

In order to graduate your student must :

- Complete the course requirements for graduation (24 credits Class of 2014 – 2016/24.5 Credits Class of 2017), AND
- Pass state-approved examinations in reading, mathematics, science, social studies, and writing.

How to Demonstrate Competency and Earn a Diploma!

Complete all required coursework, and pass an examination as required below:

Step 1

Step 2

Step 3

Demonstrating Competency

Alternative Demonstrations of Competency (ADC)

Subject area	Test	To demonstrate competency	Only students who do not pass move to Step 2	If the student does not demonstrate competency:	Only students who do not pass move to Step 3	Other alternatives for qualifying for a diploma
Reading <i>Three steps</i>	New Mexico High School Graduation Assessment (HSGA) in reading, math, and science: For 2013-14, the HSGA is the current New Mexico Standards-Based Assessment (SBA). For 2014-15:	Student must score at least in the "nearing proficient" category in reading and math and achieve a composite (combined) reading and math score of at least 2273.	Only students who do not pass move to Step 2	Student must pass an approved End of Course Examination (EOC, roughly the equivalent of a final exam) in Reading.	Only students who do not pass move to Step 3	Achieve a minimum score on an approved Advanced Placement (AP) exam, ACT, PSAT, or SAT reading, or other approved exam.
Math <i>Three steps</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In reading and math, the SBA will be discontinued and students will take the new PARCC achievement tests • In science, students will continue to take the SBA 	The passing score for the reading and math tests individually is 1137.		Student must pass an approved End of Course Examination (EOC, roughly the equivalent of a final exam) in Algebra I or II. <i>If Algebra I EOC is used, student must pass an Algebra II course</i>		Achieve a minimum score on an approved Advanced Placement (AP) exam, ACT, PSAT, or SAT math, or other approved exam.
Science <i>Three steps</i>	Students not passing in their third (junior) year may retake the portions not passed in the fall of their senior year.	Student must achieve a minimum score of 1138.		Student must pass an approved End of Course Examination (EOC, roughly the equivalent of a final exam) in Biology or Chemistry.		Achieve a minimum score on an approved Advanced Placement (AP) exam, ACT, SAT subject test, or other approved exam.
Social Studies <i>Two steps</i>	No HSGA given in social studies: students must demonstrate competency by passing a New Mexico Public Education Department-approved End-Of-Course assessment (EOC) in US History, Economics, NM History, US Government, or World History/Geography. <i>Since there is no SBA in social studies, students must pass the EOC or move to Step 3.</i>			Achieve a minimum score on an approved Advanced Placement (AP) exam, SAT subject test, or other approved exam.		
Writing <i>Two steps</i>	No HSGA given in writing; students must demonstrate competency by passing the writing requirements in an approved English/ Language Arts End-Of-Course writing assessment (EOC). <i>Since there is no SBA in writing, students must pass the EOC or move to Step 3.</i>			Achieve a minimum score on an approved Advanced Placement (AP) exam, ACT, PSAT, SAT writing, or other approved exam.		

Students who complete required coursework but do not demonstrate competency by the end of their senior year receive a "Certificate of Completion" in lieu of a high school diploma.
If a student subsequently demonstrates competency within the next five years, he/she may receive a diploma.

All students enrolled in any of the courses listed below, will take a NM PED created End of Course Exam in each of these courses. Students will take a SFHS Teacher/ Department created End of Course Exam in all other courses.

<i>NM PED End of Course Exams Administered at the End of First Semester (December)</i>	<i>NM PED End of Course Exams Administered at the End of Second Semester (May)</i>
Economics	Algebra I
NM History (Honors and Standard)	Algebra II
US Government	Biology
Health	Chemistry
	Economics
	English III
	English IV
	Music
	NM History (Honors and Standard)
	Physical Education
	Spanish 1
	US History
	US Government
	World History and Geography
	Visual Arts

If the student does not demonstrate competency:

Student must pass an approved End of Course Examination (EOC, roughly the equivalent of a final exam) in Reading.

Student must pass an approved End of Course Examination (EOC, roughly the equivalent of a final exam) in Algebra I or II.
If Algebra I EOC is used, student must pass an Algebra II course

Student must pass an approved End of Course Examination (EOC, roughly the equivalent of a final exam) in Biology or Chemistry.

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Since there is no SBA in writing, students must pass the EOC or move to Step 3.