



# OEAA Update

This update is provided by the Michigan Department of Education, Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability (OEAA) for all individuals who participate in the administration of statewide assessments in Michigan. Please post in a prominent location.

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## OEAA Communications

All communications from OEAA are sent to districts and schools through email. Email addresses for School Report Card Contacts, Superintendents, Principals, MEAP Coordinators, MI-Access Coordinators, MEAP-Access Coordinators, ELPA Coordinators, MME Test Supervisors, MME Back-up Test Supervisors, and MME Testing Accommodations Coordinators are pulled from the Education Entity Master (EEM). The district's authorized EEM user can update, as needed, the contact information for the district and for each building, with the exception of the MME contacts. MME contacts are updated through ACT.

Keeping the contact information up-to-date in the EEM will ensure that materials are shipped to the correct person and location, and ensure communications are received in a timely manner. You can check your contact information on the EEM today at [www.michigan.gov/eem](http://www.michigan.gov/eem). For questions on the EEM, or to identify who the district's authorized user is, please contact the Center for Educational Performance and Information (CEPI) at 517-335-0505 or [cepi@michigan.gov](mailto:cepi@michigan.gov).

Individuals who are not a district or school contact, as listed above, can still receive email announcements from OEAA by joining one or more of the listservs. Go to the appropriate assessment's webpage (navigate from [www.michigan.gov/oeaa](http://www.michigan.gov/oeaa)) and click on the "Subscribe to the \_\_\_\_\_ Email Listserve" at the top of the page.

## MDE Assessment & Accountability Conferences Canceled

As previously announced, OEAA will not be hosting live conferences around the state in fall 2010. In lieu of live conferences, OEAA will prepare pre-recorded sessions on important assessment and accountability topics. These pre-recorded sessions will then be available via the internet for viewing at your convenience. Further information will be disseminated when pre-recorded sessions become available.

## Fall 2010 PreID for MEAP and MI-Access

Students must be identified in the school they will be attending in fall 2010. Please consider this if you have school or grade-level configuration changes occurring over the summer. To ensure students have been identified for testing, it is recommended you run a Pre-Identified Student Report from the OEAA Secure Site ([www.michigann.gov/oeaa-secure](http://www.michigann.gov/oeaa-secure)). Instructions for pre-identifying students and running a Pre-Identified Student Report can be found in the OEAA Secure Site User Manual. The manual can be accessed on the main announcements page of the Secure Site before logging in. Please run this report well in advance of the deadline, so there is adequate time to remedy any errors or omissions. The pre-ID deadlines for Fall 2010 MEAP and MI-Access are listed below:

### MEAP

To receive pre-printed answer documents for the Fall 2010 MEAP, students must be identified for testing **on or before July 29, 2010**. Students identified **between July 30, 2010 and September 16, 2010**, will receive pre-printed barcode labels to affix to their student answer document. The barcode labels will arrive in a separate shipment *after* the initial materials shipment. Students identified **after September 16, 2010**, will need a barcode label printed at the school or district and affixed to the student answer document. All answer documents must be pre-printed or have a proper barcode label affixed.

### MI-ACCESS

To receive pre-printed barcode labels to be affixed to Fall 2010 MI-Access answer documents, students must be identified for testing **on or before September 16**. Students identified after this date will need a barcode label printed at the school or district and affixed to the student answer document. All answer documents must have a proper barcode label affixed. Each student pre-identified for MI-Access must have a current Individualized Educational Program (IEP) and have the special education flag set in the OEAA Secure Site and in the Michigan Students Data System (MSDS) in your respective district.

## Fall 2010 Initial Orders for MEAP and MI-Access

Grade levels on the Initial Material Order page will be displayed based on grades authorized for the school in the Educational Entity Master (EEM). If the grade levels have been changed for the school in the EEM, the Initial Material Order page will reflect that change one day after it is **active** in the EEM.

The initial material order is separate from pre-identifying students and must be completed on the Initial Material Order page on the OEAA Secure Site ([www.michigan.gov/oeaa-secure](http://www.michigan.gov/oeaa-secure)). Instructions for initial material orders can be found on the main announcements page of the Secure Site before logging in.

Please note there is a new ordering process for Braille materials for Fall 2010. Ordering of Braille test booklets can only be made by calling 877-560-8378. Select option 2 for MEAP Braille orders, or select option 4 for MI-Access Braille orders. You must provide district, school, and student information, including the student's UIC number.

## MEAP

Initial orders for **MEAP must be placed on or before July 29, 2010**. Schools must enter orders for fall 2010 MEAP based on an estimate of their needs. Do not pad your counts when ordering materials, a small overage will be built into your order automatically based on established business rules. Districts will receive a 5% overage, as they have in prior MEAP cycles.

## MI-Access

Initial orders for **MI-Access must be placed on or before September 16, 2010**. Schools must enter orders for fall 2010 MI-Access based on an estimate of their needs. Do not pad your counts when ordering materials, a school overage will be provided for functional independence materials.

