




Spotlight

on Student Assessment and Accountability

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Agenda for 2016 Student Assessment and Accountability Fall Webcast

The [agenda](#) for the 2016 Student Assessment and Accountability Fall Webcast is available now on the [Division of Accountability Services \(DAS\)](#) web page (www.michigan.gov/das). The webcast, which will be broadcast live from Wayne RESA on **Monday, September 26, 2016 beginning at 8:30 AM and concluding at 3:30 PM**, will feature a series of 45-minute topic-specific presentations delivered by DAS staff, including:

- Student Assessment Updates
- Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmark Assessments
- Spring 2016 Reporting
- Accountability
- Student Supports and Accommodations

Immediately following each session, there will be a 15-minute discussion session to allow ISD participants time to generate and submit questions (please check with your ISD to determine participation details). Questions will be gathered via email during these discussion sessions and addressed in a separate 45 minute Q & A session at the end of the day. Participants viewing the webcast via [MI Streamnet](#) (<http://mistreamnet.com>) will also have the opportunity to submit questions during the discussion sessions or anytime throughout the day. If you have general questions about the webcast, please send an email to BAA@michigan.gov, and include “2016 Fall Webcast” in the subject line. If you are an ISD and would like to attend the live 2016 Student Assessment and Accountability Fall Webcast via videoconference or video streaming, please email Steve Michael at michaels@resa.net.

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Embargoed Spring 2016 WorkKeys Student Data File Is Now Available

The Spring 2016 WorkKeys Student Data File is now available on the [MDE Secure Site](http://www.michigan.gov/baa-secure) (www.michigan.gov/baa-secure) on the **Student Test Scores** page under the **Report** menu. The student data file contains only student level data.

WorkKeys data are **EMBARGOED** until the public release of Spring 2016 assessment results. Districts and schools will be notified through the **Spotlight on Student Assessment and Accountability** newsletter when the embargo has been lifted later this summer.

IMPORTANT – While individual student results may be shared with parents at this time, it is **NOT** permissible to share any school-, district-, or state-level results with parents, the community, or other external parties until the embargo is lifted by the MDE. School Board meetings are considered open meetings; therefore, the sharing of embargoed assessment results at these meetings is not permissible until the embargo is lifted.

August 3, 2016 ESSA Notes Newsletter

The August 3, 2016 edition of the ESSA Notes newsletter is now available. This edition highlights:

- Michigan's emphasis on broad stakeholder input to develop our ESSA state plan
- Michigan's first ESSA online survey now open for public and stakeholder input
- featured ESSA resources

The [newsletter](#) is available on the [ESSA web page](#) (www.michigan.gov/essa). Just click on the **ESSA Notes** button.

Visit our ESSA web page for more details on this work and to sign up to receive updates on the Michigan's Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) State Plan.

Guidelines for 2015–16 English Learner (EL) Exits

The student data file containing Spring 2016 WIDA ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs scores has been loaded into the [Secure Site](http://www.michigan.gov/baa-secure) (www.michigan.gov/baa-secure) under **Reports > Student Test Scores**. Schools and districts can use these scores as part of the [EL Entrance & Exit Protocol](http://www.mi.gov/mde-titleiii) (posted at www.mi.gov/mde-titleiii) to determine which EL students should be exited from an EL/LEP program (LEP – Limited English Proficient is an older term to reference ELs). The state's enrollment system (MSDS – Michigan Student Data System), in which EL/LEP exits are reported, still uses the term LEP.

Once a school or district has determined an EL student is eligible to be EL exited, they will need to work with their district pupil accounting person to submit LEP Exit information in MSDS. The MSDS 2015–16 LEP exit records at this point **must have all of the following** to successfully exit the student from an EL/LEP program:

- use the **2015-16** Student Record Maintenance (SRM) Collection in MSDS
- have a [LEP Exit Date] on or before 6/30/2016
- have an [As Of Date] on or before 6/30/2016
- have a [Certification Date] on or before 9/14/2016 (i.e., be uploaded and processed by this date)

Please be aware the [Certification Date] deadline was previously misreported as 9/16/2016. **The correct [Certification Date] deadline is 9/14/2016.**

For additional questions regarding:

- How to use the EL Entrance and Exit Protocol to determine which students are eligible for EL/LEP Exit, please contact the Office of Field Services

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at 517-373-6066, and ask for Shereen Tabrizi, Unit Manager, or Maria Silva, English Learner Consultant

- How to appropriately submit 2015–16 EL/LEP Exit information in MSDS, please contact the Center for Educational Performance & Information (CEPI) at cepi@michigan.gov.

2015–16 Graduation Rate Appeals Window

The Center for Educational Performance and Information (CEPI) opened the 2015–2016 Graduation Rate Appeals Window (appeals window) on July 20, 2016 in the Michigan Student Data System (MSDS). A communication was sent by CEPI to all schools and districts at that time. However, the MDE would like to follow up on that communication to stress the importance of ensuring graduation rate data are carefully reviewed and any necessary corrections are made at this time. Graduation rates are an **important** part of accountability calculations, and graduation rate data from the 2015–2016 school year, once finalized (September 14, 2016), **cannot be changed**.

If you have not already done so, you should now take advantage of the opportunity to review and potentially appeal your graduation rate data for the 2015–2016 school year. During the appeals window, you can report end-of-summer graduates, submit cohort year changes, update exit status, and request unique identification code (UIC) linking.

Graduation rates can only be appealed during the Graduation Rate Appeals window in the MSDS through September 14, 2016.

