

Spotlight

on Student Assessment and Accountability

August 13, 2015

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**COMING
NEXT
week!**

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Student Assessment and Accountability Conferences Begin Next Week

There is still time to register for the first session of the 2015 DAS Conference on Student Assessment and Accountability!

- **Thursday, August 20:** Lansing Center
Lansing, MI

If you can't make the Lansing session, there are three other dates and locations available:


- **August 25:** Crystal Mountain Resort,
Thompsonville, MI
- **August 27:** Northern Michigan University,
Marquette, MI
- **September 1:** Eagle Crest Resort,
Ypsilanti, MI

After registering for one of the four conferences, you will receive a short survey in which you can indicate which breakout sessions you may want to attend. This doesn't "lock" you into attending a specific breakout session, but gives us an idea of participant interest in a session topic so that we may schedule the sessions appropriately.

This is a great opportunity to hear the latest information regarding the 2016 M-STEP, early literacy initiatives, educator evaluations, legislative updates, accountability, and much more! **Register now for the one-day conference.** Don't miss out!

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Key:

 supports and accommodations information

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For registration and a list of session topics, please go to [2015 Conferences on Student Assessment and Accountability](http://www.gomiem.org/news/das-fall-conferences-assessment-and-accountability) (<http://www.gomiem.org/news/das-fall-conferences-assessment-and-accountability>).

CEPI 2015 Graduation Rate Appeals Window Closes September 16

The Center for Educational Performance and Information (CEPI) opened the 2014–2015 Graduation Rate Appeals Window on July 20, 2015 in the Michigan Student Data System (MSDS).

The 2015 Graduation Rate Appeals Window in MSDS will **close on September 16, 2015**. CEPI will use the data submitted in the 2014–15 General and SRM Collections, as well as data from previous years, to calculate 2015 graduation and dropout rates.

Exit status corrections **not** submitted by 11:59 PM on September 16, 2015 can only be changed by your local ISD auditor through an audit finding in the GAD Application.

For the most up-to-date information on the appeals window, please visit the [CEPI Graduation and Dropout Information](http://www.michigan.gov/cepi/0,1607,7-113-986_50502_56418---,00.html) web page (http://www.michigan.gov/cepi/0,1607,7-113-986_50502_56418---,00.html). This web page includes numerous user support materials, including a timeline, user's guide, frequently asked questions, and a summary of district action needed. If you have any questions, please send an email to CEPI customer support at CEPI@michigan.gov or call (517) 335-0505 and follow the prompts. Please provide your name, telephone number (including area code and extension), and school/district name along with your message.

SAT Corner

Information provided by the College Board

Get Ready for Fall Testing!

For schools participating in PSAT 8/9 or PSAT/NMSQT this fall, *in advance of the state sponsored testing in the spring*, we've provided the following information to help you prepare.

PSAT 8/9

The PSAT 8/9 administration window is between September 28, 2015 and January 29, 2016. Test materials will be shipped approximately one week prior to the administration date. For students requiring accommodated materials this fall, you are not required to submit a request via SSD Online. Instead, please place your order for non-standard materials through the [Test Ordering site](http://www.collegeboard.com/school) (<http://www.collegeboard.com/school>).

PSAT/NMSQT

The PSAT/NMSQT test date is October 14, 2015. Test Book orders for standard materials can be adjusted through September 25, 2015 through the [Test Ordering site](#). **Requests must be submitted in SSD Online by August 25, 2015 for students requiring accommodated materials.** If you have already submitted your requests, you will be notified when the decision is made. If you have not yet submitted, go to **SSD Online** to request access and submit your requests. Test materials will be shipped approximately one week prior to the administration date.

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Be prepared with the access you will need

Create a [College Board Professional Account](https://account.collegeboard.org/professional/viewCreateAccountAction) (<https://account.collegeboard.org/professional/viewCreateAccountAction>). College Board Professional accounts are required to gain access to our [SSD Online](https://www.collegeboard.org/students-with-disabilities/ssd-online) (<https://www.collegeboard.org/students-with-disabilities/ssd-online>) system as well as our K–12 reporting portal.

