

# Online Test Administration



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# Accomplishments



## By the numbers:

- 3,863,496 test sessions
- 45,961 concurrent sessions
- 190,731 sessions in a single day
- 17,355 Detroit City School District test sessions in a single day
- Approximately 623,000 students tested online



**82% of schools  
successfully tested online**

# Technology



**“Overall, online testing went far better than expected.”**

- No major outages
- One carrier issue late in testing
- “Unsupported” devices worked
- 2016 – same vendor, same engine
- Still room for improvements



# Perfect?



"TTS not stable"

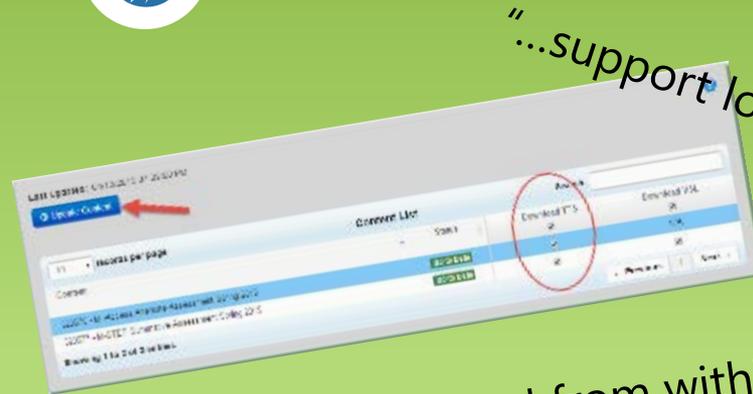
"...lost connection to servers..."

"...tools to check students progress"

"Volume control from within the test..."

"Improve deployment to Chrome devices"

"Equation Builder..."