NAEP Is Looking for a Few Good Men and Women

NAEP is looking for assessment administrators to work with primary and secondary school students to administer the 2017 National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP).

For additional information on this opportunity, visit the web page for the NAEP federal contract administrator at [Westat](http://bit.ly/1BKnz2I) (<http://bit.ly/1BKnz2I>).



Reminders

1% MI-Access Proficiency Cap Exception Applications Due Soon!

The 1% MI-Access Proficiency Cap Exception applications are available now through **Monday, August 29, 2016 at 5:00 PM**. Applications are completely electronic and are available through the [Secure Site](http://www.mi.gov/baa-secure) (www.mi.gov/baa-secure) from the Accountability menu. Districts that already have an approved 1% exception application from the 2013–2014 or 2014–2015 school years need not

reapply, as approved applications are active for three years of scorecard appeal windows. Approved 2015–16 applications will be active for 2015–16, 2016–17, and 2017–18. The list of currently approved 1% exception applications and their necessary reapplication dates can be found in the PDF [MI-Access 1% Cap Exception Application List](#) located on the [MDE Accountability web page](#) (www.mi.gov/baa-accountability).

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A helpful resource [2015-16 MI-Access 1% Cap Application Process and Exception Information](#) has also been posted on the MDE Accountability web page to provide you:

- detailed information on the 1% cap
- how the 1% cap is calculated
- how to access the MI-Access Proficiency Cap Exception Application
- sample responses to the questions on the 1% exception application

Please note: Because the window to submit applications is open until Monday, August 29, 2016 at 5:00 PM, MDE will not begin processing applications until late summer or early fall.

Sending Scores Back Program Applications Due Soon!

If your ISD, consortium, or district operates or participates in a school or program that is exclusively for one of the following purposes:

- Alternative Education
- Early/Middle College
- Gifted & Talented
- Special Education

Your ISD, consortium, or district may benefit by applying to participate in the **Sending Scores Back Program** for school accountability.

Applying for the Sending Scores Back Program will designate your school building or classroom program as a Shared Educational Entity (SEE) or Specialized Shared Educational Entity (S2E2). This status is then used to identify students and schools to be processed separately from regular school accountability

reporting. SEEs and S2E2s do not receive a Michigan School Scorecard or Top-to-Bottom School Ranking for operating as a "good deed" school or program for special interest educational services. Instead, students in these schools/programs are attributed back to their resident district's accountability results. The Sending Scores Back Program is offered as a benefit for schools or programs offering these types of educational services, providing them additional flexibility in the reporting of traditional school accountability elements.

Shared Educational Entities (SEEs) and Shared Specialized Educational Entities (S2E2s) that participated in the Sending Scores Back program for the 2015-2016 school year will need to reapply to maintain their status as a SEE or S2E2 in the Sending Scores Back Program for the 2016-2017 school year.

Applications are a completely online process and are due by **Monday, August 29, 2016 at 5:00pm**.

For more information on the 2016–2017 Sending Scores Back Program, including the application and other informational resources regarding SEEs/S2E2s, please visit the [Shared Educational Entities web page](#) (www.michigan.gov/sees).

Fall Technology Coordinators Webinar

The Data Recognition Corporation (DRC) fall Technology Coordinators Webinar (recording to be posted to eDIRECT one day after live stream) will be broadcast on **Tuesday, August 16, 2016 from 10:00 to 11:00 AM**. DRC will be discussing system enhancements for fall and spring testing. No advance registration is needed. This meeting will use Skype for Business through this [link](#):

<https://meet.lync.com/drc365/smasterson/ddh80nlp>.

SAT Corner

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

Fall and Spring Assessments

Like last year, schools do **NOT** need to order materials for the Michigan-sponsored SAT, PSAT 10, and PSAT 8/9 assessments in Spring 2017. If you elect to participate in fall testing of PSAT/NMSQT, materials should be ordered directly through College Board. Fall testing of PSAT/NMSQT does not fill the state requirement for testing in grades 9 and 10 and is not sponsored by the state.

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 learn 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

Important Dates

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Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmarks

- **Tuesday, August 16, 2016 – 10:00 to 11:00 AM:** The Data Recognition Corporation fall Technology Coordinators webinar (streamed live, recording to be posted on eDIRECT), discussing system enhancements for fall and spring testing. No advance registration is needed. This meeting will use Skype for Business through this [link](https://meet.lync.com/drc365/smasterson/ddh80nlp): <https://meet.lync.com/drc365/smasterson/ddh80nlp>.

M-STEP

- **Thursday, August 25, 2016 – 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM:** Live Question and Answer sessions for the 2016 M-STEP Final Reports release. To connect to the Q & A session's conference line, use the [Connect Me link](https://stateofmichiganmdeweb.centurylinkccc.com/CenturylinkWeb/SOMOldBAA) (<https://stateofmichiganmdeweb.centurylinkccc.com/CenturylinkWeb/SOMOldBAA>) and follow the instructions to create a new user profile. To access audio only, dial 720-279-0026 and use Guest Passcode 569943.

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](http://www.michigan.gov/sees) web page (www.michigan.gov/sees).

1% MI-Access Proficiency Cap Exception Applications

- **Monday, August 29, 2016 at 5:00PM:** Deadline to submit applications for an exception to the 1% MI-Access Proficiency Cap for 2016–17. For more information, please see the full article on [page 3](#).

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- **DATE CHANGED! September 14, 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](http://mistreamnet.com) (<http://mistreamnet.com>). See the article on [page 1](#) for more information.

► 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.