

Assessment & Accountability Announcements - Week of July 8, 2013

Please see **2 IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS** below regarding: 1) Fall 2013 WIDA W-APT Upcoming Training Opportunities, and 2) Preliminary Accountability Scorecards and New BAA Secure Site Opening Early to Mid-Next Week.

1) Fall 2013 WIDA W-APT Upcoming Training Opportunities

The Office of Standards & Assessment (OSA) will be hosting four WIDA ACCESS Placement Test (W-APT) trainings. These training opportunities will be held in the Lake Michigan room at the Michigan Library and Historical Center located at 702 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing MI 48909, on **Wednesday, August 7, 2013 and Thursday, August 8, 2013**. Beginning with the upcoming 2013-14 school year, the W-APT will replace the ELPA Initial Screening tool, which is used to aid in the identification of potential English learners (ELs).

The purpose of this training is to train EL Assessment Coordinators (ELPA/WIDA Coordinators) on the administration and scoring practices of the WIDA ACCESS Placement Test (W-APT). Because space is limited to 50 participants per session, we ask that you please send only one representative from your district to attend one of the W-APT trainings. Please note that each of these four sessions are "repeat" sessions, covering the same information each time. The OSA is actively working toward offering these four sessions via WebEx; however, until those details are confirmed, please plan to send one representative to one of the four in-person events listed below.

August 7, 2013

- 8:00 – 11:30 AM
- 12:30 – 4:00 PM

August 8, 2013

- 8:00 – 11:30 AM
- 12:30 – 4:00 PM

To confirm your participation, we request that you respond via email with your desired session date/time, your name, and the district you are representing to Cristina Rodriguez at rodriguezcm@michigan.gov. Upon receipt of your confirmation, driving directions/parking information will be sent to you. Space is limited so be sure to **confirm by Monday, July 29, 2013**. If you are unable to attend one of these sessions, please know that more training opportunities and online professional development materials will be available shortly via WIDA's website as well as OSA's.

2) 2012-13 Preliminary Accountability Scorecards Open Early to Mid-Next Week!

The Office of Evaluation, Strategic Research, and Accountability (OESRA) would like to inform you that preliminary Michigan District and School Accountability Scorecards for the 2012-13 school year are scheduled to open early to mid-next week for your review.

Remember, this year's accountability scorecards will be accessed through the NEW BAA Secure Site. Please watch for a communication early to mid-next week with the URL to access this new system when it becomes available.

Active user accounts of the current Michigan School Report Card site were automatically transferred to the new system and those users will be able to access the system using their Michigan Educational Information System (MEIS) credentials. For help with your MEIS account username and/or password please visit: <https://cepi.state.mi.us/meis/login.aspx/>

When the site becomes available, those who submitted the new District Administrator User ID Request for access to the new BAA Secure Site will be able to access the system and begin setting up local user accounts.

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.