


# Spotlight

## on Student Assessment and Accountability

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### Spring 2018 Administration Surveys

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) would like to say THANK YOU for your part in the Spring 2018 assessment administrations. We ask that you take a moment to provide your feedback in administration surveys for both the **Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmark Assessments** and the **MI-Access Assessments**.

Your input remains an important tool for future planning and development of quality assessments and testing practices for educators and students around Michigan. We have made significant changes overall to the assessments and administration practices based on suggestions from past surveys. We would like to hear from test coordinators and test administrators as well as others in your district or school who had a role in test administration.

- The [Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmark Assessments survey](#) (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZWLM8MW>) is open now until **Friday, June 22, 2018**.
- The [MI-Access survey](#) (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WH56PLB>) has been categorized by your role in the testing process and requires about 15 minutes to complete. The survey will remain open through **Friday, June 29, 2018**.
- If you have not yet responded to the [2018 M-STEP Administration Survey](#) (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2018M-STEPAdministrationSurvey>) or the [2018 Statewide Testing Technology Survey](#) (<https://baameap.wufoo.com/forms/z1y6r0yd15xqgic/>) you can still do so, until **Friday, June 15, 2018**.

Thank you in advance for your participation in our surveys. By sharing your experiences, you can help us to improve the experiences of educators and students throughout Michigan.

Key:  Reminder (previously run article)

## WIDA ACCESS for ELLs Testing Window Change Survey

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) and the Center for Educational Performance and Information (CEPI) are investigating ways to improve processes around exiting English Learners (ELs) who attain Michigan's exit criteria. One of these ideas is to consider changing the WIDA ACCESS for ELLs testing window.

The MDE asks districts to respond to a survey on this topic. The possible windows provided in the survey are based on:

1. knowing that districts must Pre-ID students and that the earliest time period in which we could use fall count day information for the purposes of Pre-ID is December, which means that the earliest the testing window could possibly occur is January
2. knowing that WIDA will not have the summative assessment prepared and ready for states to use until December
3. knowledge that some districts with large EL populations need a full six to seven weeks to test all of their students

The [WIDA ACCESS for ELLs Testing Window Change survey](#) is open now through **June 30, 2018**.

## Answer Documents Received and Not Tested Students

The **Answer Documents Received and Not Tested Students** page on the OEAA Secure Site will open **June 11, 2018** for the M-STEP and MI-Access Spring 2018 assessments. Submission of not tested reasons will also be available for SAT.

Schools will have the ability to review answer documents received, submit answer document issues, and submit reasons that students did not take the SAT, and/or one or more of the required content areas for M-STEP and MI-Access. Note that the deadline for SAT answer document issues was May 30 and no additional answer document issues can be submitted for SAT.

- Answer document issues for M-STEP and MI-Access must be submitted by **5:00 PM on June 18, 2018**.
- Reasons that students did not test for SAT, M-STEP, and MI-Access must be submitted by **5:00 PM on June 25, 2018**.
- **REMINDER:** Submission of student data in the Michigan Student Data System (MSDS) for assessment and accountability reporting must be submitted and certified in MSDS by **5:00 PM on June 18 with an "as of date" on or before May 25, 2018** for grades 3-8, 11 and required 12 that were expected to take the MME, M-STEP, and MI-Access. See the directions for [Accountable Students Enrolled and Demographics](#) on the [Secure Site Training web page](#) ([www.michigan.gov/secaresitetraining](http://www.michigan.gov/secaresitetraining)) and the [April 26 Spotlight](#) ([www.michigan.gov/mde-spotlight](http://www.michigan.gov/mde-spotlight)) for details.

This is the only opportunity for schools to review the Answer Documents Received and Not Tested Students page to ensure all tests taken have been received; to verify other answer document information such as tests marked for prohibited behavior, nonstandard accommodations, etc.; and to provide reasons why students were not tested.

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## New this year!

- You can submit not tested reasons and report answer document issues from the new Answer Documents Received and Not Tested Students page.
- Students for whom the school is accountable will be listed on the screen whether the student was tested or not.
  - ◆ If a student is included as accountable but is not currently enrolled, they should be exited in the Michigan Student Data System (MSDS) with an “as of date” on or before May 25, 2018 and submitted/certified by 5:00 pm on June 18, 2018. Details for [Accountable Students Enrolled and Demographics](#) are available on the [Secure Site Training web page](#) ([www.michigan.gov/secaresitetraining](http://www.michigan.gov/secaresitetraining)) and the [April 26 Spotlight](#) ([www.michigan.gov/mde-spotlight](http://www.michigan.gov/mde-spotlight)).
  - ◆ If a school is not accountable for a student but the student did test at the school, the student will show as tested.
  - ◆ Students for whom the school is accountable for yet tested elsewhere, will display and the tested building will be identified.

