

Spotlight

on Student Assessment and Accountability

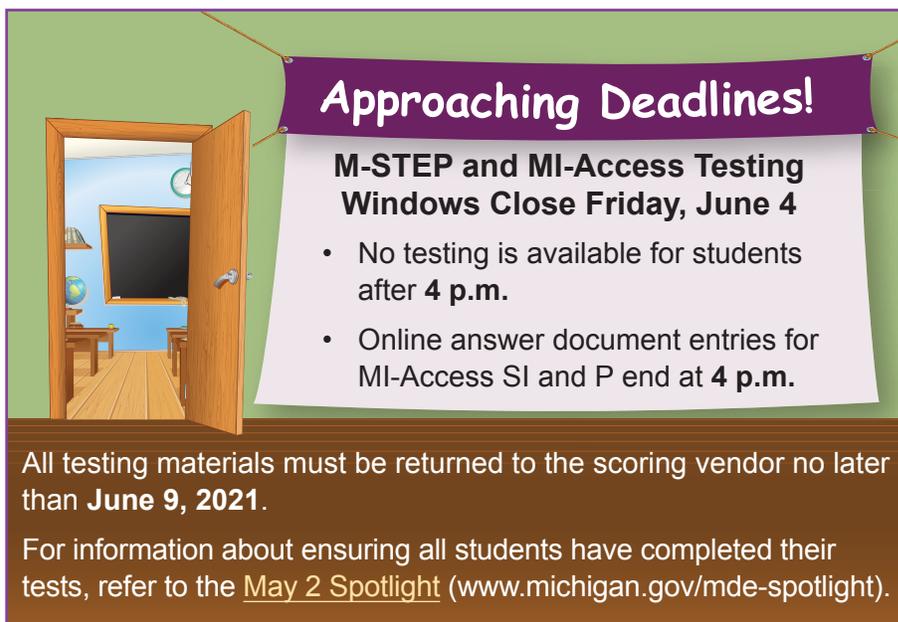
What's New

Week of June 3, 2021

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Approaching Deadlines!

M-STEP and MI-Access Testing Windows Close Friday, June 4

- No testing is available for students after **4 p.m.**
- Online answer document entries for MI-Access SI and P end at **4 p.m.**

All testing materials must be returned to the scoring vendor no later than **June 9, 2021**.

For information about ensuring all students have completed their tests, refer to the [May 2 Spotlight](http://www.michigan.gov/mde-spotlight) (www.michigan.gov/mde-spotlight).

Secure Material Return

Secure assessment materials must be returned to the testing vendor after testing is completed in accordance with the procedures and timelines outlined in the test administrator manuals (TAMs) for each assessment. Maintaining adequate oversight of the materials and reinforcing the use of proper handling and packing guidelines will help ensure the accurate and complete return of all secure items. While each assessment has specific timelines for the return of materials for scoring, it is imperative that all secure materials (including unused secure materials) are returned to each testing vendor even if the scoring window has closed.

The Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability (OEAA) monitors and audits all secure material returns. Any test booklets or other secure materials that are not returned constitute a breach of security.

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See the following information for assessment-specific material return instructions.

M-STEP

- Refer to page 65 of the [M-STEP TAM](#) for directions on handling and returning materials.
- **Return Deadlines:**
 - » May 26, 2021 (for grades 5, 8, and 11)
 - » June 9, 2021 (for grades 3, 4, 6, and 7)
- If you need assistance with shipping, contact Measurement Incorporated at 1-877-560-8378.

MI-Access (FI, SI/P)

- Refer to page 55 of the [MI-Access FI TAM](#) for directions on returning materials.
- Refer to page 45 of the [MI-Access SI/P TAM](#) for directions on returning materials.
- **Return Deadline:** June 9, 2021
- If you need assistance with shipping, contact Measurement Incorporated at 1-877-560-8378

ACT WorkKeys

- Refer to page 29 of the [ACT WorkKeys Test Coordinator Manual](#) for more information on preparing materials for return.
- **Return Deadline:** May 20, 2021
- If you need assistance with shipping, contact ACT directly at 800-553-6244.

SAT with Essay and PSAT 8/9 and PSAT 10

- Refer to the Coordinator Manuals for specific instructions on returning test materials:
 - » [SAT Coordinator Manual](#), pages 48-51
 - » [PSAT 10 Coordinator Manual](#), pages 44-47
 - » [PSAT 8/9 Coordinator Manual](#), pages 44-47
- **Return Deadline:** May 20, 2021

More detailed information is included in the [Spring 2021 Test Book Usage and Return Information](#) document located on the [MME](#) (www.michigan.gov/mme) and [PSAT](#) (www.michigan.gov/psat) web pages.

