

Differences Between Michigan Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 Testing

For the 2020-2021 school year the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) will be sponsoring both fall and spring testing. Because spring testing is used to meet federal accountability, different policies and procedures are required for fall and spring testing. Use this guide to know the procedures for **both** assessment seasons. Specific dates for spring 2021 testing are to be determined and will be communicated in Spotlight and in the MDE List of Important Dates, posted on www.michigan.gov/mme and www.michigan.gov/psat. **Updated July 2020.**

	Fall 2020 Testing	Spring 2021 Testing
Test Materials and Eligibility		
Michigan-Provided Assessments	SAT with Essay for Grade 12, PSAT/NMSQT for Grades 11 and 10, PSAT 8/9 for Grade 9	SAT with Essay, PSAT 10, PSAT 8/9 for Grades 8 and 9
SAT vs. SAT with Essay	Schools must order and administer the SAT with Essay. If the SAT without Essay is ordered, the school will be billed directly.	Schools receive materials for SAT with Essay; the Essay is required.
Testing Modes	Paper/pencil testing only for SAT and PSAT/NMSQT. PSAT 8/9 offers both paper and digital modes.	Paper/pencil testing for SAT with Essay, PSAT 10, and PSAT 8/9 is required.
Identifying Test Staff and Addresses	Coordinators and addresses will be identified in the College Board Test Ordering System (TOS).	Coordinators and school addresses are identified in Educational Entity Master (EEM) for each assessment.
Ordering Materials for the Primary Test Date	Schools will order standard and nonstandard materials in TOS by a published ordering deadline.	Standard material orders will be automatically calculated and shipped based on the number of students pre-IDENTED in the OEAA Secure Site by the February pre-ID deadline. Nonstandard materials orders will be automatically calculated by the students in the pending and approved status in SSD Online by the February accommodations deadline.
Ordering Makeup Materials	SAT with Essay: Schools will order applicable makeup materials in TOS. PSAT/NMSQT and PSAT 8/9: There are no specified makeup dates; however, schools have the option to use multiple dates to administer the tests. See the July 30 Spotlight for more information. (Updated July 2020).	SAT with Essay, PSAT 10, and PSAT 8/9: Schools will submit a makeup survey to obtain makeup materials.
Tracking Materials	Tracking numbers for shipments are available only in TOS.	Tracking numbers are loaded into the OEAA Secure Site and are also emailed to coordinators.
Shipping	Materials are shipped based on standard shipping timelines and test materials will arrive the week before testing.	Preadministration and test materials are sent together about 3 weeks prior to test day.
Public School Eligibility	Schools that were established in spring 2020 are eligible for and are expected to participate in fall 2020 testing. Schools will be required to know which grades are eligible for fall testing and will only order for these students. Assessments or grades that are ordered that are not provided by MDE will be billed directly to the school.	All public school students in grades 11 and 8 are required to test unless their IEP indicates an alternative assessment is appropriate; scores for grades 10 and 9 are not used for accountability purposes. Most public schools are automatically established to participate; some may need to indicate their intent to College Board.

