

You are invited to apply to participate in Review Committees for the NM-ASR

The Public Education Department seeks input from New Mexico science teachers, administrators, and professional volunteers in the development of the New Mexico Assessment of Science Readiness, administered to students in grades 5, 8, and 11. Participants are needed for the following committees.

| COMMITTEE NAME | COMMITTEE PURPOSE |
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| Item Review | Review new test items to ensure that they align to the New Mexico STEM Ready Standards and assess grade band–appropriate science content. |
| Bias & Sensitivity Review | Ensure that the items are culturally responsive, free of bias, and are not an obstacle for any group of children to demonstrate what they know and are able to do. Committee members will represent the diverse demographics of New Mexico. |
| Range Finding Review | Review and evaluate student work yielded through field-testing of items. Select exemplar student responses which illustrate the entire performance range as defined by the scoring rubric; and establish scoring rules which will ensure scoring consistency within and across grade levels and across years. These educator-vetted and educator-approved materials will be used for scorer training. |

Importance of Committee Participation

| PARTICIPATION / WHO? | IMPORTANCE |
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| All educators that participate in these committees will find the experience: | A valuable professional development opportunity that can deepen the connections between instruction, learning, and assessment. |
| Who should apply? | Instructional coaches, curriculum and instruction administrators, and other educators. Classroom teachers with current experience teaching New Mexico students in the science content standards are particularly encouraged to apply. |
| What do these committees accomplish? | <p>These committees conduct the fourth and sixth step of a rigorous standardized test development process. These steps include:</p> <p>Step 1. Adopt content standards.</p> <p>Step 2. Choose the test design.</p> <p>Step 3. Develop items.</p> <p>Step 4. Review new items to ensure they are fair, reliable, and accurate. Committee members decide to recommend, recommend with modifications, or not recommend items to be included on the NM-ASR.</p> <p>Step 5. Field test items to gauge how they perform. The item is being tested—not the child.</p> <p>Step 6. Analyze field test data to set score ranges for proficiency levels.</p> <p>Steps 7 & 8. Use the item data and input from committees to build better tests.</p> |

NM-ASR Review Committee Application Process

1. To apply, please fill out the application(s) at the URLs provided below.
2. Applicants will be selected for participation in only one committee.
3. **Applications must be received by April 17, 2020.**
4. **Selected applicants will be notified by April 24, 2020.**
5. Once all selections are completed, each committee member will receive a confirmation and hotel room reservation (if requested on application) via emails separately.

| Range Finding Review Committees for Spring 2020 NM-ASR Census Field Test Application URL: http://bit.ly/2020NM-ASR-CensusFTRFRCAApplication | |
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| Grade 5 Range Finding Review | June 1-4 |
| Grade 8 Range Finding Review | June 1-4 |
| Grade 11 Range Finding Review | June 1-5 |

| Bias & Sensitivity Review Committees for Spring 2021 NM-ASR Operational Test Application URL: http://bit.ly/2021NM-ASRBSRCAApplication | |
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| Grades 5, 8, and 11 Bias and Sensitivity Review | June 23-25 |

| Item Review Committees for Spring 2021 NM-ASR Operational Test Application URL: http://bit.ly/2021NM-ASRIRCAApplication | |
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| Grade 5 Item Review | June 22-24 |
| Grade 8 Item Review | June 22-24 |
| Grade 11 Item Review | June 22-25 |

Given our current national state of emergency, all committees will be conducted virtually.

If you have any questions on how to submit your application, please contact the Cognia New Mexico Helpdesk/Customer Care Center Team at 1-877-676-6722 or nmtechsupport@cognia.org.

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