

Spotlight

on Student Assessment and Accountability

June 25, 2020

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 **DRC Summer Technology Updates**

Thursday evening, **June 25, 2020**, Data Recognition Corporation (DRC) will push the annual major update to the DRC INSIGHT Online Assessment System, including the familiar INSIGHT client used for statewide assessments.

Notable updates:

- INSIGHT will be version 11 for the 2020-2021 academic year. That is the version you will need if you are re-imaging computers this summer. If you do not push updates, INSIGHT will update itself the first time it is opened. A 64-bit Windows version is now available; however to use it, you are required to uninstall the 32-bit version and install the new one. The 32-bit version will auto-update to version 11, but will still be 32-bit unless you replace it with 64-bit.
- The “Central Office Services Device Toolkit” name has been retired. All documentation in the DRC INSIGHT Portal that used “Device Toolkit”, now use the name “Central Office Services” (COS). The user interface will show some updates, and all TSM references have been removed. If you still had active TSMs rather than COS Service Devices, the TSMs will not be in your Configurations anymore.
- COS Service Device software has been updated to version 4. Existing service devices will auto-update.
- New URLs will have to be whitelisted. These will be listed separately in the WIDA documentation and in the state testing documentation. An upcoming Spotlight will publish all the whitelist URLs for your convenience.

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includes information Tech Coordinators need to know

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For Assessment and Accountability Questions:

Assessment email: mde-oaaa@michigan.gov

Accountability email: mde-accountability@michigan.gov

Call Center: 877-560-8378

Requirements updates:

- ChromeOS will need to be version 83 or newer. If your Chrome device has reached End Of Life and cannot be updated past ChromeOS version 82, it cannot be used for testing next year.
- Windows 7 and Windows Server 2008 support is ending.
- macOS 10.13 and iOS 12 support is ending. iPad Air devices that support only iOS 12.x cannot be used for testing next year.

Documentation is being reviewed for updates, but the testing setup is fundamentally the same—that is, your setup for Spring 2020 will work for Spring 2021, plus or minus the updates noted above. If you never made the switch from TSMs to Service Devices before testing was canceled, you will need to do so for the coming academic year.

MME and PSAT Resources Added for Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 Testing

New documents have been added to the Michigan Merit Examination (MME) and PSAT web pages to assist in planning for both Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 testing.

[Student Search Services Guidance Document for Schools](#) can be found under **SAT (College Entrance Assessment)** on the [MME web page](#) (www.michigan.gov/mme) and under **Current Assessment Administration** on the [PSAT web page](#) (www.michigan.gov/psat). This document describes the benefits of Student Search Services in providing students with information about colleges and universities, financial aid, and scholarships.

Guidance is provided for districts and schools in obtaining parental consent, so students can opt into Student Search Services and complete an optional questionnaire when taking the SAT with Essay, PSAT/NMSQT, or the PSAT 10 assessment during school day testing.

[Who Must/Can Take the MME?](#) has been updated for the 2020-2021 school year and posted on the [MME web page](#) (www.michigan.gov/mme) under **General Information**.



Parent Dashboard – Update School Services and Offerings

The Center for Educational Performance and Information (CEPI) will be pulling School Services and Offerings (also referred to as Points of Pride) information from the Educational Entity Master (EEM) on **June 30, 2020**.

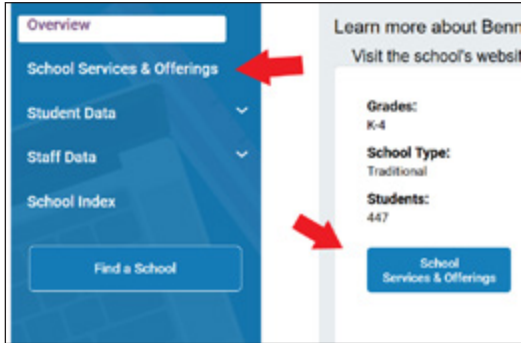
School Services and Offerings information is displayed on the Parent Dashboard. Submission of this information is optional; however, it provides parents useful information on schools, including which sports, arts, and clubs are available at a school. This information is not tied to a specific school year, so it is recommended that schools review this information periodically to ensure its accuracy.

