Spotlight

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Grades 5, 8, and 11 M-STEP Materials Shipment: Alternative Delivery Date

The M-STEP Grades 5, 8, and 11 test materials will be delivered to districts that requested the alternative delivery date next week, **April 3–5, 2017**.

Materials will be shipped to the address that is listed for the M-STEP Coordinator for each building in the Educational Entity Master (EEM).

Along with the test materials, the school will receive the following:

Security Checklist

- list of all items and barcodes for secure materials in the shipment

Packing List

- list of all items, quantities, and box locations for the entire shipment

Box List

- list of all items in each box in the shipment

Secure Materials are listed separately and should be verified. In the event there is any discrepancy between

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These DEADLINES are almost past . . .

SAT, WorkKeys, and PSAT additional material orders

Thursday, March 30 – 11:59 PM

WIDA Materials Return

Friday, March 31

Key: Reminder (previously run article)

the secure materials list and the secure materials received, please contact the Call Center (Option 3) to report any missing secure materials.

Arrival and Inventory of M-STEP and MI-Access Materials

Schools should inventory all materials received to be sure everything that was ordered was shipped – this will ensure there is ample time to order any additional materials if necessary.

After conducting an inventory of materials, any additional materials can be ordered during the Additional Materials Order window.

The Additional Materials Order window for M-STEP grades 5, 8, and 11 is **April 4–May 2, 2017.**

The Additional Materials Order window for MI-Access all grades is **April 4–May 23, 2017.**

Additional Material and Makeup Orders

Schools that need additional materials have an opportunity to order them from the Additional Material Order screen of the Secure Site. Before placing an additional material order, please make sure to inventory the initial materials that were received. It is also important to make sure you have received a return kit for paper/pencil testing and if needed, order it as soon as possible to prevent delaying the return of materials.

The dates for additional material and makeup orders are:

- **SAT, WorkKeys, PSAT 8/9,** and **PSAT 10:** March 23–30, 2017 at 11:59 PM

- **WorkKeys makeup orders:** April 12–13, 2017 at 11:59 PM
- **MI-Access Grades 3-8 and 11:** April 4–May 23, 2017 at noon
- **M-STEP Grades 5, 8, and 11:** April 4–May 2, 2017 at noon
- **M-STEP Grades 3, 4, and 7:** April 25–May 23, 2017 at noon

Initial, additional, and WorkKeys makeup material orders can be viewed and tracked on the Material Order Summary report found on the Secure Site (www.michigan.gov/baa-secure) under the **Assessment Registration** and then **Material Orders** menu.

IMPORTANT NOTE: SAT makeup materials must be ordered April 12–13, 2017 through the College Board using an email that will be sent to the SAT Test Coordinator.

MI-Access Standard Setting for English Language Arts and Mathematics

Opportunities for Michigan Educators to Serve as Standard Setting Panelists this Summer

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is in the process of creating panels of educators to provide input on assigning performance standards, or cut scores, for the MI-Access Participation, Supported Independence, and Functional Independence assessments administered in Spring 2017. This process is known as standard setting.

Beginning in the 2015–16 school year, Michigan's alternate assessment was aligned to new alternate content standards: Essential Elements with Michigan Range of Complexity for English language arts (ELA)

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and mathematics. Existing operational items were used that aligned to the new alternate standards and extensive field testing of items was completed. This change requires new performance standards in ELA and mathematics at the tested grade levels. MI-Access will continue to operationally measure the Essential Elements with Michigan Range of complexity for ELA and mathematics in the spring of 2017.

The MDE is seeking experienced educators who are familiar with both the Essential Elements with Michigan Range of Complexity and the MI-Access assessments. We are seeking active teachers who teach to these standards daily. Supervisors of such teachers and higher education instructors who train teachers to teach toward these alternate standards are also welcome to apply.

