



Michigan's Assessment Vision

TOP 10 IN 10 YEARS 

putting Michigan on the map as a premier education state



Rigorous Standards, More Opportunities to Learn and Demonstrate



- Michigan has rigorous career and college ready standards, and those are a critical core component of becoming a 10 in 10 state
- We must build on that solid foundation by:
 - Focusing our instructional model on deeper learning
 - Ensure that our assessments encourage and support deeper learning, and ask students to demonstrate a broader range of skills

ESSA provides us with opportunities to enhance our current assessment practices in support of these goals

Assessment Vision: Broad Goals



Provide timely, meaningful, useful ***INFORMATION*** for:

- **Teachers:** Put data in the hands of teachers, along with appropriate training and tools, so they can develop a game plan for meeting the needs of each child
- **Parents:** Provide parents with timely information on their student's proficiency with grade level expectations—can my student do what he/she needs to be doing in third grade? Why do they get good grades if they aren't proficient?
- **Students:** Help inform students about where they really are in terms of academic performance and help them set goals to achieve
- **Taxpayers:** How are we truly performing as a state; hold schools accountable for growth AND proficiency

MDE's Assessment Vision



Grade	Test name/type	Subjects	Timing	Purpose
3	Benchmark	ELA, math	Fall, optional Winter Spring Comprehensive	Standards/proficiency measure, short-cycle feedback
4	Benchmark	ELA, math	Fall, optional Winter Spring Comprehensive	Standards/proficiency measure, short-cycle feedback
5	Benchmark M-STEP Science and Social Studies	ELA, math science, social studies	Fall, optional Winter (ELA & Math) Spring Comprehensive (All subjects)	Standards/proficiency measure, short-cycle feedback
6	Benchmark	ELA, math	Fall, optional Winter Spring Comprehensive	Standards/proficiency measure, short-cycle feedback
7	Benchmark	ELA, math	Fall, optional Winter Spring Comprehensive	Standards/proficiency measure, short-cycle feedback
8	PSAT 8/9 M-STEP Science and Social Studies	ELA, math science, social studies	Spring Comprehensive	On track for SAT/college and career readiness, Standards/proficiency measure
9	PSAT 8/9	ELA, math	Spring Comprehensive	On track for SAT/college and career readiness
10	PSAT 10	ELA, math	Spring Comprehensive	On track for SAT/college and career readiness
11	Michigan Merit Exam (SAT, WK, M-STEP Science and Social Studies)	ELA, math science, social studies	Spring Comprehensive	College and career readiness, Standards/proficiency measure

What Now?

- We are having conversations at the department about ways we can implement the vision successfully, while providing the best solution for the vision
- We know that we are looking at a launch of the new system for the 2018-19 school year
- The decision has been made to transition the 8th grade assessment from the M-STEP to the PSAT 8/9
- We are looking at a system where a series of 3 benchmark exams will be used each year with the fall being required, the winter being optional, and the spring being required with a longer comprehensive benchmark exam, similar to the M-STEP