

Spotlight

on Student Assessment and Accountability

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The Spotlight is taking a vacation for the month of July. Weekly Spotlight editions will resume on **Thursday, August 3, 2017.**

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REMINDER - The Spring 2017 SAT, PSAT, and ACT WorkKeys reports and data are **EMBARGOED** until the public release of Spring 2017 assessment results later this summer. Districts and schools will be notified through the Spotlight on Student Assessment and Accountability Newsletter when the embargo has been lifted.

IMPORTANT – While individual student results may be shared with parents at this time, it is **NOT** permissible to share any school, district, or state-level results with parents, the community, or other external parties until the embargo is lifted by the MDE. School Board meetings are considered open meetings; therefore, the sharing of embargoed assessment results at these meetings is not permissible until the embargo is lifted.

Please see this week's articles for ACT WorkKeys and the SAT Corner for detailed information for accessing these reports.

WIDA ACCESS for ELLs Reports Delay

The WIDA ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 and WIDA Alternate ACCESS for ELLs reports were not posted to WIDA AMS on June 28, 2017 as planned.

Data Recognition Corporation (DRC) inadvertently failed to include a subset of records during the Tested Roster process, which prevented them from being included in Data Validation. This omission has been rectified and the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) will be updating the Data Validation files.

Per the MDE's request, DRC has temporarily postponed posting electronic reports to WIDA AMS. Reporting dates will be communicated as soon as MDE and DRC have had a chance to re-evaluate the timeline.

Michigan WIDA ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Score Changes

When districts are able to review their Spring 2017 WIDA ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 scores, they should keep in mind that WIDA has raised the bar for language proficiency in order to meet language demands of college- and career-readiness standards. English Learners (ELs) taking the WIDA ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 (online or paper/pencil) will need to showcase higher language skills to achieve the same proficiency level scores. This is the result of a process called Standard Setting. Standard setting determines the student performance required for each proficiency level through a series of decisions made by expert panels of teachers as well as district and state English learner administrators. Please keep in mind that available proficiency levels did not change.

As a result of the standard setting, WIDA's Proficiency Levels are now more closely aligned with the academic proficiency of career- and college-ready standards. While the test content, scoring, and item difficulty have not changed, students in grades K–12 taking the WIDA ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 in 2017 and beyond will need to show more linguistic proficiency to receive higher scores.

Educators should review the [Michigan ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Score Changes](#) document located on the [WIDA web page](#) (www.michigan.gov/wida), which addresses questions such as growth and exiting criteria. Educators can also view the [Michigan Score Change Webinar recording and PowerPoint](#) (<https://www.wida.us/membership/states/Michigan.aspx>).

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Resources

A number of additional [Resources for Educators](http://www.wida.us/proficiency) (www.wida.us/proficiency) are currently available to help educators and families understand the changes. The resources include:

- video and [Discussion Guide](#)
- [PowerPoint slides](#)
- handouts for teachers and administrators
- Score Lookup Calculator
- [Individual Student Score Notes](#)

For Questions About the WIDA Score Changes

If you have general questions about the changes, please contact WIDA Client Services Center at 866-276-7735 or by email at help@wida.us. You may also find additional information on the [WIDA website](http://www.wida.us/proficiency) (www.wida.us/proficiency).

If you have accountability questions, please contact the MDE Accountability Office at 877-560-8378 or send an email to MDE-Accountability@michigan.gov.

English Learner (EL) Exit Updates & Reminders

1. The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is reviewing the impact of new WIDA score changes on EL exits. Preliminary data are showing a reduction in the number of exits statewide. The MDE, along with members of the EL Advisory Committee, is considering options in response to these score changes. The MDE is aware of the need to provide districts the information needed to properly exit EL students and will work diligently to provide the information in as timely a manner as possible. At this

time, continue to determine EL exit decisions according to the [MDE EL Entrance and Exit Protocol](#) located on the [WIDA web page](#) (www.michigan.gov/wida) under **General Information**. It includes both WIDA proficiency levels as well as local state-approved literacy assessments. Please watch for further communication on this issue.

