

Spotlight

on Student Assessment and Accountability

July 2, 2020

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The Spotlight will be on holiday next week.

Look for the next Spotlight edition on

Thursday, July 16, 2020.

Have a Safe and Happy Fourth of July!



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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.

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Key:  Reminder (previously run article)

For Assessment and Accountability Questions:

Assessment email: mde-oeaa@michigan.gov

Accountability email: mde-accountability@michigan.gov

Call Center: 877-560-8378

► [Sign up for Spotlight](http://www.michigan.gov/mde-spotlight) (www.michigan.gov/mde-spotlight) and/or access previous editions

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.

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.
 - 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

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THE FOLLOWING DISTRICT/STATE ARRANGED TO PAY FOR YOUR STUDENTS

9th Grade Covered by Michigan Department of Education

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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



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](#) (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

July/August 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)

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)