

ATC Accountability Assessments

ATC 404A

New Mexico statute (NMSA 1978, 22-2C-4) states: “All students shall participate in the academic assessment program.” By law, all students without an exemption for medical reasons are required to take the state assessment. The statute does not offer an exemption or right of refusal. The “academic assessment program” referred to in the statute is defined as the annual state assessments in specific subject areas (i.e., the SBA or PARCC). As such all eligible students are expected to participate in the state assessment.

Based on federal law, all schools are required to assess at least 95% of their eligible students using the statewide assessment. <http://www2.ed.gov/policy/elsec/leg/esea02/pg2.html> . Failure to meet 95% participation rates compromised the school accountability rating. The A-F school letter grade will be reduced by one grade. If New Mexico as a state does not meet the federal requirement of 95% participation, there is a risk that the state may lose federal funding for public education.

The Academy for Technology and the Classics requires all students to take the state assessment. ATC does not offer an exemption or right of refusal.

Students who attend school during testing, but refuse to test, will be placed in his/her designated testing location and may bring a book to read or may complete homework.