

Spotlight

on Student Assessment and Accountability

September 26, 2019

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End of Fall 2019 Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmark Assessments

Friday, October 4, 2019 is the end of the online fall testing window for the Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmark Assessments. All testing must be completed by the end of the instructional day.

The Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmark Assessments for grades K, 1, and 2 are administered three times a year: fall, winter, and spring. These benchmark assessments are completely aligned to Michigan's academic content standards, and are only administered online (no paper/pencil version).

There is still time to pre-identify students in kindergarten, first, and second grades for the fall assessments. Instructions and information about pre-identification can be found on the [Office of Educational and Assessment \(OEAA\) Secure Site Training web page](#) (www.michigan.gov/securesitetraining) under the **Pre-Identification of Students** section.

Key:  Reminder (previously run article)

College Board Corner

Information on SAT®, PSAT™ 8/9, and PSAT™ 10 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

Preparing for Spring

Assessment coordinators can begin preparing schools for the spring administration of PSAT 8/9 for Grades 8 and 9, PSAT 10, and SAT with Essay by:

- registering for the following workshops and/or webinars
 - ♦ a free implementation workshop; for information, refer to the [September 12 Spotlight](http://www.michigan.gov/mde-spotlight) (www.michigan.gov/mde-spotlight)
 - ♦ for those who cannot attend a face-to-face workshop, register for the [Implementation Webinar](https://tinyurl.com/2020MichiganImplementation) [https://tinyurl.com/2020MichiganImplementation] on **November 7, 2019, from 9-10:30 AM**; this presentation includes the same information presented at the workshops
 - ♦ SSD (Services for Students with Disabilities) coordinators can register for an [Accommodations and Supports Webinar](https://tinyurl.com/2020MichiganAccommodations) [https://tinyurl.com/2020MichiganAccommodations] on **December 5, 2019, from 1:00–2:30 PM** – this webinar will assist new and returning SSD coordinators with the process of applying for accommodations through the SSD Online system, which will be especially helpful for

new SSD coordinators; we will also review administering the SAT with Essay, PSAT 10, or PSAT 8/9 for Grades 8 and 9 with accommodations and English Learner supports

Both webinars will be recorded and posted on the [MME](http://www.michigan.gov/mme) (www.michigan.gov/mme) and [PSAT](http://www.michigan.gov/psat) (www.michigan.gov/psat) web pages approximately one week after the webinar is completed. All registrants will receive an email containing a PDF of the presentation and a link to the recording. Therefore, you should register for the live webinar, even if you cannot attend, to have these resources emailed to you.

- ensuring SSD coordinators have access to SSD Online – for information, refer to the [September 12 Spotlight](http://www.michigan.gov/mde-spotlight) (www.michigan.gov/mde-spotlight)
- updating the EEM with test coordinator information – for information, refer to the [September 12 Spotlight](http://www.michigan.gov/mde-spotlight) (www.michigan.gov/mde-spotlight)
- watching for upcoming information about school establishment in mid-October.

School Establishment

School establishment is the process through which College Board sets up schools to participate in the Spring 2020 assessments.

Most public schools will be automatically established to participate. All nonpublic schools have to indicate their intent to participate every year for each College Board assessment. The establishment process will begin in mid-October, and more information will be available in future Spotlight articles.

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

Update EEM Reminder

Ensure that each building/school's WorkKeys Test Coordinator has their correct contact name, email address, phone number, and mailing address (no PO boxes) in the [Educational Entity Master \(EEM\)](http://www.michigan.gov/eem) (www.michigan.gov/eem) no later than **Wednesday, October 2, 2019**.

ACT uses the information in the EEM to call, send emails, and to ship test materials to the WorkKeys Test Coordinator. Inaccurate information will result in not receiving critical information in a timely manner and consequently overlooking key deadlines and delaying the receipt of test materials.