If you need assistance with shipping, contact Michigan School Day Support at 866-870-3127.

Benchmark Assessment Requirements for 2021-2022

Benchmark assessment requirements for academic year 2020-21 were written into Michigan law under Public Act 149 of 2020. These have been extended in academic year 2021-22 under Public Act 3 of 2021. The relevant section is MCL 388.1704a. Because these requirements are part of the State School Aid Act and this year's budget is not yet finalized, there may be further changes to these laws. This article outlines the current law and proposed changes.

Current requirements for 2021-22 are substantially similar to 2020-21, as described in the [September 3, 2020 Spotlight](#) (www.michigan.gov/mde-spotlight).

The significant changes are:

- Benchmark assessment data must be reported to the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) within 30 days, including growth data from Fall 2020 to Fall 2021 if available. (subsection 1f)
- Districts can apply to MDE for funding for the benchmark assessments, amounting to \$12.50 per membership pupil in grades K-8. (subsections 2-3)

The current draft of the Senate budget bill would also increase the number of eligible benchmark assessment providers, from the current four to “at least five but not more than six”, and add a requirement

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already met (that one of the providers offer an oral reading fluency online assessment). There is also a proposal to extend the requirement and funding into the 2022-23 academic year.

None of these proposals or requirements are final until the budget for the coming fiscal year is signed. As both current law and the proposed changes are substantially similar to what the law requires for the current academic year, MDE recommends that districts continue planning on that basis and watch future Spotlights for further updates as requirements are finalized.

2021 WIDA ACCESS for ELLs Reports

The 2021 WIDA ACCESS for ELLs and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs assessment reports will be available in [WIDA AMS](http://www.wida-am.us) (www.wida-am.us) on **July 30, 2021**.

To prepare for the reports' release, educators can review these resources now to get a better understanding of the information in these reports and how to best use them.

- [Using 2021 WIDA ACCESS Scores](#)
Quick guide to the best uses of this year's summative WIDA assessment scores
- [Interpretive Guide for ACCESS for ELLs Score Reports: Kindergarten - Grade 12](#)
Comprehensive document with information on understanding the scores
- [Interpretive Guide for Alternate ACCESS for ELLs Score Reports](#)
Comprehensive document providing information on understanding the scores

Discontinuation of Temporary Guidance for Identifying Potential English Learners During Remote Learning

The [Temporary Guidance for Identifying Potential English Learners During Remote Learning](#) is set to sunset at the end of the 2020-21 school year.

Educators can still use the Temporary Guidance for students enrolling now for the 2021-22 school year. However, once a district begins formal instruction for the 2021-22 school year, the K W-APT and the WIDA Screener must be administered.



Reminders

Michigan Performance Assessment Cadre (MiPAC) Development Opportunity

Are you interested in learning about developing and implementing performance assessments in your district/school? Join the Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability as we work with the Michigan Assessment Consortium to develop performance assessments that are aligned to Michigan's academic standards and model essential skills in mathematics and English language arts (ELA) in grades 3-8.



Information about preferred candidate qualifications and participant expectations is available in the [May 13, 2021 Spotlight edition](#) (www.michigan.gov/mde-spotlight).

If you are interested in participating, submit your resume in an email to mde-oeaa@michigan.gov, using the subject line: "MiPAC Application".

WIDA ACCESS for ELLs Online Speaking Test Survey

WIDA wants to know what you think of the WIDA ACCESS for ELLs Online Speaking test, and what speaking activities you use in your classroom.

To help WIDA improve the WIDA ACCESS for ELLs Online Speaking test, please respond to this [survey](#) (www.surveymonkey.com/r/SpeakingTest). It should take no more than 15 minutes to complete the survey, which will close on **June 28, 2021**.

Assessment and Accountability Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

In light of the recent announcements on the approval of Michigan Department of Education's accountability waiver and the denial of our assessment waiver, the Office of Assessment and Accountability has provided two FAQ documents to address some of the frequently asked questions that have recently come into our office.

- [FAQ – Assessments](#)
- [FAQ - Accountability](#)

CB College Board Corner

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

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

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

REMINDERS

Thank You!

Thank you to all who served as test coordinators, SSD coordinators, proctors, hall monitors, or room monitors for the Spring 2021 administration. We understand this has been a stressful year for all educators, and we greatly appreciate your flexibility, hard work, and your dedication to your students!