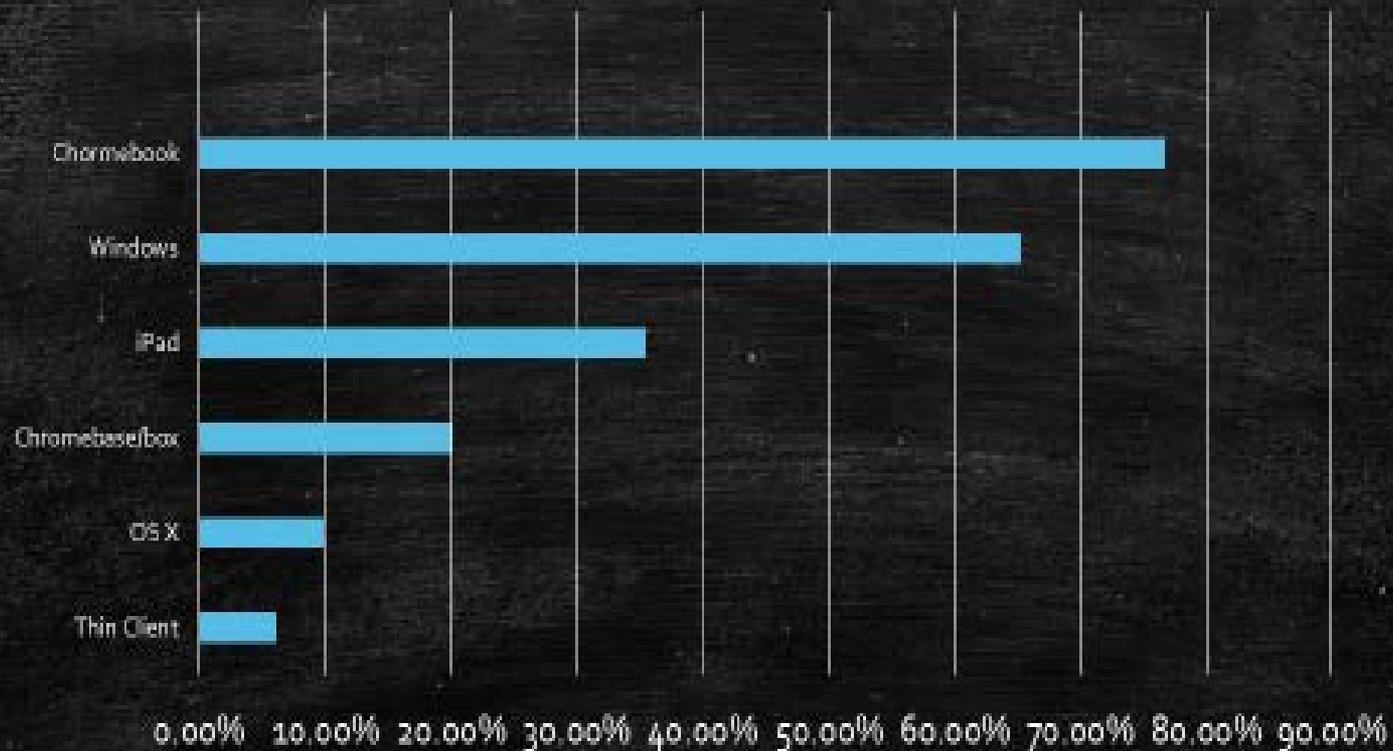


"...support load balancing..."



# Technology Direction

## Responses



# Rest of John's Stuff



- TSM up and operational ASAP
- Insight installed on devices ASAP
- Take advantage of the OTTs
- Monitor wireless access points
- Provide contact list for testing staff
- Clear TSMs of cached responses daily
- Disable auto-updates during testing window
- Get added to EEM as a Technology Coordinator
- Take your daily vitamins



# Spring 2016 Testing Schedule

## Spring 2016 Testing Schedule for Summative Assessments

Assessment	Week Beginning															
	2/8	2/15	2/22	2/29	3/7	3/14	3/21	3/28	4/4	4/11	4/18	4/25	5/2	5/9	5/16	5/23
M-STEP Grades 5, 8, and 11										3 weeks						
M-STEP Grades 3 and 6											3 weeks					
M-STEP Grades 4 and 7													3 weeks			
MI-Access Alternate Assessments										7 weeks						
College Entrance: SAT with Essay										4/12 only		4/26 only				
Accommodations Testing**										Dates TBD						
Work Skills: ACT WorkKeys										4/13 only		4/27 only				
Accommodations Testing										4/13 – 4/27						
PSAT*										4/12 or 4/13		4/26 or 4/27				
WIDA ACCESS for ELLs 2.0	7 weeks															
WIDA Alternate ACCESS for ELLs	7 weeks															

\* Schools can elect to administer the PSAT test to 9th graders on one day, 10th graders on the other day, or test both grades on the same day. As long as all students in the **same grade** are tested on the **same day**, schools can choose which date works best for them for both the initial test dates and the makeup test dates.

\*\* The dates for the Accommodations Testing dates are being finalized.

**Icon Legend** Online Assessment Paper/Pencil Assessment

# Updates for 2016



- MME Components
  - SAT with Essay
  - ACT WorkKeys
  - M-STEP Science and Social Studies
- ELA Performance Task
  - Grades 5 and 8 only
- Actively Pursuing...
  - CAT for ELA and Math
  - Minimizing Test Direction Redundancy
  - Better Test Session Lock / Unlock Procedures

# Stay Informed

(<https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/MIMDE/subscriber/new>)



## Spotlight

on Student Assessment and Accountability



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Quick Links ... take you directly to articles or sections ...

- Student Assessment and Accountability Conferences Begin Next Week
- CEPI 2015 Graduation Rate Appeals Window Closes September 16
- SAT Corner
- Important Dates



### Student Assessment and Accountability Conferences Begin Next Week

There is still time to register for the first session of the 2015 DAS Conference on Student Assessment and Accountability!

