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MEMORANDUM

TO: Superintendents, Charter School Administrators School Counselors, District Test Coordinators

FROM: Gwendolyn Perea Warniment, PhD, Deputy Secretary of Teaching, Learning & Assessment

RE: Cohorts 2022 and 2203 Demonstration of Competency and Pandemic Related Non-Standard Administration Waiver Request for Interim Assessments and Screeners

This memorandum provides information on requirements pertaining to graduation demonstration of competency for cohorts 2022 and 2023 and pandemic related non-standard administration waivers for interim assessments and screeners.

Demonstration of Competency Allowances for Cohorts 2022 and 2023

Due to pandemic-related interruptions to standardized testing, PED allows the continuation of the passing of required coursework to demonstrate competency for cohort 2022 and 2023 graduates, as allowed for cohort 2021.

Pandemic-Related Non-Standard Administration Waiver Request

All state and federally required assessments and screeners per the [Assessment-Schedule-2021-22](#) must be administered on-site at an official district location to ensure valid results. However, due to extenuating circumstances related to the pandemic, districts and charters may submit a non-standardized test administration waiver. The waiver can be located on the [DTC Resources page](#) and submitted to ped.assessment@state.nm.us.

PED will host optional office hours for District Test Coordinators (DTCs) to address questions related to this memorandum on August 27, 2021, at 9:00 AM MT. Office hours registration is available [here](#).

For questions regarding this memorandum, please contact Deputy Director of Assessment, Alicia Abney, at Alicia.Abney@state.nm.us.

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