## **MEAP Fall 2010 Assessment**

The fall MEAP assessment window is October 12 through October 29, 2010. To view or print the revised MEAP schedule, please visit the MEAP website at [www.michigan.gov/meap](http://www.michigan.gov/meap), then click on "MEAP Assessment Schedule" (Fall 2010 – Fall 2014, Revised 1-14-2010) located near the bottom of the page.

The OEAA will present a MEAP Fall 2010 Webcast designed to provide District and School MEAP Coordinators with the information needed to administer the Fall 2010 MEAP assessments. A date for this webcast has not yet been established.

MEAP assessment materials will arrive in districts between September 22 - 27, 2010. After you have inventoried your initial order materials, additional material orders can be placed on the OEAA Secure Site beginning September 28, 2010. The final day to ship return assessment materials to the MEAP contractor without incurring penalties is November 3, 2010.

Fall 2010 MEAP Estimated Testing Times chart can be accessed using the following link: [http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/F10\\_Estimated\\_Length\\_of\\_Tests\\_325243\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/F10_Estimated_Length_of_Tests_325243_7.pdf)

## **MEAP Fall 2010 Reading/Writing Update**

The fall 2010 MEAP reading test for third through eighth graders is scheduled for two days, October 12 and 13. The operational test has not changed and will consist of a paired reading selection with eight multiple-choice items for each selection plus six cross-text items, and an independent reading selection with eight multiple-choice items and one short-answer constructed response worth three points. The total number of points for the reading assessment is 33.

Additional reading selections with a combination of multiple-choice items and short-answer constructed response items will also be included on the reading assessment for field testing purposes.

The MEAP writing test will be operational for the first time this fall for students in the fourth and seventh grade. Two days are necessary for administration and are scheduled for October 14 and 20. The assessment will consist of two student writing samples with eight multiple-choice items for each sample. For one of the samples, the students will be asked to write a response to the question, "What could the writer do to improve this sample?" This item will be scored with a holistic four-point rubric.

Another two constructed response items will also be included on the writing assessment. One will ask the students to write a narrative piece similar to the Writing from Knowledge

and Experience prompt that appeared on previous MEAPs. A new informational constructed response will ask the students to write using a specific organizational pattern. For this fall, fourth graders will be instructed to make comparisons while seventh graders will respond to a cause-and-effect prompt. After this year, any of the organizational patterns listed in the GLCEs may be assessed. Both of these constructed responses will be scored on a new 15-point analytic rubric. The writing assessment will now be worth a total of 50 points.

In order to have items for future MEAP assessments, additional items will be field tested on the writing assessment.

All three of the rubrics mentioned above and their corresponding checklists are currently available on the OEAA website at [http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-22709\\_31168-233760--,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-22709_31168-233760--,00.html). The checklists have been revised to more closely align with the rubrics. There is now only one informational writing checklist for use with all organizational patterns.

If you have any questions about the MEAP Reading/Writing Assessment, please contact Wendy Gould at [gouldw@michigan.gov](mailto:gouldw@michigan.gov) or 517 241-2090.

## **MI-Access Fall 2010 Assessment**

The fall MI-Access assessment window is October 11 through November 19, 2010. The OEAA is presenting a MI-Access Fall 2010 Webcast on September 15, 2010 via [www.mistreamnet.com](http://www.mistreamnet.com) starting at 1:00 p.m. Eastern. The MI-Access Webcast is designed to provide District and School MI-Access Coordinators with the information needed to help the fall 2010 MI-Access assessment administration process go smoothly.

MI-Access assessment materials will arrive in districts the week of September 27, 2010. Additional materials may be ordered at the OEAA secure site from October 4 through November 18, 2010. The final day to return all assessment materials to the MI-Access contractor with no penalties or fees is Dec. 3, 2010.

## **MEAP-Access Update**

As previously announced, MEAP-Access assessments will NOT be administered this fall. MEAP-Access is the newest statewide assessment; it was administered operationally for the first time in fall 2009. MEAP-Access assesses the content areas of Reading and Mathematics in grades 3-8, and Writing in grades 4 and 7. MEAP-Access is designed to address the assessment needs of certain students with disabilities who are currently taking either the MI-Access Functional Independence or the MEAP assessments, or a combination of both. Detailed eligibility criteria are listed on the MEAP-Access webpage [www.michigan.gov/meap-access](http://www.michigan.gov/meap-access).

The results of the fall 2009 assessment cycle provided data supporting the need for further item modification. Custom development of items and the piloting of modified items have delayed the subsequent administration of MEAP-Access. The Michigan State Board of Education (SBE), OEAA, the OEAA Advisory Committee, and the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) agreed that a one-year delay is necessary to allow for appropriate study, development, and field testing. Please see the MEAP-Access webpage for informational materials and updates regarding this assessment.