It is strongly suggested that you read the [Answer Documents Received and Not Tested Students](#) instructions on the [Secure Site Training web page](#) ([www.michigan.gov/secaresitetraining](http://www.michigan.gov/secaresitetraining)). This document will walk you through the process, giving pointers on what to look for, how to report issues, and how to fix an error when possible, along with helping to identify possible issues. A list of the various not tested reasons available for submission on the Students Not Tested report is also available in the instructions.

## M-STEP Testing Times

How long does testing take? The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) provides timing estimates in advance. Now that testing is over, there is data available for Spring 2018 actual testing times.

The table shows median testing times for online testing only, but there is no reason to think the paper test times are substantially different. Also, these are times spent in the test itself, not logging in, listening to instructions, or taking breaks.

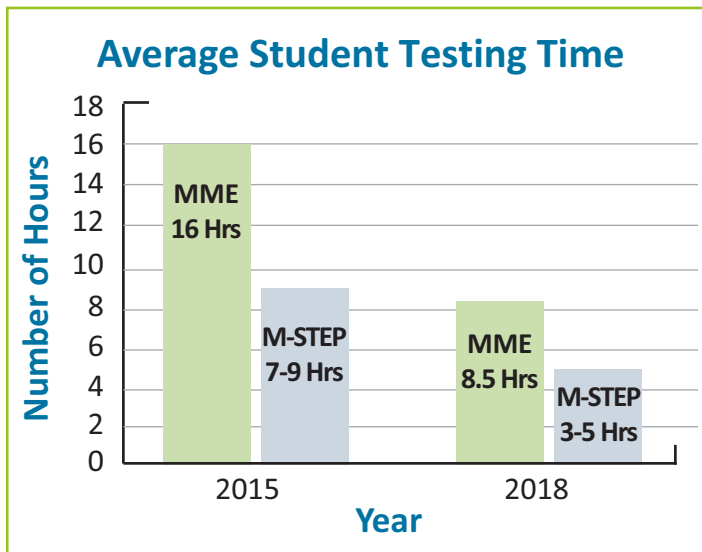
M-STEP Median Testing Times (in minutes)			
	2017	2018	Change
ELA 3	114.0	105.5	-8.4
ELA 4	118.1	109.8	-8.2
ELA 5	154.4	114.1	-40.3
ELA 6	125.5	114.7	-10.8
ELA 7	124.2	105.0	-19.2
ELA 8	129.7	99.3	-30.4
Math 3	111.2	64.4	-46.8
Math 4	123.8	72.2	-51.6
Math 5	122.6	76.0	-46.6
Math 6	120.1	78.4	-41.7
Math 7	121.5	79.2	-42.3
Math 8	90.3	74.8	-15.5

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The graph gives a comparison between this year and the first year of M-STEP in 2015, combining all subject areas.



The MDE's estimated times are somewhat higher than the median so test administrators can plan testing around when most students will be done. There will always be some students who complete the test very quickly, and some who take a very long time, so you need to plan for those, too.

Later this year, the MDE will use these testing times, plus any tweaks to the test, to update the estimates in the 2018-2019 Guide to State Assessments. The MDE will also publish a more detailed look at testing times to help inform your planning.

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## 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)
- email [michiganadministratorsupport@collegeboard.org](mailto:michiganadministratorsupport@collegeboard.org)



### Spring 2019 Testing

The PSAT 8/9 will be administered to 8th graders in place of the M-STEP English Language Arts (ELA) and mathematics assessments in Spring 2019 and will be administered as a paper/pencil assessment. Grade 8 students will continue to take the M-STEP science and social studies as online assessments. The M-STEP ELA and mathematics tests will still be available as optional assessments in Spring 2019 for those schools wanting to administer them.

- Schools must administer the PSAT 8/9 for 8th grade and SAT with Essay on April 9,

2019 (\*unless students are approved with accommodations that designate them to test in the accommodated testing window).

- Schools must administer the PSAT 8/9 for 9th grade and PSAT 10 on April 9, April 10, or April 11, 2019 (\*unless students are approved with accommodations that designate them to test in the accommodated testing window).
  - ♦ Schools can choose which of the three initial test dates works best for them. Schools do not need to notify MDE or the College Board of which date is being chosen.
  - ♦ The same grade must test on the same day at the same time.
  - ♦ Schools can administer tests for multiple grades in one day.
  - ♦ All students except those who are absent (or testing in the accommodated window) are expected to test on the initial test day.