Panelists who are selected to contribute to the setting of standards will spend four days in Lansing. There are two different events. The first is for MI-Access Supported Independence and Participation assessments. This event will take place June 19-22, 2017. The second event is for MI-Access Functional Independence, and will take place July 10-13, 2017. During each event, panelists will work with colleagues to review the assessments, the performance level descriptors and various data elements to recommend cut scores. The process will have multiple rounds and ample time for group discussion with peers.

The MDE will cover lodging, reimburse for mileage and meals, and pay a stipend of $250 per day OR reimburse your school or district for a substitute teacher.

There are a limited number of positions on the panel available. As a result, there is the possibility that not all interested parties will be selected to participate. If you would like to apply to participate in this standard setting panel, please use one of the links below to confirm your interest no later than **April 28, 2017**.

Standard Setting 2017: MI-Access Supported Independence and Participation – June 19-22, 2017 (https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MIA_SI_P_StanSett2017)

Standard Setting 2017: MI-Access Functional Independence – July 10-13, 2017 (https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MIA_FI_StanSett2017)

WIDA ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Test Administration Survey

Test Coordinators, Test Administrators, and Technology Coordinators who administered the online or paper/pencil WIDA ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 are invited to participate in a Test Experience Survey (https://uwmadison.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8IjdLkhPtd7huVT). This survey asks educators in these roles to provide feedback on customer service, training, and technology related to this spring's administration. Michigan Department of Education and WIDA will use the results to help make decisions regarding future enhancements and development.

Late WIDA Materials Not Scored

As a reminder, districts must return all WIDA ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 and WIDA Alternate ACCESS for ELLs materials by **March 31, 2017,** or paper-based student tests will not be scored. For directions on returning materials, please refer to the Michigan-Specific WIDA ACCESS Test Administration Manual (page 16) located on the WIDA web page (www.michigan.gov/wida) under the **Current Assessment Administration** section.

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Educators must also refer to the Michigan State-Specific Directions (goldenrod sheet) that was included with materials to ensure correct bubbling of student booklets with and without student labels.

Testing Policy for Recently Arrived, First Year English-Learner Students

The Michigan Department of Education is able to provide certain exceptions to the state assessment policy for first year, English-learner (EL) students. Students who are identified as Limited English Proficient (LEP) in the Michigan Student Data System (MSDS) and have been enrolled in U.S. schools for 12 months or less at the time of taking a state assessment may be eligible to receive a one-time exception from taking the English language arts state assessment. Specific exception information is provided within the Testing Policy for Recently Arrived, First Year English-Learner Students policy document for each assessment for the Spring 2017 assessments. This document is available under the **Student Supports and Accommodations** section of each assessment's web page.

Spring 2017 MSDS Dates for Assessment and Accountability Reporting Purposes

Student enrollment and demographic information for Spring 2017 assessment and accountability reporting will be based on the student enrollment and demographic data in the Michigan Student Data System (MSDS).

English Learner Students Grades K–12 expected to take the WIDA ACCESS and WIDA Alternate ACCESS

The MDE will do a final pull of student enrollment and demographic information from the Michigan Student Data System (MSDS) on May 24, 2017 for records with an "As Of" date on or before March 24, 2017. Any necessary Student Record Maintenance (SRM) in the MSDS should be submitted and certified by **5:00 PM on May 24, 2017** with the appropriate "As Of" date in order to be reflected in Spring 2017 WIDA results for reporting and accountability purposes. It is important to make sure student demographics are correct, especially the LEP designation, to avoid invalidated tests. Make sure all students who have exited your district have been exited in the MSDS and any new enrollees are entered in MSDS. This information needs to be shared with your district MSDS user (usually the student pupil accounting staff).

Grades 3-8, 11 and Required Grade 12 Students Expected to take the SAT, M-STEP, and MI-Access

The MDE will do a final pull of student enrollment and demographic information from the MSDS on June 21, 2017 for records with an "As Of" date on or before May 26, 2017. Any necessary Student Record Maintenance (SRM) in the MSDS should be submitted and certified by **5:00 PM on June 21, 2017** with the appropriate "As Of" date in order to be reflected in Spring 2017 SAT, M-STEP, and MI-Access results for reporting and accountability purposes. It is important to make sure student demographics are correct, especially the special education designation for MI-Access students, to avoid invalidated tests. Make sure all students who have exited your district have been exited in the MSDS and any new enrollees are entered in the MSDS.