Early this spring, the OEAA gathered stakeholder and educator input from around the state to draft modification guidelines. Additionally, the Cognitive Laboratory Study methodology was used with individual Michigan students to assist in verification of the guidelines. Rather than administering a stand-alone pilot, the OEAA plans to continue the development process by embedding items in several forms of the MEAP assessments as well as the MI-Access Functional Independence tests.

Since MEAP-Access will not be available as an option this year, students should take either MEAP or MI-Access assessments, or a combination, as directed by their IEP. MEAP-Access administration is scheduled to resume in fall 2011.

## Spring 2010 ELPA Reports

Printed reports are scheduled to begin arriving in districts around July 8, 2010.

- If your district selected the "Green" option (default), you will *only* receive printed copies of the *Individual Student Reports*, *Parent Reports*, and *Student Record Labels*.
- If your district selected the "Print All Reports" option, you will receive hard copies of all reports.

Please note that under either option, the full array of reports, as well as the Student Data File, is available electronically on the OEAA Secure Site at [www.michigan.gov/oeaa-secure](http://www.michigan.gov/oeaa-secure). Additional copies of your reports may be printed from the Secure Site as needed.

It is the responsibility of the school to insure that Parent Reports are disseminated promptly to the student's parent or legal guardian.

Coordinators are encouraged to review the Spring 2010 ELPA Guide to Reports to assist education professionals with understanding, interpreting, and using ELPA reports. The Guide will be available on the ELPA web page at [www.michigan.gov/elpa](http://www.michigan.gov/elpa) on June 30, 2010. No hard copies of the guide will be shipped to districts or schools. If you have any questions, please call the OEAA at 877-560-8378, option 7, or send an email message to [oeaa@michigan.gov](mailto:oeaa@michigan.gov).

## High School Report Cards

Authorized users can now access draft versions of the 2009-10 School Report Cards for high schools and districts that tested students during the spring assessment cycle at <https://oeaa.state.mi.us/ayp/login.asp>. The draft report cards contain Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) determinations and the Education YES! letter grades.

### Appeal Period

The deadline for filing an appeal of the 2009-2010 report cards for high schools and districts is **Thursday, July 8, 2010 at midnight**. To file an appeal, authorized users of the Report Card web site may login and navigate to the school which the appeal applies to. A "Request Appeal" link is in the blue menu on the left side of each page. The Department anticipates releasing the 2009-10 Michigan School Report Card to the public in the coming months.

## Annual Education Report (AER) Information

The Annual Education Report (AER) provides detailed information about the status of education in Michigan's public schools, public school academies, districts and Michigan's statewide performance. These report cards are critical tools for promoting accountability for schools, local school districts, and states by publicizing data about student performance and program effectiveness for parents, policy makers, and other stakeholders. All states and LEAs receiving Title I, Part A funds must prepare and distribute report cards annually.

The AER needs to be distributed at least two weeks prior to the start of the new school year. All LEAs, including public districts, public school academies, and intermediate school districts (ISDs) or regional education service agencies (RESAs) that operate schools, are required to use the state-produced AER reports this summer to report their 2009-2010 performance. This is how Michigan schools and LEAs will meet the requirement of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 2001 (ESEA or NCLB).

Using the AER reduces the burden on nearly 850 LEAs and 6,000 schools to collect and format this complicated set of data for presentation to parents and community stakeholders to meet federal requirements.

MDE released the AER with the data from 2008-09 the first week of June. To access the AER tool, go to [www.data4ss.org](http://www.data4ss.org). Log in to the dynamic inquiry tool and click on the Annual Education Report tab on the left. This will allow school and district personnel to access the site, learn how to navigate through, and also allow adequate time to get questions answered before the deadline of disseminating the report. The 2009-10 data is targeted for release by August 1, 2010.

## **NAEP 2011 Administration Notifications**

Early notification has been mailed and emailed to all schools in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) 2011 sample. Participating schools have already been notified of their assigned testing dates. The sampled schools will be part of a national sample that assesses Mathematics and Reading at grades 4 and 8, Science at grade 8, and Computer-Based Writing at grades 8 and 12. The NAEP assessments will take place between January and March 2011.

Additionally, some Michigan schools have been selected to participate in the Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) and the Progress in International Reading Literacy Study (PIRLS). Selected schools have already been notified. TIMSS and PIRLS will take place between April and May 2011.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions please contact Dr. Paul Stemmer at [stemmerp@mi.gov](mailto:stemmerp@mi.gov).

## **Secondary Credit Assessment System (SCAS)**

At this time, OEAA has put on hold the development of any future Secondary Credit Assessments. Previously-developed assessments are on the OEAA secure site and will continue to be available; however, no new assessments will be released until further notice.

The available assessments are:

- Algebra 1
- Geometry
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Grade 9 ELA
- Grade 10 ELA
- US History/Geography Parts 1 & 2

Additional information on SCAS can be obtained at [www.michigan.gov/scas](http://www.michigan.gov/scas).