2019 Test Dates			
Test	Initial	Makeup Test Opportunities	Accommodated Testing Window*
PSAT 8/9 for grade 8	April 9	April 10–16 April 23–24	April 9–23
PSAT 8/9 for grade 9	April 9, 10, or 11	April 10–16 April 23–24	April 9–23
PSAT 10	April 9, 10, or 11	April 10–16 April 23–24	April 9–23
SAT with Essay	April 9	April 23	April 9–23

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- Schools can flexibly schedule students who miss the initial test day for PSAT 8/9 for 8th grade, PSAT 8/9 for 9th grade, and PSAT 10 for a makeup between April 10-16 and/or April 23-24.
- Students who miss the primary test day for SAT with Essay must take the makeup on April 23.
- Afternoon testing is allowed for PSAT 8/9 for 8th grade, PSAT 8/9 for 9th grade, and PSAT 10. No request or approval is necessary. Afternoon testing is NOT available for SAT with Essay.
- 8th and 9th graders can test in the same room in Spring 2019, but please note this may change in future years.
- **All** students with approved accommodations taking the PSAT 8/9 for 8th grade, PSAT 8/9 for 9th grade, and the PSAT 10 can flexibly be scheduled any time in the accommodated testing window.
- Students with approved accommodations taking the SAT with Essay, as designated on the Nonstandard Administration Report (NAR) in SSD Online, can flexibly be scheduled any time in the accommodated testing window.



## PSAT 8/9 for 8th Grade Webinar

If you were not able to attend the PSAT 8/9 for 8th grade webinar on May 22, the presentation will be posted on the [Michigan College Board web page](http://www.collegeboard.org/michigan) (www.collegeboard.org/michigan) no later than **June 11, 2018**.



## Counselor Workshops

Recently, Michigan counselors or other school personnel may have received an email about the College Board's Counselor Workshops, which traditionally take place in the fall. These workshops provide information about College Board assessments and programs from a **national** perspective. The Counselor Workshops for Michigan will be scheduled in September of 2018. For the past three years, the College Board Michigan field team has also presented Implementation Workshops on the same days as the Counselor Workshops to provide information about the Michigan administration of the SAT Suite of Assessments as a part of MME.

This year, the College Board Michigan field team will schedule the Implementation workshops later. This will allow us to provide the most up-to-date and comprehensive information on the Michigan administration, including the most accurate information on the implementation of the PSAT 8/9 in 8th grade in the spring of 2019.

- Middle school educators should not sign up for the national Counselor Workshops – rather they should attend the Implementation Workshops that will be held later in the fall.
- High school staff should be represented at **both** kinds of workshops. Registration links for the Implementation Workshops will be in Spotlight once the scheduling is completed.

## Important Dates

### June 2018

#### June 11–18, 2018 (5:00 PM DEADLINE):

- **M-STEP and MI-Access:** Answer Document Verification window

#### June 11–25, 2018 (5:00 PM DEADLINE):

- **SAT, M-STEP, and MI-Access:** Not Tested Students window

#### Week of June 25, 2018:

- **SAT with Essay** results released through the [College Board K-12 Score Portal](#)

### July–August 2018

#### Week of July 8, 2018:

- **PSAT 10 and PSAT 8/9 for 9th grade** results through the [College Board K-12 Score Portal](#)

#### August 6–10, 2018:

- Receive printed **ACT WorkKeys** reports

## Contacts

**For assistance with assessment or accountability issues:**

### Assessment and Accountability Call Center

877-560-8378 (select appropriate option)

### Email

For assessment questions:

[mde-oeaa@michigan.gov](mailto:mde-oeaa@michigan.gov)

For accountability questions:

[MDE-Accountability@michigan.gov](mailto:MDE-Accountability@michigan.gov)

**State benchmark assessment (grades 3-8) vendor contact information:**

### NWEA MAP Assessments

Learn more at:

<https://www.nwea.org/state-solutions/michigan/>

Get in touch with your NWEA Representative:

<https://www.nwea.org/sales-information/>

Or call: **866-654-3246**

### DRC Beacon Interim Assessments

Learn more at:

[www.drcbeacon.com](http://www.drcbeacon.com)

Email:

[drcbeacon@datarecognitioncorp.com](mailto:drcbeacon@datarecognitioncorp.com)

Phone: **855-270-3698** (option 1)

### Smarter Balanced Interim Assessments (provided by DRC)

Learn more at:

[www.smarterbalanced.org/michigan](http://www.smarterbalanced.org/michigan)

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