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Nonpublic School Eligibility	Nonpublic schools are eligible to participate if they were established to test in spring 2020.	Nonpublic schools are eligible to participate if they provide College Board with an intent to participate each fall.
Homeschoolers	Homeschoolers can test at participating schools if arrangements are made prior to test day. Schools will need to include these students in their order.	Homeschoolers can test at established schools and must be pre-IDed in the Secure Site.
Pre-ID	Registration (submission of a registration file to College Board) of students prior to test day for pre-ID labels is not available. A registration file will be required for schools choosing to administer the digital PSAT 8/9.	Schools are required to pre-ID all students in the OEAA Secure Site.
Pre-ID Labels	Labels are not available. Students will bubble their information on their answer sheet. Labels cannot be locally printed.	Pre-ID labels are automatically sent to schools for use on the answer sheet if pre-IDed by the February pre-ID deadline. Labels must be locally printed, if needed. Students should still bubble name, date of birth, and UIC on their label.
Accommodations and Supports		
Accommodations for SAT with Essay	Students must have approved College Board accommodations in SSD Online prior to the ordering deadline in order to place orders for accommodated materials in TOS. State allowed accommodations are not offered.	Students must have College Board accommodations entered in SSD Online prior to the February accommodations deadline. State allowed accommodations are offered.
Accommodations for PSAT/NMSQT and PSAT 10	Students must have approved College Board accommodations in SSD Online prior to the ordering deadline in order to place orders for accommodated materials in TOS. State allowed accommodations are not offered.	Students must have College Board accommodations entered in SSD Online prior to the February accommodations deadline. State allowed accommodations are offered.
Accommodations for PSAT 8/9	Schools do not need to request accommodations in SSD Online and schools can order and administer accommodated materials, as necessary.	Students must have College Board or state-allowed accommodations entered in SSD Online prior to the February accommodations deadline.
English Learner Supports	EL supports are offered for SAT and PSAT 8/9 only . Extended time must be entered in SSD Online for the fall state-provided assessments. If students were entered in SSD Online for spring 2020, they will need to be re-entered for fall 2020.	EL supports are offered for SAT, PSAT 10, and PSAT 8/9. Extended time must be entered in SSD Online for the spring state-provided assessments.
Test Administration		
Training	Standard SAT School Day training is required to be completed once by coordinators. PSAT/NMSQT training and PSAT 8/9 training is offered, but not required.	Michigan-specific training for the coordinators of the SAT with Essay, PSAT 10, and PSAT 8/9 is required each year.
Off-site Testing	Schools do not need to notify College Board in advance to use an off-site location. If off-site locations are unable to return materials to the primary school location for a consolidated return, the school may request additional return materials from College Board by submitting the Ancillary Materials Request Form no later than the applicable ordering deadline. (Updated July 2020).	Schools must submit off-site testing plans to test students at a location other than their school. Schools receive materials based on students pre-IDed by the February deadline.

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Communications	Schools will receive standard College Board communications about fall testing. They may not be specific to Michigan.	Schools receive emails from MDE or customized emails about state testing from College Board.
Publications	Schools receive standard College Board publications, including manuals. They will not be specific to Michigan.	Schools receive some publications that are specific to the Michigan administration.
After Testing		
Returning Test Books	Of the Michigan-provided fall assessments, only SAT School Day test books must be returned.	All test books must be returned.
Grade-Level Adjustments	Schools can complete an invoicing process in TOS after testing is complete to correct student grades for invoicing and reporting purposes.	A student's grade is pulled from the Michigan Student Data System (MSDS) and can be updated in MSDS through the Answer Documents Received deadline which is usually a few weeks after testing.
Fee Waivers/Fee Reduction Benefits	Schools can order fee reduction benefits in TOS during the ordering process. Fee reduction benefits provide students with additional opportunities to take the weekend SAT for free. After testing is complete, schools will identify the students in TOS that are eligible for the benefits, which will be delivered automatically to student College Board accounts. This provides the same benefits as using the fee waivers in spring.	Schools will receive a file of fee waiver codes in the K-12 reporting portal to provide to students. These fee waiver codes provide the same benefits as using the fee reductions in the fall.
*Schools can choose to deliver School Day benefits to students either through the fall or spring process. For more information on School Day benefits, visit https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register/fees/fee-waivers		
Answer Document Verification	There is no process for answer sheet verification for fall testing.	Answer document verification process in the OEAA Secure Site is highly encouraged to ensure all answer documents are accounted for and that accountability reporting is accurate.
Online Score Reporting for Students	Scores are released to students on <u>standard score release timelines</u> in student College Board accounts.	Scores are typically released to students in May.
Online Score Reporting for Educators	Scores are released to educators on <u>standard score release timelines</u> . Scores are available in the K-12 reporting portal.	Scores are released only to educators in the K-12 reporting portal after the answer document verification window and accompanying activities are completed, typically in June.
Released Forms	The PSAT/NMSQT forms for October 14 and October 28, and PSAT 8/9 fall forms are released. Educators can see the disclosed questions and answer choices in the reporting portal.	Only the primary SAT with Essay test is released. Educators can see the disclosed questions and answer choices in the reporting portal. There are no released forms for PSAT 10 or PSAT 8/9. Educators can use the College Board <u>SAT Suite of Assessments Question Bank</u> for access to thousands of released test questions.
Invoicing	Schools will be invoiced for assessments or grades ordered that are outside of the Michigan-provided assessments or grades.	Schools are not invoiced for assessments.