To check your existing School Services and Offerings information, review your school's Parent Dashboard report on [MI School Data](#) (www.mischooldata.org/ParentDashboard/).

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Once you have navigated to your school, click on the “School Services and Offerings” link on the left-hand menu or click the “School Services and Offerings” button in the school information section of the Overview.



On the School Services and Offerings page, you can expand the topics (such as Arts, Clubs, Music) to check if your school has submitted information. Certain topics, such as Advanced Placement classes, are collected from other data sources. A topic for which no information has been submitted will display a “No Data Available” message.

Clubs

Clubs Offered at School

- No Data Available

A topic for which information has been submitted will display the values previously submitted by the school.

Clubs

Clubs Offered at School

- Speech and Debate
- Music
- Other Clubs

Instructions are available on [how to submit this information](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/training/EEM_and_PoP_621788_7.pdf) (www.michigan.gov/documents/training/EEM_and_PoP_621788_7.pdf).

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College Board Corner

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

Resources for Fall 2020 Testing

College Board and the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) have prepared a number of informational resources to assist you in planning for Fall 2020 testing. The resources are posted to both the [MME web page](http://www.michigan.gov/mme) (www.michigan.gov/mme) and the [PSAT web page](http://www.michigan.gov/psat) (www.michigan.gov/psat). These documents are living documents and will be updated as additional information is known. Keep watching the weekly Spotlight to know when updates are planned.

Fall Testing Policies

The health and safety of educators and students is our first concern; therefore, College Board is analyzing potential impacts of COVID-19 on policies and procedures to fall testing. We will make you aware of any updates as they become available. We hope to have these finalized and made public this summer.

Test Ordering Site is Open

The College Board [test ordering site \(TOS\)](#) is now open to place orders for Fall 2020 testing. For schools that have never accessed TOS before, an email was sent on June 9 to principals and test coordinators with a one-time access code needed to use TOS. You can begin to place your orders once this access code is utilized. If you did not receive the email, contact the Michigan Educator Hotline (866-870-3127) to obtain your access code.

Ordering Reminders

If you order assessments, grades, or test dates other than what is being provided by MDE, your school/district is responsible for paying for those assessments. Here are some examples:

1. If you order PSAT 8/9 for Grade 8, your school will receive an invoice for all Grade 8 tests, since MDE is only providing PSAT 8/9 for Grade 9. You can confirm which grades are being provided by MDE in the College Board test ordering site (TOS) on the page where you enter the number of standard test books you need for an assessment. A yellow box listing the eligible grades and/or assessments will be shown. You are not prohibited from administering the PSAT 8/9 to your grade 8 students (or any other grade); however, be aware that you are responsible for paying for those tests.

THE FOLLOWING DISTRICT/STATE ARRANGED TO PAY FOR YOUR STUDENTS

9th Grade Covered by Michigan Department of Education

2. If you order SAT without Essay, your school will receive an invoice for those tests, since MDE is only providing the SAT with Essay.
3. If you order PSAT/NMSQT and choose Saturday, October 17, as your administration date, your school will receive an invoice for those tests, since MDE is providing the PSAT/NMSQT only on October 14 or 28.
4. If you order SAT with Essay for a grade listed as “other”, your school will receive an invoice for those tests, since MDE is providing the SAT with Essay for Grade 12.

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- a. This is especially important to note as you select the individual students for whom you are ordering accommodated SAT with Essay materials. Every student with an approved accommodation in grades 11 or 12 will be listed on this page in TOS. Ensure that only your 12th grade students are selected.
- b. In the example below, the school would be responsible for Student B's test because the student has a grade listed as "Other".