2. 2016-17 English Learner (EL) exits can be reported **July 19, 2017 – September 13, 2017** in the Michigan Student Data System (MSDS) using the 2016–17 Student Record Maintenance (SRM) collection. Waiting until Fall 2017 General Collection will be too late and will cause the student to be EL for 2017–18.

Once a school or district has determined an EL student is eligible to be EL exited, the EL exit must be reported in MSDS. An MSDS EL exit record **must have all of the following characteristics** to successfully exit the student from EL services:

- use a 2016–17 or earlier MSDS collection (i.e., waiting until Fall 2017 will be too late)
- have a [Certification Date] on or before September 13, 2017
- have a [EL Exit Date] after the [As Of Date] of the last record reporting the student as EL
- have a [EL Exit Date] on or before June 30, 2017
- have a [As Of Date] on or before June 30, 2017

For additional questions regarding:

- dates for when districts receive WIDA ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 results – please review the [Spring 2017 WIDA Important Dates](#) document located on the [WIDA web page](#) (www.michigan.gov/wida) under **Current Assessment Administration**

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- how to use the current [EL Entrance and Exit Protocol](#) located on the [WIDA web page](#) (www.michigan.gov/wida) under **General Information** to determine which students are eligible for EL Exit – please contact the Office of Field Services at 517-373-6066, and ask for Shereen Tabrizi, Unit Manager
- how to appropriately submit 2016–17 EL exits in MSDS – please contact the Center for Educational Performance & Information (CEPI) at cepi@michigan.gov

MiEducator Showcase Highlights Michigan’s Promising Practices

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) has created a new website—the [MiEducator Showcase](#) (www.mi.gov/MiEducatorShowcase)—to feature education programs and initiatives that are achieving success in schools and districts across Michigan and that are aligned to the goals of Michigan’s Top 10 in 10 Strategic Plan. The new website’s purpose is to share the good work taking place in Michigan’s schools and districts, so that others can find inspiration and information from successful practices already underway.

“Educators around the state are doing great things,” said Michigan State Superintendent Brian J. Whiston. “A promising practices website will help other districts learn from these successful programs.”

The site is a peer-to-peer hub where Michigan educators can learn about successful practices and how they are being implemented across the state. The website is fully searchable by several data fields, including topical keyword tags and alignment to the Top 10 in 10 focus areas. With this information, educators can locate and evaluate submitted practices that may be effective for their learners. Educators then are encouraged to contact the submitting peers directly to learn more about the implementation of the practice.

Educators Invited to Submit Their “Promising Practices”

Over the summer, the MDE is reaching out to educators who have implemented successful programs or initiatives. The goal is to populate the site with as many “promising practices” as possible before widely promoting the site as a resource to schools and teachers.

To learn more or to explore the early submissions, visit the [MiEducator Showcase](#) (www.mi.gov/MiEducatorShowcase). More details and suggestions for high-quality submissions are provided in a [one-page overview](#) on the site.

SAT Corner

Information on SAT™, PSAT 8/9™, and PSAT10™ provided by the College Board

Questions about Spring PSAT 8/9, PSAT 10, or SAT?

- call the Michigan Educator Hotline: 866-870-3127 (select Option 1)
- contact the Call Center: 877-560-8378 (select Option 4)
- email michiganadministratorsupport@collegeboard.org

PSAT and SAT Test Scores Available

The detailed and summary reports for PSAT 8/9, PSAT 10, and SAT are now available to Michigan educators in the College Board reporting portal. Data files available to download will be available on **June 30, 2017**.

