For Parents of Students in Grade 11

HOW TO READ YOUR CHILD’S SCORE REPORT

Michigan schools assessed the progress of students in grade 11 by using a set of assessments called the Michigan Merit Exam (MME). The MME includes the following components:

- SAT® college entrance exam
- ACT® WorkKeys work skills assessment, and
- M-STEP (Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress) in science and social studies.

These three components provide a measure of individual performance based on Michigan’s high school content standards as well as career- and college-readiness.

The report you receive will provide an overview of your student’s performance. Results of the MME can be used together with other assessments and classroom performance information to provide a more complete picture of student achievement. This creates opportunities for schools and parents to collaborate and discuss strategies to make every student in Michigan career- and college-ready by the time they graduate. To learn more, visit the MME web page (www.michigan.gov/mme).

Score Report Components

College Entrance Examination: SAT with Essay
(Also serves as the English language arts and mathematics assessment for the MME)

Benchmarks — Benchmarks are the scores that represent college readiness. In other words, if a student scores at or above the benchmark, he or she is on track to be ready for career or college after high school graduation. Use the detailed feedback in the online score report to see which skills need the most improvement. Follow the link included in this report. The College Board benchmark and the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) “Proficient” cut scores are the same for each subject reported. Knowing this information now can help you work with your child’s teachers to prepare for what comes next.

Student Performance Level — Students receive a numerical scale score for each subject tested, and, based on that score, are ranked in one of four performance levels: Not Proficient, Partially Proficient, Proficient, or Advanced.

Score Ranges — The score range represents the lowest and highest possible scores in the essay portion.

Student Score — This column lists the student score for the essay portion of the SAT.
M-STEP results: grade 11 social studies

(Science field test scores do not appear on 2019 parent reports because field test data does not provide proficiency information. See the Superintendent letter for more information.)

Student Overall Performance Level and Scale Score — Students receive a numerical scale score and, based on that score, are ranked in one of four performance levels: Not Proficient, Partially Proficient, Proficient, or Advanced. This section of the report provides your student’s numerical score and performance level.

Disciplines — Assessments in social studies include sub-categories, called disciplines, which relate directly to Michigan’s learning standards for those subjects. This section lists the disciplines that were assessed.

Points Earned/Points Possible — This column describes the number of test items your student answered correctly (left-side number) compared to the total number of items tested (right-side number) in each discipline for social studies. For example, a student whose point score is 9/12 correctly answered nine of twelve items.

The ACT WorkKeys

This assessment measured performance in three areas employers consider critical to job success: Workplace Documents, Applied Math, and Graphic Literacy.

Level Range — This shows the lowest and highest possible score for each assessment area, so you can see how well your child’s score compares to the minimum and maximum scores possible in each area.

Earned Level/Certification — This is the score the student earned on this test.

National Career Readiness Certificate® (NCRC) — Students may qualify for a NCRC based on ACT WorkKeys level scores earned during the Spring MME. The NCRC is a valuable credential for students who will start their career or work while they go to college. Eligibility is determined as follows:

- a bronze credential requires at least a Level 3 on all three ACT WorkKeys tests
- a silver credential requires at least a Level 4 on all three ACT WorkKeys tests
- a gold credential requires at least a Level 5 on all three ACT WorkKeys tests
- a platinum credential requires at least a Level 6 on all three ACT WorkKeys tests