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Important Note: The MDE will **NOT** be using the End of Year Collection for assessment and accountability reporting purposes. This information needs to be shared with your district MSDS user (usually the student pupil accounting staff).

FAME Project Accepting New Coach Applications through May 5, 2017

The Formative Assessment for Michigan Educators (FAME) project is entering its tenth year, and is seeking interested educators who would like to lead a local learning team of teachers to explore, implement, and reflect on formative assessment practices in their classrooms.

FAME coaches are not expected to be the local expert on the formative assessment process; rather FAME coaches are learners along with their learning team. More information on the FAME project and access to the online 2017–18 New FAME Coach application is available on the MDE Formative Assessment Process page (www.michigan.gov/formativeassessment) under **What's New**. The deadline to apply is **Friday, May 5, 2017**. If you have any questions, please contact Kimberly Young, MDE/OSA at youngk1@michigan.gov or 517-373-0988.

SAT Corner

Information on SAT™, PSAT 8/9™, and PSAT10™ provided by the College Board

Questions about Spring PSAT 8/9, PSAT 10, or SAT?

Call the Michigan Educator Hotline at 866-870-3127 (select Option 1) or email michiganadministratorsupport@collegeboard.org.

Reminder: Apply Pre-ID Labels to Answer Sheets

It is **imperative** that the correct pre-ID label be applied to all PSAT 8/9, PSAT 10, and SAT answer sheets. For students pre-identified after the deadline, labels must be locally printed from the Secure Site and applied to the answer sheet.

Using Nonstandard Materials

Nonstandard testing materials were shipped for all approved and pending accommodations, in the event that the approval will be made in time for the student to test. Therefore, receipt of testing materials does not indicate that the student is approved for use of the materials. SSD coordinators should check the dashboard in SSD Online to verify approval of requests before administering the test with accommodations. Testing with nonstandard materials without an approved accommodation may result in score cancellation.

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Additional Material Order Window – DEADLINE IS TODAY

If you need additional standard testing materials for SAT, PSAT 10 or PSAT 8/9, you will use the Secure Site to order standard test books, standard answer sheets, or supervisor's manuals. The deadline to use this window is **Thursday, March 30, 2017 at 11:59 PM ET**.

Note: If test books are ordered, then the subsequent number of answer sheets, an answer sheet test return kit, and manuals necessary for the administration and return of these tests will also be automatically sent – you don't need to order those separately. If answer sheets or manuals are ordered, only these materials will be shipped.

If you did not receive the correct nonstandard testing materials, contact the Michigan Educator Hotline and select Option 1, then Option 3 to reach the SSD office.

UPS Materials Pickup

The pre-arranged UPS material pickup is arranged for the day after testing, to allow for more time to organize and package testing materials after testing has completed. Therefore, UPS pickups will be scheduled on April 12, 13, 26, and 27. These pickup dates can be used for any materials that are ready to be returned.

Test center supervisors will receive an email on **April 10, 2017** with confirmation of pickup times and directions if this time needs to be changed.

If you have students testing in the accommodated testing window, you can send materials back once all students have finished testing. Simply provide the packages to UPS during a regularly-scheduled UPS visit (if your school has one) or call the Michigan Educator Hotline to schedule a pickup before the end of the window.

For schools administering the SAT, PSAT 10, or PSAT 8/9 at an off-site location, UPS pickups will occur in the afternoon on test day to accommodate those locations where the supervisor will no longer be on-site the following day.

Requesting Makeup Materials

Test center supervisors will receive an email on **April 10, 2017** containing a survey link to assist in determining makeup materials. There will be a separate email for PSAT 8/9, PSAT 10, and SAT. If you are the test center supervisor for each assessment, you need to respond to each survey.