<input type="checkbox"/> Select All	<input type="radio"/> All SAT (without essay)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> All SAT w/essay	Filter by Grade ▼
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Student A	<input type="radio"/> SAT	<input checked="" type="radio"/> SAT w/Essay	12 th Grade
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Student B	<input type="radio"/> SAT	<input checked="" type="radio"/> SAT w/Essay	Other

If you have students who are identified as "Other" in TOS, but will be in Grade 12 for the 2020-21 school year, work with your Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) Coordinator to submit a change request in order to update the student's expected graduation date in SSD Online. Once updated in SSD Online, the student should be correctly identified as 12th Grade in TOS.

Please confirm that your orders in TOS are accurate. Invoices will not be waived for incorrect orders. Orders can be adjusted, as needed, any time prior to the ordering deadline in TOS.

For information on the assessments, grades, and testing dates that are being provided by MDE, review this document posted on the [MME web page](#) and the [PSAT web page](#):

[Fall 2020 School Day Testing for MDE-Provided SAT with Essay, PSAT/ NMSQT, and PSAT 8/9:](#)

- assessments to be administered to students in grades 9-12
- separate table with dates for each assessment
- information on accommodations
- systems used to support this testing
- parental consent for the Student Search Service
- additional information to help in the planning for Fall 2020 testing

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Information on ACT® WorkKeys® provided by the ACT.

If you still have WorkKeys test materials in your school, refer to the [June 11, 2020 Spotlight Newsletter](#) (www.michigan.gov/mde-spotlight) for information about packing and returning these test materials to ACT.

All secure test materials, including prepared student answer documents and test booklets, must be stored in a secure location until the WorkKeys Test Coordinator can return the WorkKeys test materials to ACT.

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. – 6:00 p.m. ET
 - standard time: ext. 2800
 - accommodations: ext. 1788
3. email accommodations questions to ACTStateAccoms@act.org

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Important Dates

Approaching Deadlines!

Thursday, June 25, 2020, at 11:59 p.m.

- 2019-20 **WIDA Screener** Scoring **CLOSING** in WIDA AMS



Friday, June 26, 2020

- Accountable Students and Student Demographics in OEAA Secure Site for **WIDA ACCESS** and **WIDA Alternate ACCESS** for **ELLs CLOSING**
- Answer Documents Received for the Spring 2020 **WIDA ACCESS** and **WIDA Alternate ACCESS** for **ELLs CLOSING**

June 2020

SAT and PSAT

Now – August 25, 2020

- Materials Ordering window for **SAT with Essay** standard and nonstandard materials (for September 23 test date)

Now – September 16, 2020

- Materials Ordering window for standard and nonstandard materials for:
- **SAT with Essay** and **PSAT NMSQT** (for October 14 Primary test date and Accommodations window)
- **PSAT NMSQT** (for October 28 Primary test date and Accommodations window)
- **PSAT 8/9** (Primary test date window and Accommodations test window)

July/August 2020

WIDA

August 7, 2020

- Final **WIDA ACCESS** and **WIDA Alternate ACCESS** for **ELLs** Material Return Deadline - Round 2

Early Literacy and Mathematics

Thursday, August 6, 2020 from 10–11 a.m.

- DRC Webinar: **Technology Coordinator Training** – applies to the Benchmark Assessments, WIDA Screener, WIDA ACCESS for ELLs, and Spring 2021 testing

[Click to Join](https://datarecognitioncorp.zoom.us/j/98135475331) (https://datarecognitioncorp.zoom.us/j/98135475331)

Thursday, August 13, 2020 from 10–11 a.m.

- DRC Webinar: **District and Building Coordinators Training** – for new coordinators or returning coordinators who need a refresher

[Click to Join](https://datarecognitioncorp.zoom.us/j/94474365417) (https://datarecognitioncorp.zoom.us/j/94474365417)

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