College Board Accommodations

Additional information from our July SSD webinar will be posted to [Michigan and the SAT](http://www.collegeboard.org/michigan) (www.collegeboard.org/michigan) this week, including the presentation deck and FAQs. Scroll down to the **Services for Students with Disabilities** section. Additional webinars will be coming this fall in preparation for spring testing.

Register for training workshops

- [DAS Fall Conferences for Assessment and Accountability](http://www.gomiem.org/news/das-fall-conferences-assessment-and-accountability) (<http://www.gomiem.org/news/das-fall-conferences-assessment-and-accountability>)
- Full Day College Board Workshops: Participants who have previously registered for the morning Counselor Workshops will be automatically pre-registered for the afternoon workshops. Participants may also choose to register for either workshop separately.
 - ▶ College Board Counselor Workshops (Morning Session)
 - ▶ College Board Implementation Workshops (Afternoon Session, same locations as the Counselor Workshops)

- [Oakland University](#)
September 21, 2015
<https://apps2.collegeboard.com/olrWebApp/meetingDetail.do?meetingID=0011509211>
- [Wayne State University](#)
September 22, 2015
<https://apps2.collegeboard.com/olrWebApp/meetingDetail.do?meetingID=0011509221>
- [Western Michigan University](#)
September 28, 2015
<https://apps2.collegeboard.com/olrWebApp/meetingDetail.do?meetingID=0011509281>
- [Central Michigan University](#)
October 6, 2015
<https://apps2.collegeboard.com/olrWebApp/meetingDetail.do?meetingID=0011510061>
- [University of Michigan, Dearborn](#)
September 24, 2015
<https://apps2.collegeboard.com/olrWebApp/meetingDetail.do?meetingID=0011509241>
- [Michigan State University](#)
September 29, 2015
<https://apps2.collegeboard.com/olrWebApp/meetingDetail.do?meetingID=0011509291>
- [Northern Michigan University](#)
October 8, 2015
<https://apps2.collegeboard.com/olrWebApp/meetingDetail.do?meetingID=0011510081>

Important Dates

Approaching Deadlines!

KEA

- **August 14, 2015:** The last date schools and their Kindergarten teachers can register to administer the KEA this fall.

WIDA

- **August 15, 2015:** The Pre-K Cycle for the WIDA ACCESS Placement Test (W-APT) in the MDE Secure Site closes. This cycle is reserved for students who are enrolling in Kindergarten for the 2015–2016 school year. Pre-K students only need the Speaking and Listening domains administered.

Please call OFS at 517-373-6066 or access *Entrance and Exit Protocol* PDF and Webinar under **What's New** on the [Education Improvement and Innovation](#) web page (http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-6530_30334_40078---,00.html) for the most current information.

- **August 20, 2015:** DAS Conference on Student Assessment and Accountability at the Lansing Center, Lansing, MI

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- **August 24, 2015:** Sending Scores Back Program for Shared Educational Entities (SEEs and S2E2s) applications (submitted online only) are due by 5:00 PM.

For more information on the 2015–2016 Sending Scores Back Program, including the application and other informational resources regarding SEEs/S2E2s, please visit: www.michigan.gov/sees.

- **August 25, 2015:** DAS Conference on Student Assessment and Accountability at Crystal Mountain Resort, Thompsonville, MI
- **August 27, 2015:** DAS Conference on Student Assessment and Accountability at Northern Michigan University, Marquette, MI

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- **September 1, 2015:** DAS Conference on Student Assessment and Accountability at Eagle Crest Resort, Ypsilanti, MI

► Access previous [Spotlight editions](#), . (http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-22709_70117-280911--,00.html)

Have Other Questions?

For assessment questions, please email BAA@michigan.gov.

For accountability questions, please email MDE-Accountability@michigan.gov.

For phone assistance with assessment or accountability issues, call 877-560-8378 and select the appropriate menu option.