



# Bloomfield Schools

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Currently, the New Mexico Public Education Department (NMPED) is seeking an assessment waiver from the Federal government for the current school year. This waiver, if approved, would exempt New Mexican students from taking State assessments related to the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) for the current school year.

ESSA required assessments, as defined by the NMPED, include:

- all students in grades 3-8 in English Language Arts and Mathematics (MSSA)
- all students in grades 5, 8, and 11 in Science (ASR)
- SAT for students in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade
- Only eligible students qualifying for ACCESS or DLM (grades K-12)

In an attempt to gather meaningful data from our parents in order to make the best decisions possible, the Bloomfield Schools is asking parents to complete the following survey. This survey will take approximately 1 to 5 minutes to complete and asks parents to indicate their preference if they choose for their child to take their ESSA required assessments regardless of the waiver. Parents will have two options:

### **If the Federal assessment waiver is APPROVED,**

OPTION #1: "I do not want my child to take the ESSA required assessments"

OPTION #2: "I wish for my child to take the ESSA required assessments (opt-in)"

Should parents choose OPTION #2 (opt-in) for their child to take these ESSA assessments even in the event of an approved Federal waiver, please note that the assessments must take place in person, at your child's current school, per NMPED regulation. Parents choosing OPTION #1 who wish for their child to NOT take the assessment(s) will not be required to, provided that the Federal government does approve the NMPED's waiver request. Only students whose parents opt-in (Option #2) will take the ESSA required assessments.

You can access this survey at <https://forms.gle/dTNCxnmEQEmBDJDs9>. **Please complete this survey for each child that you have enrolled in Bloomfield Schools.** The survey will close at 4:00PM on Friday, February 12, 2021.

We appreciate your participation in this survey. Once we have heard from the NMPED regarding the status of the assessment waiver, we will be sure to inform the community in a timely fashion.

Thank you,  
Bloomfield Schools