

Please see **6 IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS** below regarding: 1) Available Accountability Tour Seating Tomorrow in Oakland County!, 2) Michigan Interim Assessment Pilot – Schools Needed, 3) Spring 2013 Pre-ID and IMOs Closing January 11, 2013, 4) Spring ELPA Manual Now Available, 5) Spring 2013 SBAC Pilot FAQ Now Available, and 6) Fall 2012 MEAP and MEAP-Access Aggregate Date Files Now Available.

1) Available Accountability Tour Seating Tomorrow (1/4/13) in Oakland County!

The Office of Evaluation, Strategic Research & Accountability (OESRA) is conducting a series of informational presentations (a.k.a., “the Accountability Tour”) tomorrow at Oakland Schools in Waterford, MI from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The purpose of this event is to bring the latest accountability-related updates to districts and schools. We will be presenting topics relevant to district, school, and teacher accountability. ***There are still seats available for this event if you are interested in attending on short notice!***

If you are interested in attending, please email MDE-Accountability@michigan.gov. If are unable to attend this tour location and would still like to learn more about the presentation content, we will be recording the sessions and making them available via the web in the near future.

Presentation slides and the tour agenda are available here:

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Tour_400198_7.html. The presentation materials will not be provided in print onsite. We encourage you to arrive a few minutes prior to the starting time as the session will begin promptly at 8:00 a.m.

Address:

Oakland Schools
Conference Room A
2111 Pontiac Lake Road
Waterford, MI 48328

Map: <http://goo.gl/maps/6IRYO>

Additional support and inquiries regarding the Accountability Tour can be sent to MDE-Accountability@michigan.gov.

2) Michigan Interim Assessment Pilot – Schools Needed by January 18th

As indicated in the last BAA blast (week of December 17th), the Michigan Interim Assessment Program is in need of schools to pilot Michigan’s new interim assessments. These assessments will be online, pre-post assessments given at the beginning of a grade/course and end of a grade/course, and may be used as one possible measure of student growth.

Participation as an interim assessment pilot site will meet the 2012-2013 school year online participation requirement (Category One #4) of the Technology Infrastructure Grant, and provide a low-stakes opportunity to test the school’s connectivity and bandwidth capacity for online testing. The Michigan Interim Assessment Program will offer scheduling flexibility for schools participating in the pilot.

The first opportunity to experience these new assessments for teachers and students in grades 3 through high school is pilot testing in science and social studies, which will take place in **April and May 2013**.

Science	
Grade 3 – 7 Grade Level Assessments Based on Grade Level Content Expectations (GLCEs)	High School Course-Based Assessments Based on High School Content Expectations (HSCEs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth Science • Biology • Chemistry • Physics

Social Studies	
Grade 3 – 8 Grade Level Assessments Based on Grade Level Content Expectations (GLCEs)	High School Course-Based Assessments Based on High School Content Expectations (HSCEs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U.S. History and Geography • World History and Geography • Civics • Economics

The minimum technology requirements for the online assessments include:

Apple	Windows
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MAC OS X® 10.5 – 10.8 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Windows XP® or 7
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 256 MB of RAM or greater 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 256 MB of RAM or greater
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1024x768 or greater screen resolution 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1024x768 or greater screen resolution
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 MB hard disk space 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100 MB hard disk space
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 400 MHz processor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 700 MHz processor

To participate in the Michigan Interim Assessment pilots, please complete a survey at <http://tinyurl.com/interimpilotsurvey>. **Surveys must be completed by Friday, January 18, 2013.**

Districts may have several buildings participate, but each building must register with a separate survey. More information about Michigan's Interim Assessments can be found at www.michigan.gov/interimassessments.

3) Spring 2013 Pre-ID and IMOs (MME, MI-Access, and ELPA) Closing January 11th

Pre-Identification of Students

On Monday, December 3, 2012, the BAA populated the BAA Secure Site with pre-identified student records for the Spring 2013 Michigan Merit Examination (MME) and the Spring 2013 English Language Proficiency Assessment (ELPA) using the following criteria:

MME:

Students were pre-identified by BAA based on enrollment in grade 11 (or based on enrollment in grade 12 without a prior valid MME score).

- **NOTE for Spring MI-Access** - For grade 11 students who will take the MI-Access spring assessment, districts will need to log into the BAA Secure Site (www.michigan.gov/baa-secure) and move these students from the MME Spring 2013 test cycle to the MI-Access Spring 2013 test cycle.

