

## Michigan Merit Examination and State Aid

In order to respond to questions from the field on the consequences of having only juniors in attendance when the Michigan Merit Examination is administered, the following statement from the State Aid Office has been prepared:

“In order not to incur a state school aid adjustment, districts must have at least 75% of the pupils that are scheduled to be in attendance actually in attendance on any given day of instruction. Therefore, for example, if assessment tests are given to 11th graders on a day when 9th, 10th and 12th grade pupils are excused, the district would be required to have 75% of the sum of their 11th grade pupils and the kindergarten through 8th grade pupils in attendance.

However, the requirement for 1,098 hours of instruction still must be met for all students, including freshman, sophomores, and seniors. Therefore, if the 9th, 10th and 12th grade pupils would not be scheduled for 1,098 hours as the result of being excused during the testing period, additional hours would have to be scheduled for them or a state school aid adjustment would be incurred.”

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