

Spotlight

on Student Assessment and Accountability

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Look for the next
edition of Spotlight on
July 21, 2016.

Weekly Spotlight editions will
return August 4, 2016.



The Spotlight is taking a summer vacation, but will return on July 21, 2016 with updates and information.

Don't forget to read the information provided in the SAT Corner, ACT WorkKeys, and Important Dates in this week's Spotlight.

We hope you enjoy the warm weather and sunshine!

SAT Corner

Information on SAT™, PSAT 8/9™, and PSAT10™ provided by the College Board

Thank you Michigan Educators!

The College Board would like to thank everyone for your dedication during this first administration year of SAT, PSAT 10, and PSAT 8/9. We greatly appreciate your efforts and hard work to make this year successful. We know this first year was not without some challenges, however we are working closely with MDE and the College Board is committed to implementing improvements for the 2016–17 school year. We look to sharing those updates in the fall. Have a great summer!

Get ready for next year - register for our Fall Counselor and Implementation Workshops

The Counselor Workshops are three-hour workshops designed for counselors and will provide important College Board Program updates for the 2016–17 school year including: SAT Suite of Assessments, how score reports can help students improve their college readiness skills, free official SAT practice on Khan Academy, and upcoming changes to the 2017–18 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Register at: www.collegeboard.org/cw.

The SAT and PSAT Implementation Workshops are two-hour workshops for Administrators, Counselors, and Test Center Supervisors to provide updates and changes to the Michigan SAT, PSAT 10, and PSAT 8/9 administrations in the spring of 2017. Learn about preparing for and administering the College Board exams; find out about the spring implementation timelines; and how our professional development offerings can prepare you for Spring 2017. Register at: www.collegeboard.org/satschoolday.

Schedule:

- 8:30 – 9:00 AM: Counselor Workshop Registration and Breakfast
- 9:00 – Noon: Counselor Workshop Presentation
- Noon – 1:00 PM: SAT School Day Implementation Registration and Lunch
- 1:00 – 3:00 PM: SAT School Day Implementation Presentation

See the list of dates and locations on the following page.

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Locations for Fall Counselor and Implementation Workshops

Dearborn	Friday, Sept. 30, 2016	University of Michigan-Dearborn
Detroit	Thursday, Sept. 29, 2016	Wayne State University
East Lansing	Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2016	Michigan State University
Grand Rapids	Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2016	Northview High School
Jackson	Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2016	Jackson Intermediate School District
Kalamazoo	Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2016	Western Michigan University-Kalamazoo
Marquette	Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2016	Northern Michigan University
Mount Pleasant	Monday, Sept. 26, 2016	Central Michigan University
Saginaw	Monday, Sept. 19, 2016	Saginaw Intermediate School District
Traverse City	Monday, Sept. 19, 2016	Traverse Bay Area Intermediate School District
Waterford	Friday, Sept. 16, 2016	Oakland Intermediate School District



Information on ACT WorkKeys® provided by the ACT®.

ACT WorkKeys: The National Career Readiness Certificate

Frequently Asked Questions

What is an NCRC?

- ◆ The National Career Readiness Certificate™ (NCRC®) is based on an individual's performance on three ACT WorkKeys® skills assessments: Applied Mathematics, Locating Information, and Reading for Information. Scores on these assessments determine the certificate level – bronze, silver, gold, or platinum – an individual can earn.

What do the NCRC assessments measure?

- The NCRC assessments measure a range of essential work skills, including the ability to:
 - ◆ Perform basic mathematic operations relevant to the workplace
 - ◆ Read and understand documents commonly found in the workplace
 - ◆ Find information presented in common workplace graphics
 - ◆ Set up and solve complex work-related math problems
 - ◆ Determine the relevance of written information to work-related tasks
 - ◆ Apply information derived from graphics to work-related problems

Why is the NCRC important?

- The NCRC gives individuals proof that they possess the skills employers deem essential to workplace success. This improves career outcomes for everyone from people just entering the workforce to longtime employees – and it enhances employers' hiring, training, and promotion decisions.

The WorkKeys Summary report to students indicates that students can access their NCRCs via the MyWorkKeys.com online account. Does the Memo to Examinee (the report the students receive) have all the information needed to create an online account on MyWorkKeys.com?

- Yes, the school's ACT WorkKeys test coordinator should provide the student with the ACT WorkKeys "Memo to Examinee." The upper right-hand corner of this report shows the student's Exam ID which is needed to create an account on MyWorkKeys.com.

How would a student create an online account on MyWorkKeys.com?

- View the [Create a New Account Quick Start Guide](http://www.act.org/content/dam/act/unsecured/documents/WorkKeysCreateAccount.pdf) (<http://www.act.org/content/dam/act/unsecured/documents/WorkKeysCreateAccount.pdf>) for detailed instructions on creating a new **MyWorkKeys** account.
- The Guide contains step-by-step instructions on creating an account, sharing NCRC information with others, and ordering an

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official, printed NCRC to be mailed to an address specified by the student when they created their account.

What are the fees associated with creating an online account on MyWorkKeys.com?

- No fee is required to create an account on MyWorkKeys.com.

Is there a fee to share NCRC data electronically?

- No fee is required to share a certificate electronically.

Is there a fee to order an official printed NCRC?

- Yes. There is a fee of \$20 to order an official printed copy of a student's NCRC from MyWorkKeys.com. The printed NCRC will arrive at the address specified by the student in 3–4 weeks.

Whom do I call if I have any questions?

- You may call ACT at 800-967-5539.

Important Dates

August 2016

Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmarks

- **Tuesday, August 16, 2016 10:00 to 11:00 AM:** The Data Recognition Corporation fall Technology Coordinators WebEx (streamed live, recording to be posted of eDIRECT), discussing system enhancements for fall and spring testing. There will be another in the winter, before M-STEP and MI-Access.

Sending Scores Back Program

- **Monday, August 29, 2016 at 5:00 PM:** Deadline to submit applications for the 2016–2017 Sending Scores Back Program. For more information, including the application and other informational resources regarding SEEs/S2E2s, please visit the [Shared Educational Entities web page](http://www.michigan.gov/sees) (www.michigan.gov/sees).

September 2016

WIDA

- **September 16, 2016 at 5:00 PM:** DEADLINE— Student Record Maintenance (SRM) **English Learner (EL) Exits** must be submitted and certified using an "As of Date" on or before June 30, 2016 **AND** an "LEP Exit Date" on or before June 30, 2016.

M-STEP, MI-Access, MME, & Early Literacy

- **September 26, 2016 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM:** The Student Assessment and Accountability Fall Webcast (streamed live and recorded on MI Streamnet).

► Access previous [Spotlight editions](http://www.michigan.gov/mde-spotlight) (www.michigan.gov/mde-spotlight)

Have Other Questions?

For assessment questions, please email BAA@michigan.gov.

For accountability questions, please email MDE-Accountability@michigan.gov.

For phone assistance with assessment or accountability issues, call 877-560-8378 and select the appropriate menu option.