

Spotlight

on Student Assessment and Accountability

What's New

Week of October 7, 2021

- [Student Growth and Proficiency Reports Now Available](#)
- [WIDA Assessment Office Hours](#)

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- [Performance Assessment Cadre of Experts Development Opportunity](#)

• [Student Growth and Proficiency Reports for M-STEP, SAT/PSAT and MI-Access FI Now Available](#)

• The Spring 2021 Student Growth and Proficiency Reports for M-STEP, SAT/PSAT, and MI-Access Functional Independence (FI) are now available in the Dynamic Score Reporting Site through the Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability [OEAA Secure Site](#) (www.michigan.gov/oeaa-secure).

• These student-level Student Growth and Proficiency Reports include information on the reported student's overall performance information and plots the student's growth and scale score. Growth Target Scores are also plotted on the Growth Score and Scale Score Graph in the report.

• Growth scores describe a student's learning over time compared to other students who took the same test and had similar prior test scores. Growth Scores are percentiles ranging from 1 to 99, with 50 being the average; these indicate how many scores in the student's comparison group are below the reported student's score. Growth Target Scores, which range from 1 to 99, represent the amount of growth above or below average the student needs to maintain year-over-year to reach or maintain proficiency by the end of the set number of years.

• [WIDA Assessment Office Hours](#)

• Educators preparing to administer the WIDA ACCESS for ELLs assessments are encouraged to join any of the following WIDA Assessment Office Hours online through Microsoft Teams:

- December 2, 2021, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. ([Microsoft Teams Link](#))
- December 9, 2021, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. ([Microsoft Teams Link](#))
- December 16, 2021, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. ([Microsoft Teams Link](#))
- January 6, 2022, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. ([Microsoft Teams Link](#))
- January 13, 2022, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. ([Microsoft Teams Link](#))

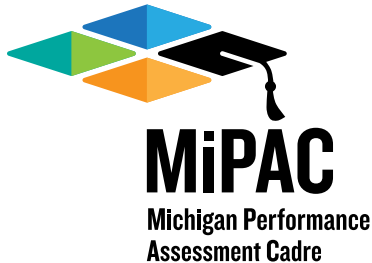
• No registration is necessary. In these Microsoft Teams meetings, educators who are coordinating or administering the WIDA assessments can get answers to their questions from Michigan Department of Education staff.



Reminders

Performance Assessment Cadre of Experts Development Opportunity

Join the Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability as we work with the Michigan Assessment Consortium to develop performance assessments aligned to Michigan's academic standards and model competencies in mathematics and English language arts (ELA) in grades 3-8.



Preferred candidates for the Performance Assessment Cadre of Experts:

- have experience teaching in mathematics or ELA, in at least one of these grade spans: grades 3-5, and grades 6-8
- have experience with/understanding of Michigan academic standards
- work in either general or special education; educators with experience outside of general education or who work with students with disabilities are enthusiastically encouraged to apply.

You will have opportunities to:

- learn about the Michigan model competencies for mathematics and ELA
- develop performance assessments and rubrics
- collaborate with colleagues from other districts
- practice using a rubric and calibrating the scoring of performance assessments

- participate in a research agenda focused on measuring student competencies through performance assessments
- (pending) earn up to 50 SCECH credits; stipends will also be available based on time and completed products.

Participants are expected to attend and contribute to approximately 50 hours of job-embedded facilitated professional learning and assessment development over the 2021-22 academic year. Virtual sessions will last approximately two hours every 2-3 weeks, beginning at the end of October.

If you are interested in participating, submit your resume in an email to mde-oeaa@michigan.gov, using the subject line "Performance Assessment Cadre of Experts."

CB College Board Corner

Information on SAT®, PSAT™ 8/9, and PSAT™ 10 provided by the College Board

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

- Call the Michigan Educator Hotline: 866-870-3127 (select Option 1)
- Email: michiganadministratorsupport@collegeboard.org

WHAT'S NEW

- Preparations for the Spring 2022 SAT with Essay, PSAT 8/9, and PSAT 10 will begin the first week of November. More information will be available in the October 28 edition of the Spotlight on Student Assessment and Accountability online newsletter.
 - » The Essay will be required for all students taking the Michigan-provided SAT in Spring 2022.
 - » The Spring 2022 SAT with Essay, PSAT 8/9, and PSAT 10 will continue to be administered in the paper/pencil mode.
- Off-site testing information will be available in the upcoming October 21 edition of the Spotlight online newsletter. Coordinators will no longer need to indicate where off-site testing is taking place, but only how many off-site locations are expected to be used.

REMINDER

Ensure that students are administered the appropriate Fall 2021 assessment. Students in Grade 9 must only take the PSAT 8/9; those in Grades 10 and 11 must take the PSAT/NMSQT; and Grade 12 students must take the SAT for the administration to be paid for by the Michigan Department of Education. Fifth-year seniors are not eligible to test in Fall 2021.

