

2009 Assessment & Accountability Conference

Michigan Department of Education



Locations:

August 25, 2009

Northern Michigan University • Marquette

1401 Presque Isle Avenue
Marquette, MI 49855

September 21, 2009

DeVos Place • Grand Rapids

303 Monroe Avenue, NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

September 28, 2009

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46100 Grand River Avenue
Novi, MI 48374



Featured Programs:

- Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP)
- Michigan Merit Examination (MME)
- MI-Access, Michigan's Alternate Assessments based on Alternate Achievement Standards
- MEAP-Access, Michigan's Alternate Assessments based on Modified Achievement Standards
- Assessment of English Language Learners Program
- National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)
- Accountability Program (MI-SAS/NCLB/AYP)

A Special One-Day Conference for:

- MEAP Coordinators
- MME Testing Staff
- MI-Access Coordinators
- MEAP-Access Coordinators
- ELPA Coordinators
- NAEP School Coordinators
- Curriculum Coordinators
- Assessment Specialists
- School Administrators

Register online at:

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Conference Agenda

Marquette

8:00-8:30 a.m.	Registration & Continental Breakfast
8:30-9:30 a.m.	Session A
9:30-9:45 a.m.	Session Travel Time
9:45-10:45 a.m.	Session B
10:45-11:00 a.m.	Session Travel Time
11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Session C
12:00-1:15 p.m.	Lunch with Speaker
1:15-2:15 p.m.	Session D
2:15-2:30 p.m.	Session Travel Time
2:30-3:30 p.m.	Session E
3:30 p.m.	Adjournment

Grand Rapids and Novi

7:30-8:30 a.m.	Registration & Continental Breakfast
8:30-9:30 a.m.	Session A
9:30-9:45 a.m.	Session Travel Time
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There will not be a General Session to kick-off the conference. You must be in attendance at Session A to receive SB-CEUs.

Session A

1. MI-Access: Introduction, Reports, and Common Errors

This session will describe MI-Access, Michigan's Alternate Assessments based on Alternate Achievement Standards. Common administration errors and how to avoid them will be discussed. Helpful tips on interpreting and using MI-Access reports will be provided.

2. Introduction to Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) (Including Cohort Graduation Rates)

Learn how AYP is determined for schools and districts under the *No Child Left Behind Act*. Also describes requirements for participation, student achievement, attendance, and graduation rates.

3. Introduction to Classical Test Theory

This session, designed for those with little or no background in measurement theory, will introduce and define some of the terms and methodologies employed in the analysis of assessment results. In particular, this session focuses on classical test theory analyses that can be applied to classroom test data.

4. Using MEAP Data Files

This session will cover using the MEAP reports data file for analysis and planning purposes.

5. Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies Updates

Updates to the mathematics, science, and social studies assessments will be presented.

6. MME Accommodations: ACT-Approved or State-Allowed?

This session is designed for MME Test Accommodations Coordinators, high school counselors, and teachers who work with high school students who have an IEP, 504 Plan, or receive ELL instruction. The following questions (among others) will be addressed: What is the difference between ACT-Approved and State-Allowed accommodations? What is a nonstandard accommodation? What is the impact of each type of accommodation on student results? How do I determine which type of accommodation to apply for and when? What accommodations require ACT approval, and what accommodations are local decisions? We will also include hands-on practical applications using the MME Accommodations Summary Table.

7. Chat with OEAA Management

(Grand Rapids and Novi Only)

Bring your questions, suggestions, or concerns to OEAA management directly.

8. NAEP and National Assessment Activities

(Grand Rapids and Novi Only)

Current and future NAEP activities and results will be presented, as well as a discussion on the direction of national and international assessments.

Session B

9. MEAP-Access: Introduction, Reports, and Anticipated Common Errors

This session will describe Michigan's Alternate Assessment based on Modified Achievement Standards called "MEAP-Access" (the "2%" test). This session will explain how this new assessment differs from existing tests. Administration, assessment design, and interpreting reports will be discussed. Potential identification and administration errors will be discussed.

10. Introduction to Item Response Theory

As a continuation of session three (Classical Test Theory), this session will explore the terminology and processes involved in the application of Item Response Theory (IRT) to large scale assessment. IRT is the primary methodology used by the OEAA for the purpose of test scaling and reporting. While this is an advanced measurement topic, the session will be targeted towards a non-technical audience.

11. Secondary Credit Assessment System (SCAS) Introduction

This session will introduce to participants the purpose and uses of the Secondary Credit Assessment System. What assessments are available? How can they be used? How do they compare with the Michigan Merit Exam? What options do schools have to comply with the Michigan Merit Curriculum requirements for end-of-course tests and testing out.

12. MEAP: Introduction, Reports, and Common Errors

For new and experienced MEAP district assessment coordinators who would like an update on the Fall 2009 MEAP assessments, avoiding common errors and an overview of reports.

13. Revised Accommodation Summary Table for Students with Disabilities and English Language Learners

This session will address how to read and use the Assessment Accommodation Summary Table. Standard and non-standard accommodations will be defined, and the implications of their use will be described.

14. Using the OEAA Secure Site - From Start to Finish

(Part one of a two-part session, concludes in #22.)

Learn techniques and secrets of the OEAA Secure Site. Training will include submitting student counts, submitting additional orders, shipment tracking, and various methods of pre-identification of students, student demographic updates, tested roster, reporting, and other system interfaces (i.e. EEM and SDS). Learn shortcuts and tips from OEAA staff and other system power users.

15. Michigan School Accreditation System (MI-SAS) In-depth

(Grand Rapids and Novi Only)

See description for #18.

16. English Language Arts Assessment Update

(Grand Rapids and Novi Only)

See description for #36.