Test Results Embargo Reminder

Once test scores are available to educators on June 27, 2017, please remember that all test results are embargoed until notification from the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) that the embargo has been lifted. This will occur when school and district aggregated results are made publicly available through the MISchoolData portal. PSAT 8/9, PSAT 10, and SAT results may be shared with building and district staff to support their work with students, school improvement, and other internal efforts. However, it is **NOT** permissible to share any school, district, or state-level results with parents, the community, or other

external parties until the embargo is lifted by the MDE. School Board meetings are considered open meetings; therefore, the sharing of embargoed assessment results at these meetings is not permissible until the embargo is lifted.

Help with the College Board Reporting Portal

There are a number of resources to assist you with generating, understanding, and accessing reports available on the [College Board Michigan website](http://www.collegeboard.org/michigan) (www.collegeboard.org/michigan).

Accessing the College Board Reporting Portal

To access scores, you must have a College Board Professional account and have been granted access to reporting by your school's Data Access Tool Manager. Each district/school must have at least one Data Access Tool (DAT) Manager. This person is responsible for assigning access to educators within the school. The DAT Manager will assign a user role to each educator. The online reporting portal consists of two areas:

- **Report Center:** Reporting tools allow educators to configure and run online reports, apply filters for data analysis, and print student reports
- **Download Center:** Data files available to manage electronic score downloads

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To access the reporting portal:

- a. log in to your College Board professional account
- b. look under **Tools and Services** and click **K–12 Assessment Reporting**

If you don't see K–12 Assessment Reporting, you don't have access.

To identify your school's access manager in order to request access:

- a. log in to your College Board professional account

- b. scroll down to **Add Additional Tools and Services** → **K–12** → **K–12 Assessment Reporting** → **Request Access**

You should see the name and contact info of your access manager. **Note:** Choosing Request Access from the portal dashboard does not notify your access manager. You still need to contact your access manager directly to request access.

If you have questions about the reporting portal, please contact the Michigan team:

Jason Feig (jfeig@collegeboard.org)

Kari Anama (kanama@collegeboard.org)

Lisa Corriveau (lcorriveau@collegeboard.org)



Information on ACT WorkKeys® provided by the ACT®.

Reporting

Student scores are now available for examinees in their myworkkeys.com account for the Spring 2017 administration.

Student Access to MyWorkKeys.com

Examinees can view their scores by creating and logging into their account at myworkkeys.com.

In order to access scores, examinees will need to provide matching criteria when creating their account. The five matching criteria are:

- first name
- last name
- month of birth
- day of birth
- state assigned student ID number (SASID).

The SASID will need to be provided by the school. **Please note:** The SASID is the same as the Unique Identification Code (UIC) that is assigned through the Michigan Student Data System (MSDS) for each student.

Note: Examinees who earned an ACT National College Readiness Certificate (ACT NCRC) will have an account automatically created. Login information will be printed on the back of their printed certificate.

Contacting ACT

If you have questions, you may:

1. contact ACT via the [Contact Us web page](http://www.act.org/aap/state/contact.html) (www.act.org/aap/state/contact.html)
2. call ACT at 800-553-6244 9:30 AM – 6:00 PM ET
 - standard time: ext. 2800
 - accommodations: ext. 1788
3. email accommodations questions to ACTStateAccoms@act.org

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Important Dates

Approaching Deadlines!

June 29, 2017 at 5:00 PM:

- **SAT, M-STEP, and MI-Access** Verification of Not Tested **DEADLINE**

July – August 2017

August 1, 2017:

- Transition to **NEW WIDA Screener**

August 1 – October 5, 2017:

- Pre-identification on the Secure Site for the Fall 2017 **Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmark Assessments (K-2)**

September 2017

September 11 – October 6, 2017:

- The Michigan Department of Education's Fall 2017 **Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmark Assessments** testing window

Mid-September 2017:

- **DEADLINE** – **Student Record Maintenance (SRM) English Learner (EL) Exits** must be submitted and certified using an [As of Date] on or before June 30, 2017 AND an [LEP Exit Date] on or before June 30, 2017



Have Questions?

Email BAA@michigan.gov for assessment questions.

Email MDE-Accountability@michigan.gov for accountability questions.

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