NOTE: You must respond to the survey even if you don't need makeup materials so we can accurately track responses.

The survey will only inquire about the materials needed for testing under the supervision of the test center supervisor and will inquire about the number of students who were absent (not the names) and the type of irregularities (if any) for students using purple and pink test books.

The survey will **NOT** inquire about makeups for students on the NAR. Requesting materials for students on the NAR should not be necessary due to the testing window. If there is an irregularity in a NAR room, TAS (Testing Administration Services) will follow up with guidance on the potential for a makeup.

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Schools should not need makeup materials for PSAT 8/9 or PSAT 10 as you are directed to securely store these materials until the makeup date. If you mistakenly return these tests, you must use the makeup survey to request additional materials to be sent. The survey should be used if a school needs additional PSAT testing materials.

Each survey **MUST** be submitted by **April 13, 2017 at 8:00 PM ET**. If you do not respond to the survey, you will not receive makeup materials.

For schools with off-site locations, the test center supervisor at the primary AI will receive the three email(s) to submit for makeup materials. Each off-site supervisor should notify the primary test center supervisor of how many absent students or the types of irregularities at each off-site location. The test center supervisor should then submit a consolidated response, one for each assessment.

Free Score Sends

The **SAT School Day Score Reporting Code List** will be used when students identify their four free score sends on their answer sheet.

The code for Oakland University is not included in this list – it is 1497. If you prefer to give your students a list of public Michigan 2-year and 4-year institutions, the College Board list of Michigan Public Colleges/Universities PDF can be found on the MME web page (www.michigan.gov/mme).

PSAT 8/9 Variable Section

The variable section of the PSAT 8/9 is a required section of the test. Students in the same room could potentially have different content (reading, writing and language, or math). A timing chart is provided on page 30 of the PSAT 8/9 supervisor manual for students using nonstandard timing. Use this chart to determine how long students have to complete the variable section. For example, in a room with 50% extended time for math only, ALL students in that room will be given 30 minutes on the variable section, no matter the content that the student has.

SAT Online Rosters

If you missed the webinar on March 28, 2017, the presentation is posted on the MME web page (www.michigan.gov/mme).

ACT WorkKeys

Information on ACT WorkKeys® provided by the ACT®.

ACT WorkKeys Test Day Activities

This week's Spotlight will focus on ACT WorkKeys test day activities. As a reminder, the initial ACT WorkKeys test date is **Wednesday, April 12, 2017**.

We recommend that your schools ACT WorkKeys test day schedule look something like this, as it allows for testing to begin around 8:15 AM, and examinees to be dismissed around 11:30 AM in most test rooms:

7:30 AM: Arrival of testing staff

7:45 AM: Briefing session

8:00 AM: Arrival, identification, and seating of examinees

*8:15 AM:

- begin the verbal instructions
- distribute test materials to examinees
- administer the three tests and the break as directed in the Verbal Instructions from the ACT WorkKeys Administration Manual – time each text exactly
- collect and verify all test materials

*11:30 AM: Dismiss examinees

(*approximate time)

State and District Testing Forms Folder

A State and District Testing Forms Folder is required to be completed for each testing room, both standard time and accommodations.

Forms Folders were shipped separately from the Administration Manuals for the 2017 test administration. The forms folder includes an Examinee Roster, Test Room Report (test booklet count form), Seating Diagram, and Timing Report.

NOTE: The Test Room Report includes 6 character spaces for the test booklet serial numbers to be entered. Test booklet serial numbers are 7 characters in length. Please be sure to include the full 7 digit serial numbers when completing the form.

A Testing Staff List is also required for each ACT WorkKeys test day (initial, accommodations and makeup). A blank State and District Testing Staff List is included in the **ACT WorkKeys Administration Manual** on page 69. Instructions for completing the list are printed on the form. Be sure to list all personnel involved in administering the ACT WorkKeys tests including anyone assisting with materials or security.