- Thursday, August 20: Lansing Center  
Lansing, MI

If you can't make the Lansing session, there are three other dates and locations available.

- August 25: Crystal Mountain Resort,  
Thompsonville, MI
- August 27: Northern Michigan University,  
Marquette, MI
- September 1: Eagle Crest Resort,  
Ypsilanti, MI

After registering for one of the four conferences, you will receive a short survey in which you can indicate which breakout sessions you may want to attend. This doesn't "lock" you into attending a specific breakout session, but gives us an idea of participant interest in a session topic so that we may schedule the sessions appropriately.

This is a great opportunity to hear the latest information regarding the 2016 M-STEP, early literacy initiatives, educator evaluations, legislative updates, accountability, and much more! Register now for the one-day conference. Don't miss out!

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Key:  
• supports and accommodations information

► Sign up for Spotlight (<https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/MIMDE/subscriber/new>) today! Enter your email address and select Spotlight under Student Assessment.

- Report availability
- Sample Item and OTTs availability
- Date reminders
  - Online Waiver window
  - Pre-ID and Test Session pulls
  - Material Order window
  - Enrollment and Answer Doc Verification windows
  - Return of materials
- Administration updates

# Test Administration Considerations



What do  
you see?



- Active proctoring
- Well lit room
- Ventilation
- Comfortable seating
- Distraction free
- No visible content materials
- Dividers
- No visible cell phones
- Active proctoring

# Practical Test Administration Suggestions



## Have a plan

- Students with Accommodations or Designated Supports
- Absent students
- Tardy students
- Students who leave during testing
- Students who need more time
- Students who finish early
- Computer problems

## Read the Manual



# Tips from Colleagues



- Start early but not too early
- Record Classroom Activity – iPad Swivel or Smartphone
- Assign meaningful and distinctive names to test sessions
- Reserve 10% of computers for hardware problems
- Sign up for Spotlight

- Color code test tickets
- Incorporate online calculator and equation builder into instruction
- Chain of Custody
- Just in time Test Ticket delivery



# Questions/Comments



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# Tools for Online Assessments



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# Tools for Online Assessments



2014-2015...

- Overview of M-STEP Assessments
- Online Tools within Test Engine
- Practice Items
- Literacy, Math, and Typing Resources
  - ✦ Elementary
  - ✦ Secondary



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# Literacy Resources



- [News ela](https://newsela.com) – <https://newsela.com>
- [Info Bits](http://www.mel.org) – <http://www.mel.org>
- [Culture Grams](http://mel.org/Databases) – <http://mel.org/Databases>
- [Britannica School](http://school.eb.com/levels) – <http://school.eb.com/levels>

# Math Resources



- [Front Row](https://www.frontrowed.com) – <https://www.frontrowed.com>
- [Virtual Manipulatives](http://www.mathplayground.com) – <http://www.mathplayground.com>
- [Interactive Math Resources](http://illuminations.nctm.org/) – <http://illuminations.nctm.org/>
- [Desmos](https://www.desmos.com/calculator) – <https://www.desmos.com/calculator>
- [Geogebra](http://www.geogebra.org/) – <http://www.geogebra.org/>

# Typing and Mouse Resources



- [Nitro Type](https://www.nitrotype.com) – <https://www.nitrotype.com>
- [Typing Web](https://www.typing.com/student/start) – <https://www.typing.com/student/start>
- [Dance Mat Typing](http://www.dancemattypingguide.com) – <http://www.dancemattypingguide.com>
- [ABCya Typing Games](http://www.abcya.com) – <http://www.abcya.com>
- [Mousercize](https://www.pbclibrary.org/mousing) – <https://www.pbclibrary.org/mousing>

# Tools for Online Assessments



2015-2016...

- Overview of Assessments
- Higher Order Thinking Skills
- Resource Support
  - Digital Literacy
  - Math
  - Typing and Mouse
- Administration Planning



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