



Snapshot of High School Class of 2005

Source: Michigan Merit Award, Michigan Department of Treasury

Michigan Merit Award – Rewards academic achievement and makes postsecondary education more affordable. Qualifying students are eligible for \$2,500 to be used at any approved postsecondary educational institution. The award is available to all public school, public school academy, nonpublic school, and home school students. Funding is provided by a portion of Michigan’s share of the revenue from the November 1998 multi-state settlement agreement with tobacco manufacturers. A student must take the MEAP High School Tests in mathematics, reading, science, and writing. Students who achieve Level 1 or Level 2 on all four tests, and who meet all other eligibility requirements, qualify for the \$2,500 high school award. Beginning with the Class of 2005, students are eligible for an additional \$250, \$375 or \$500 based on their middle school scores. Unlike many other scholarship programs for postsecondary education, the Michigan Merit Award is based solely on academic achievement. The Class of 2000 was the first eligible graduating class.

CLASS OF 2005 - PUBLIC	Math	Science	Reading	Writing	Social Studies*
Level 1 - Exceeded Michigan standards	9,727	5,160	8,266	6,261	1,342
Level 2 - Met Michigan standards	52,447	57,974	76,379	56,358	34,855
Level 3 - Basic level of achievement.....	15,152	17,188	15,316	37,505	30,865
Level 4 - Not endorsed.....	31,330	27,824	8,324	8,588	39,268
Total tested.....	108,656	108,146	108,285	108,712	106,330
Enrollment (as reported in Fall 2004)					111,055

CLASS OF 2005 - NON-PUBLIC	Math	Science	Reading	Writing	Social Studies*
Level 1 - Exceeded Michigan standards	1,420	613	778	976	57
Level 2 - Met Michigan standards	4,465	5,172	6,035	4,926	1,414
Level 3 - Basic level of achievement.....	640	826	322	1,226	861
Level 4 - Not endorsed.....	712	617	89	106	622
Total tested.....	7,237	7,228	7,224	7,234	2,954
Enrollment (reported voluntarily).....					8,855

*Social Studies scores are not used in the calculation for a Merit Award.

	Class of 2005	Class of 2004	Class of 2003	Class of 2002
Total Estimated Enrollment (public and non-public)	119,910	118,040	120,188	112,027
High School Merit Recipients	53,064	52,727	51,331	51,733
Middle School Merit Recipients	41,930	N/A	N/A	N/A
Potential Award Liability	\$149,008,125	\$131,817,500	\$128,327,500	\$129,332,500