Completing the Roster

Write the type of ID accepted for admission on the roster. If your school provides a readable list of all examinees scheduled to test, by test room, you may use it in lieu of the roster. However, you must still document the type of ID accepted or examinee absence for attendance. Return the marked original at the same time as the completed answer documents.

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Admitting Examinees to the Test Room

When you are ready to admit examinees to the test room, make sure you do the following:

1. Admit examinees by checking them in, one-by-one, at the door of the test room.
2. Verify that the identification is acceptable according to ACT requirements shown in the **ACT WorkKeys Administration Manual.**

Acceptable Identification

All examinees are required to present an acceptable form of identification or be personally recognized (face-to-face) by testing staff before being admitted to the test room. **Please note:** If an examinee without acceptable ID is permitted to test, the examinee must be dismissed and the answer document will not be scored, even if the acceptable ID is presented later.

- Identification issued or verified by a relative is NOT allowed.
- All identification must be original; photocopies or reproductions are NOT allowed.
- Stamped, computer-generated, or reproduced signatures are NOT allowed.

Please see the **ACT WorkKeys Administration Manual** for detailed information about acceptable and unacceptable identification.

Items that May Not Be Accessed in the Test Room

Examinees must not use or access the following items at any time while in the ACT WorkKeys test room:

- textbooks, foreign language or other dictionaries, scratch paper, notes, or other aids
- highlight pens, colored pens or pencils, correction fluid/tape
- food and beverages (including water)
- cell phones or other electronic devices

Examinees' personal belongings must be placed under the seats, and examinees are not permitted to access them during testing.

Calculators

You must check for prohibited calculators during the Applied Mathematic test (test 2). Check periodically to make sure examinees did not switch calculators after the initial check is complete. If you discover an examinee used a prohibited calculator, follow the procedure in the Administration Manual to dismiss the examinee and document the occurrence on an irregularity report. Calculators may only be used during the Applied Mathematics test and should be put away during all other subject tests. A formula sheet including all formulas required is provided in the Applied Mathematics test booklet.

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Test Room Starting Time

Verbal instructions may begin as soon as all examinees have been identified and seated. It is recommended that the verbal instructions start no later than 9:00 AM in all rooms.

If an event, such as inclement weather, occurs on test day and you are not able to begin by 11:00 AM, please contact ACT customer service for instruction.

Important! Absolutely no one may be admitted to the test room after the ACT WorkKeys test books have been distributed. If this policy is violated, the answer documents for the examinees admitted late will not be scored.

Barcode Labels

All examinee answer documents are required to have a barcode label. Barcode labels should be applied prior to examinees completing the demographic sections of their answer document. Printed barcode labels were shipped for examinee's whose Pre-ID information was submitted between January 9 and February 14, 2017. A blank sheet of yellow labels was included in each initial shipment of test materials. Barcode labels may be printed at the school for newly enrolled examinees using the MDE Secure Site.

The ACT WorkKeys Administration Manual contains all the detailed information your schools ACT WorkKeys test coordinator and testing staff will need to successfully administer the ACT WorkKeys assessment. Please refer to the **ACT WorkKeys Administration Manual** for details on test monitoring, the sequence of the ACT WorkKeys tests, timing of the tests, and much more. The manual is located on the Michigan/ACT website (act.org/stateanddistrict/michigan).

Contacting ACT

If you have questions, you may:

1. contact ACT via the Contact Us web page (www.act.org/aap/state/contact.html)
2. call ACT at 800-553-6244
   - standard time: ext. 2800
   - accommodations: ext. 1788
3. email accommodations questions to ACTStateAccoms@act.org

Important Dates

Approaching Deadlines!

Paper/Pencil Testing

Thursday, March 30, 2017 at 11:59 PM:

- **SAT, WorkKeys, PSAT 8/9,** and **PSAT 10** Additional Material Orders DEADLINE

Friday, March 31, 2017:

- **WIDA** Materials Return DEADLINE

March 2017

Online Testing

Now – May 5, 2017:

- **FAME** Project Accepting New Coach Applications through May 5, 2017– More information on the FAME project and access to the online application is available on the MDE Formative Assessment Process page (www.michigan.gov/formativeassessment) under **What's New**.

