

Michigan Assessment System 2018-2019

Michigan’s State Assessment System includes a variety of different assessments for different purposes. Stakeholder input has shaped Michigan’s assessment vision to align with the goals of Michigan’s Top 10 in 10 Years plan and comply with state and federal laws. The following tables summarize the information and guidance provided by the [Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability](http://www.michigan.gov/oaaa) (www.michigan.gov/oaaa), where you can learn more about Michigan’s assessment system as we move from “vision” to implementation.

State Assessments						
Grade	Test Type	Mandate	Test Name	Subjects	Given	Purpose
K-2	Benchmark	Required	Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmark Assessment or District-selected benchmark ¹	ELA, Mathematics	Fall, Winter, Spring	Within-year progress; program improvement
3	Summative Benchmark	Required Optional	M-STEP District-selected benchmark assessment ^{1, 2}	ELA, Mathematics	Spring Multiple	Proficiency; accountability Within-year progress; program improvement
4	Summative Benchmark	Required Optional	M-STEP District-selected benchmark assessment	ELA, Mathematics	Spring Multiple	Proficiency; accountability Within-year progress; program improvement
5	Summative Summative Benchmark	Required Required Optional	M-STEP M-STEP District-selected benchmark assessment	ELA, Mathematics Science ⁴ , Social Studies ELA, Mathematics	Spring Spring Multiple	Proficiency; accountability Proficiency; accountability Within-year progress; program improvement
6	Summative Benchmark	Required Optional	M-STEP District-selected benchmark assessment	ELA, Mathematics	Spring Multiple	Proficiency; accountability Within-year progress; program improvement
7	Summative Benchmark	Required Optional	M-STEP District-selected benchmark assessment	ELA, Mathematics	Spring Multiple	Proficiency; accountability Within-year progress; program improvement
8	Summative Summative Benchmark	Required Required Optional	PSAT 8/9 M-STEP District-selected benchmark assessment	ELA, Mathematics Science ⁴ , Social Studies ELA, Mathematics	Spring Spring Multiple	Proficiency; accountability; college readiness Proficiency; accountability Within-year progress; program improvement
9	Summative	Required	PSAT 8/9	ELA, Mathematics	Spring	College Readiness
10	Summative	Required	PSAT 10	ELA, Mathematics	Spring	College Readiness
11 ³	Summative	Required Required Required	MME: SAT with Essay MME: M-STEP MME: ACT WorkKeys	ELA, Mathematics Science ⁴ , Social Studies Reading, Mathematics	Spring Spring Spring	College Readiness; accountability Proficiency; accountability Career Readiness

¹ Michigan’s “Read by Grade Three” law (PA 306) requires districts to implement a system of assessments in grades K-3; districts choose from a list of approved “Initial” and “extensive” assessments. The Michigan Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmark Assessment is the only K-2 state-provided “Initial Assessment” option (no cost to districts).

² Districts may select an optional vendor-provided benchmark assessment and apply for grant reimbursement to assist with costs.

³ 11th graders who were not previously included in high school accountability in grade 11 or 12 are required to take the complete MME (all three components). Students in grade 12 who are missing one or more valid MME component score are eligible—but not required—to take the MME.

⁴ The 2019 M-STEP science assessment is a field test – so student proficiency is not calculated.

State Assessments for Special Populations

MI-Access, Michigan’s Alternate Assessment

MI-Access, Michigan’s alternate assessment measures progress toward Michigan’s alternate content standards. Students are eligible to take MI-Access when the Individualized Education Program (IEP) team has determined that general assessments, even with accommodations, are not appropriate for the student. MI-Access alternate assessments are administered at three levels, for students who have, or function as if they have, a significant cognitive impairment, and whose instruction is most closely aligned to the Essential Elements within the:

- **MI-Access Functional Independence (FI)** –High Range of Complexity
- **MI-Access Supported Independence (SI)** –Medium Range of Complexity
- **MI-Access Participation (P)** –Low Range of Complexity

State Alternate Assessment						
Grade	Test Type	Mandate	Test Name	Subjects	Given	Purpose
3–8, 11 4, 7, 11 5, 8, 11	Summative	Required (as indicated on IEP)	MI-Access FI, SI, and P	ELA, Mathematics Science Social Studies (FI Only)	Spring	Proficiency; accountability

WIDA program of assessments for English Learners

State Assessments for English Learners						
Grade	Test Type	Mandate	Test Name	Subjects	Given	Purpose
K	Screener	As indicated for newly enrolled students	WIDA ACCESS Placement Test (W-APT)	Listening, Reading, Writing, and Speaking	Time of enrollment	Identify English Learners
1-12	Screener	As indicated for newly enrolled students	WIDA Screener	Listening, Reading, Writing, and Speaking	Time of enrollment	Identify English Learners
K-12	Summative	Required	ACCESS for ELLs 2.0	Listening, Reading, Writing, and Speaking	Spring	English Language Proficiency; accountability
1-12	Summative	Required (ELs with significant disabilities, as determined by IEP)	WIDA Alternate ACCESS for ELLs	Listening, Reading, Writing, and Speaking	Spring	English Language Proficiency; accountability (participation only)

Helpful References

[Read by Grade Three Law Frequently Asked Questions](http://www.michigan.gov/earlylitandmath)
(www.michigan.gov/earlylitandmath)

[Fact Sheet on Benchmark and Early Literacy Assessment Reimbursement](http://www.michigan.gov/oeaa)
(www.michigan.gov/oeaa)

Assessment-specific web pages:

- [Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmark Assessments](http://www.michigan.gov/earlylitandmath)
(www.michigan.gov/earlylitandmath)

- [M-STEP](http://www.michigan.gov/mstep) (www.michigan.gov/mstep)
- [MI-Access](http://www.michigan.gov/mi-access) (www.michigan.gov/mi-access)
- [WIDA](http://www.michigan.gov/wida) (www.michigan.gov/wida)
- [Michigan Merit Exam](http://www.michigan.gov/mme) (www.michigan.gov/mme) – includes M-STEP, SAT with Essay, and ACT WorkKeys
- [PSAT Michigan](http://www.michigan.gov/PSAT) (www.michigan.gov/PSAT)
- [College Board Michigan](http://www.CollegeBoard.org/Michigan) (www.CollegeBoard.org/Michigan) – includes SAT with Essay, PSAT 8/9, and PSAT 10