

Spotlight



on Student Assessment and Accountability

October 1, 2015

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Early Literacy and Kindergarten Entry Assessment Update

Current law focusing on early literacy lays out a plan for a coherent system of assessment tools, including the Kindergarten Entry Assessment (KEA), which will be fully implemented starting with the 2016–17 school year. The intent is that all teachers and students will be provided these assessment tools. The MDE's early literacy strategy teams are working to round out these assessments and provide more definition to what this will look like in Fall 2016. Until this process is complete, we do not know exactly what the KEA will be composed of next fall. It is the intent of MDE that these early literacy assessment tools, including the KEA, not be used for school accountability.

Some components of these new early literacy assessments may contain what used to be the interim K-2 assessments.

MME Test Administration Webcast Rescheduled

The MME Test Administration Webcast previously planned for October 6, 2015 has been rescheduled. It is now scheduled to take place on **Wednesday, November 4, 2015**. The Office of Standards and Assessment has rescheduled this webcast in order to provide you with more complete information on timelines and tasks needed for the successful test administration of all three components of the Michigan Merit Examination (MME): SAT, WorkKeys, and M-STEP.

Additional information about the webcast will be provided in future Spotlights.

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SAT Corner

Information provided by the College Board

PSAT Materials Order Clarification

Over the past few weeks, some schools received emails that may have caused confusion about ordering PSAT 8/9 and PSAT/NMSQT materials. To clarify, you do not need to take any action at this time if you are only participating in the April 2016 state-sponsored tests. The 9th- and 10th-grade classes testing in the spring will use the Secure Site. More information will be provided in future Spotlights.

Official SAT Practice

Now that everyone is back in the swing of the new school year, we wanted to remind you about the free tools available through Khan Academy to prepare for the SAT, including:

- Interactive questions, video lessons, and reference articles to help students practice and review the skills that research shows are essential for college readiness and that are tested on the SAT in both Mathematics and Evidence-Based Reading and Writing.
- Short diagnostic quizzes in both Mathematics and Evidence-Based Reading and Writing to help students identify the skills they should focus on.
- Four official full-length practice tests written by the College Board, so students can take the tests online and receive immediate results, allowing the Khan Academy platform to use these scores to personalize practice to the student.
- Instant feedback on their answers so that students are always learning and seeing their progress. Khan Academy also provides

tips for students on productive study methods and suggestions for optimizing the test day experience.

- In addition to the personalized practice created by taking the diagnostic quizzes and online practice tests, students who take the PSAT/NMSQT this fall can link their College Board account to their Khan Academy account to share their score results with Khan Academy. This will allow students to receive additional personalized practice recommendations that are directly tied to specific skills on the test and that have the potential to make the biggest impact on the student's performance and overall college readiness.

[Start practicing now](#) (SATPractice.org).

Implementation Workshops Added!

Due to the overwhelming demand, we have added several new implementation workshops. Content of each workshop will be the same. To register, choose a date and click on the link below.

- **October 7, 2015:** [Traverse City High School](https://apps2.collegeboard.com/olrWebApp/meetingDetail.do?meetingID=0011510072) 9 AM–noon
- **October 7, 2015:** [Traverse City High School](https://apps2.collegeboard.com/olrWebApp/meetingDetail.do?meetingID=0011510073) 1–4 PM
- **October 16, 2015:** [Saginaw ISD](https://apps2.collegeboard.com/olrWebApp/meetingDetail.do?meetingID=0011510161) 9 AM–noon

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- **October 16, 2015:** [Saginaw ISD](#) 1–4 PM
(<https://apps2.collegeboard.com/olrWebApp/meetingDetail.do?meetingID=0011510162>)
- **October 21, 2015:** [Ingham ISD](#) 9 AM–noon
(<https://apps2.collegeboard.com/olrWebApp/meetingDetail.do?meetingID=0011510212>)
- **October 21, 2015:** [Ingham ISD](#) 1–4 PM
(<https://apps2.collegeboard.com/olrWebApp/meetingDetail.do?meetingID=0011510211>)

In addition, we've added a webinar version of the implementation workshop for those who are able to participate virtually. If you would like to participate in the online sessions, please select one of the sessions and register using the links below. The webinar will be recorded and posted to our website for viewing after the scheduled sessions as well.

- **October 20, 2015,** 3–6 PM
To register, [click here](#)
- **October 21, 2015,** 9 AM–Noon
To register, [click here](#)

Or you can register by going to the [CollegeBoard Meeting Registration](#) page (https://apps2.collegeboard.com/olrWebApp/find_meeting.jsp), selecting Michigan as your state, and clicking submit. This will take you to a list of all Michigan workshops. Click on the workshop link to register.

Along with news in the Spotlight, the College Board will continue to update information about the spring implementation on our [Michigan website](#) (<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/state-partnerships/michigan?excmid=MTG308-AL-1-mat>).

Important Dates

NOTE: The October 6, 2015 MME Test Administration Webcast has been rescheduled for November 4, 2015.

October

KEA

- **October 15, 2015, 4–5 PM:** The third of four bi-weekly webinars for KEA participants to dialogue with OSA staff and each other regarding the success and challenges of KEA implementation.
- **October 29, 2015, 4–5 PM:** The final bi-weekly webinar for KEA participants to dialogue with OSA staff and each other regarding the success and challenges of KEA implementation.

November

MME

- **NEW DATE—November 4, 2015:** MME Test Administration Webcast
- Access previous [Spotlight editions](#), (http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-22709_70117-280911--,00.html)

Have Other Questions?

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For phone assistance with assessment or accountability issues, call 877-560-8378 and select the appropriate menu option.