



**Frequently Asked Questions Regarding the Michigan Merit Examination Score Reports**  
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**1. What is the Michigan Merit Examination (MME)?**

The MME replaced the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) High School Test beginning in spring 2007. The MME is administered to 11<sup>th</sup> grade students and is based on the ACT plus writing college entrance exam, WorkKeys – an ACT work skills assessment, plus several Michigan components developed to assess Michigan curriculum not assessed by the ACT Plus Writing college entrance exam or WorkKeys assessments.

**2. How does my student Qualify for the Michigan Promise scholarship?**

To qualify to receive Michigan Promise scholarship funds at all, students must receive valid MME scores in mathematics, reading, writing, and science. To qualify for early receipt (installment payments) of Michigan Promise scholarship funds, students must meet or exceed Michigan standards in mathematics, reading, writing, AND science.

Students who receive a valid score in all four subjects, but who do not meet or exceed Michigan standards in all four subjects do not have to retake the MME to qualify to receive Michigan Promise scholarship funds, but may elect to retake the MME to qualify for installment payments of those funds.

For details regarding the requirements for the Michigan Promise scholarship, please contact the Michigan Department of Treasury, Office of Grants and Scholarships (OGS), toll free at (800) 447-2687 or visit their Internet website at <http://michigan.gov/promise>.

### **3. IMPORTANT: Does my student need to retake the MME?**

If your student did not receive a **valid** MME score on mathematics, reading, writing, OR science, your student **does not qualify** to receive any Michigan Promise Scholarship funds **and will need to retake the MME during his or her 12th grade year if he or she would like to qualify.**

If your student did not meet or exceed Michigan standards in all four subjects, they may elect to retake the MME during his or her 12th grade year to qualify for early receipt of scholarship funds.

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### **4. In what subject areas are students tested by the Michigan Merit Examination?**

The MME is composed of assessment items in the areas of English language arts (reading and writing), mathematics, science and social studies. The assessment items are aligned to the Michigan Curriculum Framework.

### **5. Can I compare the Michigan Merit Examination scores to the MEAP High School Test scores?**

No. The MME was taken for the first time this spring by Michigan 11th grade students. The MEAP high school test is being reported for the last time this year for the Class of 2007. The two tests are different and students taking the MEAP have had multiple opportunities to retake the assessment to better their scores, so a comparison to first time testers on MME would not be an appropriate comparison.

### **6. Why do students have to take the Michigan Merit Exam?**

State assessments, like the MEAP tests for younger students and the MME for high school students, provide a way to measure all Michigan students in the same subject, at the same time. The test provides valuable information to parents on their child's academic performance.



