

Spring 2026 NM-MSSA

ATTENTION: TEST ADMINISTRATORS

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR STUDENTS USING LARGE-PRINT TESTS LANGUAGE ARTS AND MATHEMATICS (BOTH ENGLISH & SPANISH)

This large-print test material packet—whether it is the English Language Arts (ELA), Spanish Language Arts (SLA), or Math (English or Spanish) version of the test—includes a large-print test booklet, a test administrator instructions sheet for the NM-MSSA large print test, a standard-sized test booklet and answer document for grades 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8. The large-print test material packet for grade 3 includes the same materials but combines the test booklet and answer document into an integrated large-print test booklet and answer document. Please consider the following when administering the large-print test:

- Read the directions and scripts from the <u>Test Administration Manual (TAM)</u> the same way as for a standard administration.
- The large-print test booklet is 11" X 17". It is recommended that these tests be administered to students at tables (library-sized) to allow for the booklet's size and to ensure student comfort.

Student Responses

Starting with spring 2025, NM-MSSA 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 "<u>Handling Spring 2026 NM-MSSA Students' Paper Testing Responses</u>."