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To: Local and Intermediate School Superintendents
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Date: October 23, 2007

Subject: **Addition of ACT Scores to Qualify for Dual Enrollment**

In a previous memorandum, it was indicated that PLAN, PSAT, and the Michigan Merit Examination (MME) scores can be used to determine eligibility for dual enrollment. The ACT scores have also been added to the list of those that qualify students for dual enrollment. The complete list of scores that qualify students for dual enrollment are as follows:

Assessment	Test Section	Content Area	Minimum Dual Enrollment Qualifying Score
PSAT	Critical Reading	Reading	44
	Writing Skills	Writing	49
	Mathematics	Mathematics	45
PLAN	Mathematics	Mathematics	18
	Reading	Reading	17
	Science	Science	19
	English	English	21
ACT	Mathematics	Mathematics	18
	Reading	Reading	17
	Science	Science	19
	English	English	21
MME	Reading	Reading	1100
	Writing	Writing	1100
	Mathematics	Mathematics	1100
	Science	Science	1100
	Social Studies	Social Studies	1100

In addition, several individuals have contacted the Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability (OEAA) with questions. OEAA has compiled the attached list of questions received thus far. As additional questions are received, these will be added to this list and the updated list will be posted at the MME website: www.michigan.gov/mme.

Please feel free to contact Sam Sinicropi at (517) 241-1162 or via e-mail at sinicropis@michigan.gov if you or your staff have any questions about the use of the PLAN, ACT, PSAT, or MME for dual enrollment.

cc: Assessment Coordinators

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Questions and Answers About Dual Enrollment Testing Policies:

1. Do students have to take more than one assessment to qualify for dual enrollment?
No. Students need to take only one of these tests.
2. Can students take any of the qualifying tests to see if they can pass one?
Yes. Students can, if they wish to, take all four exams; and if they pass any one, they are qualified for dual enrollment.
3. The ACT and ACT PLAN score reports do not list a "Writing" score, but do list an "English" score. Are these the same?
Yes. The table shown in the September 5, 2006 Jeremy Hughes memorandum should list the content areas of Mathematics, Reading, Science, and *English*. The qualifying score for "Writing" is the correct one for "*English*."
4. Do students need to have taken the ACT, PLAN, PSAT, or MME this (2006-2007) school year in order to qualify for dual enrollment?
No. If students have taken any one of these tests last year and scored at or above the scores contained in the October 22, 2007 memorandum from Sally Vaughn, they are qualified for dual enrollment.
5. Can school districts develop or use other assessments than ACT, PLAN, PSAT, or MME?
No. Public Act 594 of 2004 indicates that only college entrance readiness tests aligned with Michigan's standards can be used for dual enrollment qualification. The state is determining whether some community college and university placement tests might be used in the future. However, at the current time, only MME, ACT, PLAN and PSAT can be used.
6. What should school districts do about the area of social studies, where no ACT, PLAN or PSAT score is available?
For areas for which no ACT, PLAN or PSAT data exist, school districts should use available data such as MME or MEAP Social Studies test data, local school district test data or course grades. In the areas where no MME, ACT, PLAN or PSAT data exist, local districts need to set local criteria for student eligibility.
7. If a student qualified for dual enrollment previously, but did not qualify on the most recent test, are they still qualified for student enrollment?
Yes. Once students have qualified, they cannot lose their eligibility.
8. When can the MME be used for eligibility for dual enrollment?
When students take the MME in the spring of their junior year, the MME will become the measure used for dual enrollment eligibility determination. Students who score at levels 1 or 2 (Exceeded the Standard or Met the Standard) will be eligible for dual enrollment.