SSD Coordinator Email – School Testing Calendar

SSD coordinators may have received an email from the SSD department about updating your school's testing calendar. Although the Michigan Department of Education is providing your students with the SAT on a school day, some students may also choose to register for a weekend administration of the SAT at their own expense. For weekend testing, most students will test in a weekend test center. These test centers are normally housed in high schools or colleges that applied to the College Board and were approved for weekend testing. Many accommodations, including extra breaks, use of a calculator, and others, can be provided in a weekend

test center. However, students who have certain accommodations—such as double time, pre-recorded audio via MP3 streaming, braille, or large font greater than 20 point—will test in their school due to their special testing needs. This “school-based testing” means accommodated students may be looking to test in your school, even if you have not signed up to be a weekend test center.

The primary SSD coordinator of a school serves as the contact for the College Board and for students who require school-based testing. To support this process, each primary SSD coordinator is asked to fill out their school testing calendar, which can be accessed on the SSD Online Dashboard. This allows you to notify us if there are administrations for which you will **not** be able to provide school-based testing. The testing calendar in SSD Online is for SAT only. It can be updated for schools that are only testing PSAT, but remember it is **not related to state testing** in any way.

The decision to support school-based testing administrations is completely at the discretion of the school. Neither the College Board nor the Michigan Department of Education requires you to participate, nor does this have an impact on the state-provided spring testing. To see the students at your school who have registered for a national administration, the SSD coordinator can check the SSD Online Dashboard for a student's registered test date. If you decide to not support the national testing for these students who need accommodations, College Board will work with the students directly to find another school in the area that is available for school-based testing.

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Important Dates

Approaching Deadlines!

Friday, June 4, 2021 at 4 p.m.

- Online and paper/pencil assessment window for **M-STEP** grades 3, 4, 6, and 7 **CLOSES**
- **MI-Access FI** Online and Paper/Pencil assessment window for all grades **CLOSES**
- **MI-Access S/P** online score entry **CLOSES**

June 2021

June 22-28, 2021

- Window to verify Answer Documents Received for **WIDA ACCESS** and **Alternate ACCESS** for **ELLs, SAT, PSAT 8/9, PSAT 10, ACT WorkKeys, M-STEP, and MI-Access**

June 29 – July 2, 2021

- Students Not Tested window for **WIDA ACCESS** and **Alternate ACCESS** for **ELLs, SAT, PSAT 8/9, PSAT 10, ACT WorkKeys, M-STEP, and MI-Access**

Early Literacy and Mathematics

Now – June 29, 2021

- **Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmark Assessments (K-2)** Pre-identification of students in OEAA Secure Site window

Now – June 30, 2021

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

July 2021

Wednesday, July 28, 2021, 10-11 a.m.

- **DRC Webinar: Technology Coordinator Training** – applies to the Benchmark Assessments, WIDA Screener, WIDA ACCESS for ELLs, and Spring 2022 testing
[Join webinar](https://datarecognitioncorp.zoom.us/j/94405940716) (https://datarecognitioncorp.zoom.us/j/94405940716)

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Upcoming Events

Building a Better Assessment Future

Virtual Conference

June 28–30, 2021

9:00 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Did you know that about 80 percent of the assessments given to students are the result of decisions made by local educators? Those decisions will be the focus of the [Building a Better Assessment Future](#) virtual conference. This “not-to-be-missed” event offers support for district teams as they reimagine their districts’ assessment systems and improve learning for all students.

The BBAF conference will take place **June 28-30, 2021** and is hosted by [Michigan Assessment Consortium \(MAC\)](#) in partnership with Michigan Department of Education’s [FAME](#) (Formative Assessment for Michigan Educators) program and [Oakland Schools](#). Event participants will hear from and engage with respected national and international assessment experts, such as Susan Brookhart, Jan Chappuis, Margaret Heritage, Jim Pellegrino, Ken O’Connor, and Rick Stiggins.

Participants will also have ample time to work with Michigan assessment leaders, reflect on their current assessment practices, and collaborate to find new opportunities to improve student learning through assessment.

Come as a team or attend on your own!

Educators and policy makers at all levels are invited to attend with schools/districts encouraged to register and work in teams of three or more. The event will feature group work time and office hours with selected experts, allowing participants to address their schools’ unique opportunities. Plus, the FAME program and the MAC will support each team’s work after the conference through private consultation and group engagements designed to keep the collaboration going.

Learn more

Download and share the [BBAF conference flyer](#).

Find more details and register on the [Conference event page](#) (bit.ly/MAC-BBAF).

Contacts

For assistance with assessment or accountability issues:

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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