Refer to the [September 5, 2019 Spotlight Newsletter](#) (www.michigan.gov/mde-spotlight) for additional information on how to update the EEM.

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, 9:30 AM – 6:00 PM ET
 - standard time: ext. 2800
 - accommodations: ext. 1788

Important Dates

Approaching Deadlines!

Wednesday, October 2, 2019

- **DEADLINE** to update **SAT, PSAT 8/9, PSAT 10,** and **ACT WorkKeys** Test Coordinator contact information in the EEM to ensure your school receives communications for the Participation Process

Thursday, October 3, 2019

- Pre-identification of students on the OEAA Secure Site for the fall **Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmark Assessments (K-2) DEADLINE**

Now – October 4, 2019

- **Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmark Assessments (K-2) Fall Testing Window CLOSES**

Coming Next Week . . .

Tuesday and Wednesday, October 1 and 2, 2019, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

- **Workshop 2: Leading Schools for Multilingual Learner Achievement**
Location: Wayne Community College – Downriver Campus, 21000 Northline Rd., Taylor MI 48180 EPAC 5 & 6
[Registration link](https://wida-leading-schools-el-achievement.eventbrite.com) (<https://wida-leading-schools-el-achievement.eventbrite.com>)

October 2019

SAT and PSAT

October 1 – November 1, 2019

- Implementation Workshops for **SAT with Essay, PSAT 10,** and **PSAT 8/9** – [Workshop Registration](#) (www.collegeboard.org/michiganworkshops)

November 2019

SAT and PSAT

November 7, 2019

- Implementation Webinar for **SAT with Essay, PSAT 10,** and **PSAT 8/9** – [Webinar Registration](#) (<https://tinyurl.com/2020MichiganImplementation>)

December 2019

December 4, 2019, 10:00 AM Eastern

- **DRC Technology Coordinator Webinar** – more information to come

SAT and PSAT

December 5, 2019, 1:00–2:30 PM

- Accommodations and Supports Webinar for **SAT with Essay, PSAT 10,** and **PSAT 8/9**
[Webinar Registration](#) (<https://tinyurl.com/2020MichiganAccommodations>)

WIDA

December 3, 2019, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

- **WIDA Access for ELLs Test Administration Online Workshop 1** – Library of Michigan, Lake Michigan Room, 702 W. Kalamazoo St. Lansing, MI 48909
[Registration link](#) (<https://wida-access-online-training-120319am.eventbrite.com>)

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WIDA (continued)

December 4, 2019, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

- **WIDA Access for ELLs Test Administration Online Workshop 2** – Wayne County Community College
Downriver Campus, EPAC 5&6, 21000 Northline Road, Taylor, MI 48180
[Registration link](https://wida-access-online-ta-training-120419am.eventbrite.com) (https://wida-access-online-ta-training-120419am.eventbrite.com)

December 3, 2019, 1:00 – 4:00 PM

- **WIDA Kindergarten ACCESS Test Administration Workshop 1** – Library of Michigan, Lake Michigan Room, 702 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing, MI 48909
[Registration link](https://wida-k-access-online-ta-training-120319pm.eventbrite.com) (https://wida-k-access-online-ta-training-120319pm.eventbrite.com)

December 4, 2019, 1:00 – 4:00 PM

- **WIDA Kindergarten ACCESS Test Administration Workshop 2** – Wayne County Community College
Downriver Campus, EPAC 5&6, 21000 Northline Road, Taylor, MI, 48180
[Registration link](https://wida-k-access-online-ta-training-120419pm.eventbrite.com) (https://wida-k-access-online-ta-training-120419pm.eventbrite.com)

December 18, 2019, 10:00 – 11:30 AM

- **WIDA Alternate ACCESS Overview Webinar**
[Registration link](https://wida-alternate-access-overview-121819-1000-1130.eventbrite.com) (https://wida-alternate-access-overview-121819-1000-1130.eventbrite.com)

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 WIDA AMS, 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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