

Spotlight

on Student Assessment and Accountability

May 31, 2018

Quick Links . . . take you directly to articles or sections . . .

- [Spring 2018 M-STEP and MI-Access FI Science Tests](#)
- [2018-2019 Assessment Schedules](#)
- [SAT Corner](#)
- [Important Dates](#)
- [Contacts](#)



Congratulations
on another successful
year of testing!

Thanks for your
dedication and
hard work!



Spring 2018 M-STEP and MI-Access FI Science Tests

In Spring 2018, all students who were eligible to take the M-STEP science test should have been administered the required M-STEP Science Field Test in grades 5, 8, and 11. Participation rates in this field test will be calculated for 2017/18 accountability purposes.

The MI-Access science assessment was administered in grades 4, 7, and 11. Students in these grades with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) that specified MI-Access—Functional Independence (FI) science should have been given the applicable MI-Access science assessment.

Students in grades 5 and 8 whose IEP required a MI-Access science test should **not** have been administered the M-STEP Science Field Test in Spring 2018.

During the **Answer Documents Received and Students Not Tested** window, students with an IEP in grades 5 and 8 who did not take a science test because they would have taken MI-Access if it was available should have **MI-Access Science** submitted as the reason for not testing.

(Continued on next page)

The Students Not Tested issues will be reviewed to ensure that the MI-Access Science issue is not held against the school's participation rate.

Schools will have the ability to review answer documents received and to submit reasons a student did not test starting June 11, 2018. Watch the weekly Spotlight for more information.

2018-2019 Assessment Schedules

The [Spring 2019 Testing Schedule for Summative Assessments](#) are posted on the [Student Assessment web page](#) (www.michigan.gov/oeaa) as well as on each assessment web page. The assessments covered are:

- M-STEP
- MI-Access

- SAT with Essay (MME page)
- ACT WorkKeys (MME page)
- PSAT 8/9 for grades 8 and 9 and PSAT 10 for grade 10 (MME page)
- **Note:** The spring WIDA assessment window is still outstanding as MDE explores ways to return WIDA results back to schools more quickly in order to facilitate English learner (EL) exits.

In addition, the [Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmark Assessments schedule](#) for the 2018-2019 academic year is located on the [Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmarks web page](#) (www.michigan.gov/earlylitandmath). This schedule includes test administration windows for fall, a new winter, and spring for students in grades K-2.

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

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

(Continued on next page)

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

- 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 anytime 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 anytime 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.

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

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

July–August 2018

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

For accountability questions:

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

Email:

drcbeacon@datarecognitioncorp.com

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

Smarter Balanced Interim Assessments (provided by DRC)

Learn more at:

www.smarterbalanced.org/michigan

Email:

DRCBIPi@datarecognitioncorp.com

Phone: **855-270-3698** (option 2)

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