ELPA:

Students were pre-identified by BAA based on students being identified as "LEP Eligible" in fall 2012 MSDS, or identified as "Historical LEP" (students not exited for proficiency but also not re-reported as LEP Eligible).

- Additional information about ELPA Pre-ID can be accessed at: http://michigan.gov/documents/mde/2013_Spring_ELPA_PreID_404752_7.pdf.

Pre-ID records for all spring assessments can be viewed using the Pre-Identified Students Report on the BAA Secure Site. Students pre-identified by **5:00 p.m. on January 11, 2013** will receive pre-printed barcode labels. Students pre-identified after this time will need to have barcode labels printed locally. All answer documents must have a barcode label.

Initial Material Orders (IMOs)

The IMO window for MME, ELPA, and the high school MI-Access assessments will close **January 11, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.**

- Additional information about ELPA IMO's can be accessed at:
http://michigan.gov/documents/mde/2013_Spring_ELPA_PrelID_404752_7.pdf.

Instructions for completing any of the pre-identification processes and/or entering Initial Material Orders can be found in the *BAA Secure Site User Manual* accessed at:
<https://baa.state.mi.us/meap/Help/BAA%20secure%20website%20Manual.pdf>.

4) Spring 2013 ELPA Manual Now Available

The Spring 2013 English Language Proficiency Assessment (ELPA) Test Coordinator's Manual has been posted to www.michigan.gov/elpa. This manual contains information about preparing for the upcoming administration of the Spring ELPA. Please take time to review the manual including the "What's New" section.

5) Spring 2013 SBAC Pilot FAQ Posted

In early December, schools selected to be part of the scientific sample for the Spring 2013 Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) Pilot were notified individually and a message was sent to all schools with information on how they could volunteer to participate if they were not selected as part of the needed sample. A "frequently asked questions" document for the SBAC pilot is available at:

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Smarter_Balanced_Pilot_Frequently_Asked_Questions_406553_7.pdf.

The general SBAC pilot message, including the survey link for schools wishing to volunteer, can be found as announcement #5 in the 12/3/12 BAA blast. (A link to that communication is included here http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/AAA_12-3-2012_406238_7.pdf.)

6) Fall 2012 MEAP and MEAP-Access Aggregate Data Files Now Available

We are pleased to announce that the Aggregate Data File (ADF) for the Fall 2012 Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) and MEAP-Access have been posted to the BAA Secure Site (www.michigan.gov/baa-secure).

These files allow schools and districts to review summary data that previously was available only on the PDF or printed reports, or by districts aggregating data locally from the student data file.

It is not permissible to share any school- or district-level results from the ADF with parents, the community, or other external parties until results are released to the public. School board meetings are open meetings; therefore, the sharing of embargoed assessment results at these meetings is not permissible until the public release. A date for the public release of the assessment data will be scheduled by the Michigan Department of Education after all MEAP PDF reports have been released.

****In the meantime, data from the Aggregate Data Files can be shared with teachers, administrators, internal committees and consultants who make use of the aggregate data for planning and school improvement purposes.****

RELEASE OF SCHOOL AND DISTRICT RESULTS IN ADVANCE OF THE PUBLIC RELEASE (DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED) IS PROHIBITED AND WILL JEOPARDIZE THIS COURTESY FOR SCHOOLS AND DISTRICTS IN THE FUTURE.

Information Included in the MEAP and MEAP-Access Aggregate Data File (ADF)

The ADF includes aggregate data by grade subject, school, and district, demographic subgroup, and performance levels. These are the aggregations that can be found in the Demographic Reports when they become available in PDF and paper formats. See the section on downloading below for information about how to obtain a guide to the ADF for each assessment.

Downloading the MEAP and MEAP-Access ADF file

If you have a user ID and password for the BAA Secure Site, you can access the ADF files by clicking on "Student Test Scores" from the menu at the left, and selecting the Fall 2012 MEAP Grades 3 – 9 or the Fall 2012 MEAP-Access test cycle. Once you have selected the test cycle, the guides to the ADF for that assessment will appear at the bottom of the page. If you do not have access, please contact your district assessment coordinator for assistance.

We are pleased to make both of these files available at this time for an early look at summary results for your school and district.

Questions?

Please email us at baa@michigan.gov or call 877-560-8378 and select the appropriate menu option.