one piece of data can tell the full story of a student, the data can be used alongside other sources of information to determine holistic support for all students. Taos Academy will be using assessment data supplemented with additional measures, including information from classroom summative, interim, and formative assessments to develop individualized learning plans for all students.

Yearly summative student assessment of skills is required by federal and state law. The Every Students Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires that, **all students**, including students with disabilities and English learners, be tested in:

- Reading and math in grades 3–8 and once in high school;
- Science once in elementary, middle, and high school;
- English proficiency if the student is an English learner.

State summative testing requires exams to be proctored on campus. **This includes Flex Academy students.** This year state summative testing for the 2021-2022 school year are as follows:

- **5th grade:** NM MSSA(Math, Reading, Writing) Monday, March 28th and Wednesday, March 30th. NM ASR(Science) Monday, April 11th and Monday, April 18th.
- **6th grade:** NM MSSA(Math, Reading, Writing) Monday, March 28th and Wednesday, March 30th.
- **7th grade:** NM MSSA(Math, Reading, Writing) Monday, March 28th and Wednesday, March 30th.
- **8th grade:** NM MSSA(Math, Reading, Writing) Monday, March 28th and Wednesday, March 30th. NM ASR(Science) Monday, April 11th and Monday, April 18th.
- **9th grade:** No summative assessment
- **10th grade:** No summative assessment
- **11th grade:** NM ASR(Science) Tuesday, March 29th and Thursday, March 31st. College Board SAT (Math, Reading, Writing) April 13, 14, 19, 20 Students will be notified which day or dates they will test.
- **12th grade:**No summative assessment

Below is a description of the assessments used. For further information please refer to the NMPED Assessment website:

<https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/assessment/parent-and-student-resources/>

Assessment of Science Readiness (ASR)* The ASR measures science proficiency aligned to the New Mexico STEM Ready! Science Standards. The assessment is required annually for students in **grades 5, 8 and 11**.

Measures of Student Success & Achievement (MSSA)* The MSSA is the summative assessment in math, English language arts, and Spanish language arts for students in **grades 3-8**, aligned to the New Mexico Common Core Standards and Common Core Español Standards for SLA. The assessment measures a student's grade level proficiency and progress toward college and/or career readiness.

SAT School Day* The SAT is a national assessment developed by The College Board to measure knowledge and skills that can consistently predict a student's success in college and workforce training programs. The SAT is administered annually to all students in **grade 11**. The SAT is a single day administration for standard administration with no accommodations. Students will be notified which day or dates they will test.

If you have questions, please contact Jamie Lucero-Martinez

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Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



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