Now – May 26, 2017:

- Pre-ID of students for online testing for **M-STEP**, **MI-Access**, **Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmark Assessments,** and **Michigan Science Pilot Assessment**.

Online and Paper/Pencil Testing

Now – May 26, 2017:

- Off-site Test Administration request window (for individual students such as homebound or expelled with service students) for **M-STEP** and **MI-Access**. Submit request here (https://baameap.wufoo.com/forms/offsite-test-administration-request-spring-2017/)

Now – May 26, 2017:

- eDIRECT available for online test administrative tasks for **M-STEP**, **MI-Access**, **Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmark Assessments,** and the **Michigan Science Standards Pilot**

April 2017

Online and Paper/Pencil Testing

April 10 – May 26, 2017:

- **MI-Access** Test Window: All Grades

April 27 and 28, 2017, 8:00 AM — 4:00 PM:

- **WIDA Workshop for School Leaders**
  REGISTRATION IS CLOSED

Online Testing

April 10 – May 5, 2017:

- **M-STEP** Test Window: Grades 5, 8, and 11

April 10 – May 26, 2017:

- **Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmark Assessment** Test Window: Grades K–2
- **Michigan Science Standards Pilot** Test Window: Grades 5, 8, and 11

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Important Dates

Paper/Pencil Testing

April 4 – May 23, 2017 at noon:

- **MI-Access** additional materials and makeup orders

April 4 – May 2, 2017 at noon:

- **M-STEP Grades 5, 8, and 11** additional materials and makeup orders

April 11 – 28, 2017:

- **M-STEP** Test Window: Grades 5, 8, and 11 Paper/Pencil testers do not have the entire window for testing. Please refer to the Paper/Pencil Summative Testing Schedule for content specific dates located on the M-STEP web page (www.michigan.gov/mstep) under **Current Assessment Administration**.

April 11, 2017 (Initial) and April 25, 2017 (Makeup):

- **SAT:** Grade 11

April 12, 2017 (Initial) and April 26, 2017 (Makeup):

- **ACT WorkKeys:** Grade 11

April 11–12, 2017 (Initial) and April 25–26, 2017 (Makeup):

- **PSAT 8/9:** Grade 9
- **PSAT 10:** Grade 10

April 12 – 13, 2017 at 11:59 PM:

- **WorkKeys** makeup orders

April 25 – May 23, 2017 at noon:

- **M-STEP Grades 3, 4, and 7** additional materials and makeup orders

May 2017

Online Testing

May 1–26, 2017:

- **M-STEP** Test Window: Grades 3, 4, 6, and 7

May 31, 2017, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM:

- **WIDA Workshop for Online Screener**
  REGISTRATION IS CLOSED

Paper/Pencil Testing

May 2–19, 2017:

- **M-STEP** Test Window: Grades 3, 4, 6, and 7 Paper/Pencil testers do not have the entire window for testing. Please refer to the Paper/Pencil Summative Testing Schedule for content specific dates located on the M-STEP web page (www.michigan.gov/mstep) under **Current Assessment Administration**.

Recently Asked Questions . . .

Where can I order accommodations for SAT, PSAT, and ACT WorkKeys?

The late accommodations window for PSAT 8/9, PSAT 10 and SAT **closed** on March 24, 2017 at the close of business.

The deadline to order additional standard time materials for SAT, PSAT 10, and PSAT 8/9 through the MDE Secure Site is **Thursday, March 30, 2017 at 11:59 PM ET**.

The deadline to order additional standard time and accommodated materials for ACT WorkKeys through the MDE Secure Site is T**hursday, March 30, 2017 at 11:59 PM ET**.

Have Questions?

Email BAA@michigan.gov for assessment questions.

Email MDE-Accountability@michigan.gov for accountability questions.

Call Center: 877-560-8378 (select appropriate option) for assistance with assessment or accountability issues