Test coordinators must read the manuals carefully, as testing policies in the fall and spring (for state accountability testing) are different, especially with regards to testing students with accommodations. We highly recommend coordinators take the online training courses for each assessment; the training can be accessed at www.collegeboard.org/ptat.

Note: Completion of training for Fall 2021 testing does not count toward training for Spring 2022 testing.

Call Center: 877-560-8378 (select appropriate option) for assistance with assessment or accountability issues



What's New

Updating EEM Contact Information

An important first step in preparing for the Spring 2022 ACT WorkKeys assessments is to ensure that the correct contact name, email address, phone number, and mailing address (cannot be a post office box) of your building/school's WorkKeys Test Coordinator is listed in the [Educational Entity Master \(EEM\)](http://www.michigan.gov/eem) (www.michigan.gov/eem).

Note: Ensuring that the WorkKeys Test Coordinator contact information is accurate must be done for each school in the district, not just for the district-level information.

ACT uses the information in the EEM to call and send emails to the Workkeys Test Coordinators, and to ship test materials to the appropriate locations. Inaccurate information will result in critical information not being received in a timely manner, resulting in key deadlines being overlooked and delays in the receipt of test materials.

If the information in the EEM for your building/school is inaccurate, contact your authorized district EEM user to update it no later than **Friday, October 8, 2021** to ensure your school receives the necessary information to start the Manage Participation process in November.

Note: Updating EEM information can only be done by the district's authorized EEM user. If you are not sure who your authorized EEM user is, use the District and School Contact page on the [OEAA Secure Site](http://www.michigan.gov/oeaa-secure) (www.michigan.gov/oeaa-secure) to retrieve their name and contact information.

- Instructions for using the District and School Contact page are available at www.michigan.gov/securesitetraining under the Miscellaneous section.
- Nonpublic schools: Call 517-241-5385 or email nonpublicschools@michigan.gov to update your information in the EEM.

An article in the September 2, 2021 Spotlight — [It's Time to Ensure School and District Contacts Are Updated in the Educational Entity Master \(EEM\)](#) — contains additional information on why this review/update is needed, as well as the list of contacts to be reviewed.

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 between 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. ET
 - » standard time: ext. 2800
 - » accommodations: ext. 1788
3. email accommodations questions to ACTStateAccoms@act.org

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Important Dates

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	3	4	5	6	
9	10	11	12	13	

October 2021

ACT WorkKeys

October 8, 2021

- Deadline to update the WorkKeys Test coordinator contact information in the Educational Entity Master (EEM)

Early Literacy and Mathematics

Now – October 29, 2021

- Pre-Identification of students in the OEAA Secure Site by 5:00 p.m. for **Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmark Assessments (K-2)**

Early Literacy and Mathematics

Now – October 29, 2021

- **Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmark Assessments (K-2)** Fall 2020 testing window

WIDA

October 18 – November 23, 2021

- **Online Waiver Window** - request waiver to administer pencil/paper by 5:00 p.m. on November 23 for **WIDA ACCESS - PP**

November 2021

Webinar: New WIDA Screener for Kindergarten

November 2, 2021, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

- New WIDA Screener for Kindergarten webinar
[Register for the webinar](#)

December 2021

Webinar: Technology Coordinator Training

December 1, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

- Winter/Spring 2022 Technology Coordinator Training Zoom webinar
[Join the webinar](#)

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Contacts

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Assessment and Accountability Call Center

877-560-8378 (select appropriate option)

Options	Topics
1	to report cheating and unethical behavior by a district/school in regards to state assessments
2	for support of Central Office Services (COS), DRC INSIGHT Portal, and INSIGHT for the online M-STEP, MI-Access, and Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmark Assessments (K-2)
3	for support of the OEAA Secure Site for <u>all</u> state assessments, administration and policy questions related to M-STEP, MI-Access, Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmark Assessments (K-2), and accountability reporting
4	for questions about the College Entrance and Workskills assessments <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Eligibility, MDE policies, and OEAA Secure Site Support 2. SAT, PSAT 8/9, and PSAT 10 – College Board 3. WorkKeys – ACT
5	for questions about the WIDA ACCESS for ELLs, WIDA Alternate ACCESS for ELLs, and support for WIDAAMS, INSIGHT, and Central Office Services (COS)
8	for all other questions

Email

For assessment questions:

mde-oeaa@michigan.gov

For accountability questions:

mde-accountability@michigan.gov

For assistance with WIDA Screener, W-APT, and the WIDA Secure Portal questions:
(for questions not covered in options 3 and 5 in the table above)

WIDA Client Services

866-276-7735

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