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Spring 2026 NM-MSSA

ATTENTION: TEST ADMINISTRATORS

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR STUDENTS USING HUMAN READER VERSION OF THE NM-MSSA LANGUAGE ARTS AND MATHEMATICS (BOTH ENGLISH AND SPANISH)

This Human Reader test material packet—whether it is the NM-MSSA Language Arts or Mathematics (both English and Spanish) version of the test—includes a human-reader test administrator script, a test administrator instructions sheet for the NM-MSSA human reader kit, two standard-sized test booklets, and one answer document for grades 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8. The human-reader test material packet for grade 3 includes the same materials but combines the test booklet and answer document into an integrated test booklet and answer document. Please consider the following when administering the Braille test:

- Read the directions and scripts from the [Test Administrator's Manual \(TAM\)](#) the same way as for standard administration.
- You may make adjustments to the specific directions for administering a test as needed to ensure the students taking the Human Reader version of the test understand the testing procedures.
- You may also refer to the [NMPED's Accessibility Features and Accommodations Manual \(AFAM\)](#) for details on using a Human Reader version of the test.

Student Responses

Starting in spring 2025, paper test materials are no longer being returned to Cognia. Instead, all student responses from paper testing must be entered into the online testing portal at <https://newmexico.cognia.org/>.

According to instructions from the New Mexico Public Education Department (NMPED), Local Education Agencies (LEAs) must securely store their used test materials, including answer documents containing student responses.

For detailed information, please refer to NMPED's policy changes outlined in "[Handling Spring 2026 NM-MSSA Students' Paper Testing Responses](#)."