Session C

17. ELPA: Michigan's English Language Proficiency Assessment—Introduction, Reports, and Common Errors

This session will cover the background of the ELPA, Initial Screening vs. Spring ELPA, ELPA results reporting overview, and common ELPA administration errors.

18. Michigan School Accreditation System (MI-SAS) In-depth

This session will focus on Michigan's new state school accreditation system—MI-SAS. An overview will be provided with examples and discussion.

19. Using Interim Assessments with a Balanced Assessment System

“Without continuous assessment, student learning is limited to a one-shot, hit-or-miss event — maybe they get it, maybe they don't.”— Jay McTighe. Interim assessments play a role in a balanced assessment system. This session will discuss the role interim assessments fulfill in providing student assessment data.

20. MME Overview, Update, and Understanding your Reports

This session is designed for high school and district staff, providing a general overview of the assessment design, highlighting changes for Spring 2010, and guiding you through reading your Spring 2009 MME score reports for each content area at the individual student level, classroom level, or school and district summary level.

21. Test Development Mini-Seminar

Learn about constructing an assessment using best practices in measurement (pertinent to classroom assessment). Learn to use simple data to increase the quality of assessments. *A companion to the Item Writer session (#29).*

22. Using the OEAA Secure Site—From Start to Finish

(Part two of a two-part session, begins in #14.)

See description for #14.

23. Guidelines for Participation in State Assessments

(Grand Rapids and Novi Only)

See description for #33.

24. Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies Updates

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See description for #5.

Lunch Speaker

Brief Overview of the Michigan School Accreditation System (MI-SAS)

Session D

25. Using MI-Access and ELPA Data Files

This session will cover sources of data, reports vs. data, and using the student data file for analysis beyond those provided by reports.

26. Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for Special Populations

This session will focus on issues related to AYP and special populations. Topics will include the

1% cap on MI-Access proficient scores, using MEAP-Access scores, formerly Special Education and formerly Limited English Proficient students, and using the English Language Proficiency Assessment (ELPA) to meet the AYP participation requirements for recently arrived students.

27. Formative Assessment in Action

In the summer of 2008 OEAA and Measured Progress began a collaboration to bring Formative Assessment to Michigan classrooms. This professional development plan relied on several key formative assessment components that, when implemented with formative assessment techniques, result in increased student learning and motivation for learning. Approximately thirty teams participated in the first cohort of coach and learning team trainings. This session will provide information on what formative assessment is and isn't and will share key findings from the first cohort.

28. Using MME Data Files

This session is designed for high school teachers, counselors, and administrators; and district staff who would like to access student level MME data. We will explore contents and uses of the MME student data file including demographic subgroup detail; why students did not receive an MME subject score; strand/standard level information for each subject; ACT and WorkKeys data, and more. No technical experience required—familiarity with Excel helpful.

29. Item Writer Mini-Seminar

Experience practical item writing training like that received by Michigan teachers who write MEAP and MME items (pertinent to classroom assessment). Learn to avoid common pitfalls. *A companion to the Test Development session (#21).*

30. English Language Arts and Social Studies Success Stories

Listen to local educators explain what they have done in their district, school or classrooms to improve achievement in English Language Arts and Social Studies.

31. Introduction to Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)

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See description for #2.

32. Using the OEAA Secure Site - From Start to Finish

(Part one of a two-part session, concludes in #40.)

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See description for #14.

Session E

33. Guidelines for Participation in State Assessments

This session will address how to determine what state assessment is appropriate to administer to individual students. Who takes MEAP? Who takes MEAP-Access? Who takes MI-Access? Who takes ELPA?

34. Common Accountability Errors and Implications

This session will focus on examples of Report Card appeals and corrections. Practical advice will be offered to avoid common problems.

35. Michigan Assessment Consortium (MAC) Update

The mission of the Michigan Assessment Consortium is to “improve student learning and achievement through a system of coherent curriculum, balanced assessment, and effective instruction”. Visit this session to learn more about this new statewide organization, it's current projects, and how it can assist you in your assessment responsibilities.

36. English Language Arts Assessment Update

Do you have questions about the Fall 2009 English Language Arts assessments? Are you wondering about the new writing test that will be administered in 2010 to 4th and 7th graders? Get answers to your questions at this session which will explain the reading and writing test formats for Fall 2009 and 2010.

37. Changes and Clarity in the new Assessment Integrity Guidelines

The Professional Assessment and Accountability Practices for Educators guide has been updated and improved in the new Assessment Integrity Guide. Come to hear and discuss these changes.

38. Mathematics and Science Success Stories

Listen to local educators explain what they have done in their district, school or classrooms to improve achievement in Mathematics and Science.

39. MEAP-Access: Introduction, Reports, and Anticipated Common Errors

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See description for #9.

40. Using the OEAA Secure Site - From Start to Finish

(Part two of a two-part session, begins in #32.)

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Session Selection (required):

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* Session 14 concludes in Session 22. Session 32 concludes in Session 40.

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Special Services: vegetarian meal

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- Regular Rate – \$125 after Early Bird expires for each conference.
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Early Bird: \$110 rate in effect until two weeks before each conference.

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Fees include: Continental breakfast, lunch and materials. Preregistration is strongly recommended. MIEM cannot guarantee registration at the door.

Fees do not include: Parking.

SB-CEUs: .5 to each participant pending approval. To receive the SB-CEUs, you must be on time and stay until the end of the day. No partial credit will be offered. For further information, contact the MIEM office at 517.327.2589, fax 517.327.0771 or e-mail: danielle@gomiem.org.

Overnight Accommodations

Marquette: The Country Inn & Suites has a limited number of rooms available on 8/24/09 at \$94 each. Call 906-225-1300 by 7/15/09 for this rate. The Country Inn & Suites is located at 2472 US Hwy. 41 West, Marquette, MI 49855.

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