

FMS Parents,

As many of you know, when a new governor was elected for the State of New Mexico in November, changes were also made in the Public Education Department (PED). In addition to a new Secretary of Education being named, changes to the yearly, state-mandated standardized tests were also made. Replacing the PARCC Test this year, is the Spring 2019 New Mexico Standards-Based Transition Assessment of Mathematics and English Language Arts (ELA). These tests provide the district with valuable data about teachers and students, and help FMS identify areas at which students excel and those that need improvement.

It is important to note that **the times of the testing at each school have not changed.** While the tests may not take as long as they previously did, the testing window will remain the same across the district.

There are many simple ways to help your student(s) be successful during testing. Ensure that your child is getting plenty of rest during testing and arrive at school on time or earlier than normal. The FMS assessment staff works with doctor and dental offices year-round to prevent appointments being scheduled during test times. However, if your child has any kind of appointment during a testing period, FMS asks you to reschedule that appointment as soon as possible. The testing window for the entire district is March 6 to May 2. More specific dates are below:

Elementary:

SBA Science	Grade 4	March 12 to March 14
NM Standards-Based Transition ELA/Math	Grades 3-5	April 23 to April 25

Middle School:

SBA Science	Grade 7	March 13
NM Standards-Based Transition ELA/Math	Grades 6-8	April 30 to May 2

High School:

SBA Science	Grade 11	March 6
NM Standards-Based Transition ELA/Math	Grades 9-11	April 23, April 24

Note: Selected schools have been chosen to Field Test for the NMASR (Science)

Animas ES	Grade 5	April 8 to April 12*
Apache ES	Grade 5	April 8 to April 12*
Country Club ES	Grade 5	April 8 to April 12*
NMVA	Grade 5, 8	April 8 to April 12*

*Subject to change

This [link](#) has good resources about assessment and how to support your child through state testing.

