Spotlight

Department of **Education**
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on Student ⎰ Assessment and Accountability

June 18, 2020

Key: 　Reminder (previously run article)

Spring 2020 WIDA ACCESS and WIDA Alternate ACCESS Verification of Answer Documents Received

The review period for the Spring 2020 WIDA Verification of Answer Documents Received will be open in the OEAA Secure Site from **June 23, 2020 at 8:00 a.m** through **June 26, 2020 at 5:00 p.m**. During this time, schools will be able to:

- submit answer document issues – including missing test(s)

- verify answer documents that will be invalidated

- submit appeals or corrections, if applicable

There is no need to (nor can you) submit reasons a student did not test for Spring 2020. There is no accountability reporting for English learners (EL) for 2019/2020 school year. This review period is the only opportunity to review and report answer document issues to ensure accurate reporting of student scores.

In anticipation of the upcoming review deadlines, we have provided the following tips that can help you prepare for the tasks associated with these functions.

1. **Make note of English Learner (EL) students who were not tested on the Spring 2020 WIDA**. Having a local list of untested students will help to determine when a student's test is missing from the Answer Documents Received report on the Secure Site (once the report is available), as opposed to a student who was simply not tested. Remember, you cannot and do not need to report why students did not test for Spring 2020.

   You can use the Accountable Students Enrolled and Demographics screen on the OEAA Secure Site to determine which English learner students were expected

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to take the WIDA ACCESS for ELLs or WIDA Alternate ACCESS for ELLs in your district or school. You can download the list and delete or add columns to help you track the information you will be collecting. If a student was not enrolled by March 20, 2020, or was not identified in the Michigan Student Data System (MSDS) as EL, they will not be on the list. Refer to the Accountable Students and Demographics article in the May 14, 2020 Spotlight for more detailed information.

2. **Make note of any EL student whose Spring 2020 WIDA test was flagged for Prohibitive Behavior or Non-Standard Accommodations**. Schools will have the opportunity during the Verification of Answer Documents in the Secure Site to review students with these flags—whether they were set intentionally or accidently—and appeal the flag if it was set in error.

   Directions for Accountable Students Enrolled and Demographics and Answer Documents Received and Not Tested Students—including instructions on what to look for, explanations of the different screens, and how to resolve issues—are posted on the Secure Site Training web page (www. michigan.gov/securesitetraining) under the **Accountable Students & Test Verification** section.

Accountable Students Enrolled and Demographics Reminder

Accountability and assessment reporting for the WIDA ACCESS and WIDA Alternate Access will be based on the enrollment and student demographics in the Michigan Student Data System (MSDS) on **June 26, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.** Schools can verify their enrollment and student demographics from MSDS on the Accountable Students Enrolled and Demographics page of the OEAA Secure Site.

OEAA will use the fall and spring MSDS general collections (student count days) and student record maintenance (SRM) files with an "as of" date on or before **March 20, 2020** and a certified date on or before **June 26, 2020**.

Important Note: If SRMs are not submitted with an "as of" date on or before March 20, 2020, OEAA will not pick up the student information.

This is the last opportunity to update MSDS for assessment and accountability reporting for the WIDA ACCESS and WIDA Alternate ACCESS for ELLs. **Student enrollment and demographics cannot be changed or appealed after June 26, 2020**.

Reminder to Report "Building Pupil Would Otherwise Attend" for SEE and S2E2 Students

As the deadlines for the End of Year and Student Record Maintenance (SRM) Michigan Student Data System (MSDS) collections approach, schools are reminded that the "Building Pupil Would Otherwise Attend" characteristic must be reported for students who participated in the Sending Scores Back Program for the 2019-20 school year. This applies to Shared Educational Entities (SEEs) and Specialized Shared Educational Entities (S2E2s) for reporting and accountability purposes.

While for this school year there are no assessment scores to "send back" for accountability reporting, graduation rates will be calculated and included in the next school year's accountability reporting. Graduation

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rates used in accountability reporting are lagged by one year due the late availability of the rate data. This means that accountability reports (School Index and School Grades) for the 2020-2021 school year will use graduation rates from the 2019-2020 school year. The graduation rates calculated for this school year that will be used in 2020-2021 accountability reporting are to be adjusted using the "Building Pupil Would Otherwise Attend" characteristic in the MSDS.

Reporting the "Building Pupil Would Otherwise Attend" MSDS characteristic is essential to the efficacy of the Sending Scores Back Program, as it indicates where students are to be included in accountability rate calculations. Ensure your pupil accountant or those of your member districts have submitted and certified student records including the "Building Pupil Would Otherwise Attend" characteristic. "Building Pupil Would Otherwise Attend" should be reported by the **June 30** End of Year Collection certification deadline in the MSDS or during the **July 28 – September 15** SRM window for graduation rate appeals. Be sure to share this message with your pupil accountant(s).

Additional information on the Sending Scores Back Program, SEEs/S2E2s, and "Building Pupil Would Otherwise Attend" can be found on the Shared Educational Entities web page (www.mi.gov/sees).

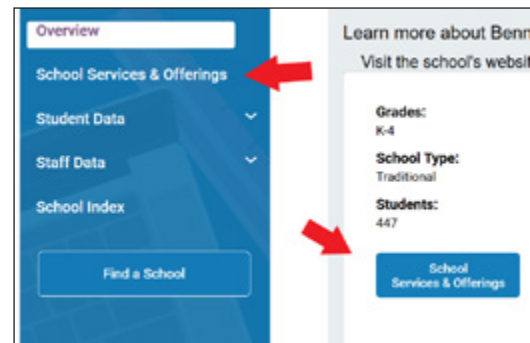## Parent Dashboard – Update School Services and Offerings

The Center for Educational Performance and Information (CEPI) will be pulling School Services and Offerings (also referred to as Points of Pride) information from the Educational Entity Master (EEM) on **June 30, 2020**.

School Services and Offerings information is displayed on the Parent Dashboard. Submission of this information is optional; however, it provides parents useful information on schools, including which sports, arts, and clubs are available at a school. This information is not tied to a specific school year, so it is recommended that schools review this information periodically to ensure its accuracy.

To check your existing School Services and Offerings information, review your school's Parent Dashboard report on MI School Data (www.mischooldata.org/ParentDashboard/).

Once you have navigated to your school, click on the "School Services and Offerings" link on the left-hand menu or click the "School Services and Offerings" button in the school information section of the Overview.

On the School Services and Offerings page, you can expand the topics (such as Arts, Clubs, Music) to check if your school has submitted information. Certain topics, such as Advanced Placement classes, are collected from other data sources. A topic for which no information has been submitted will display a "No Data Available" message.

Clubs

Clubs Offered at School

- No Data Available

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A topic for which information has been submitted will display the values previously submitted by the school.

Clubs

Clubs Offered at School

- Speech and Debate
- Music
- Other Clubs

Instructions are available on how to submit this information (www.michigan.gov/documents/training/EEM_and_PoP_621788_7.pdf).

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College Board Corner

Information on SAT®, PSAT™ 8/9, and PSAT™ 10 provided by the College Board

Resources for Fall 2020 Testing

College Board and the Michigan Department of Education have prepared a number of informational resources to assist you in planning for Fall 2020 testing. The resources are posted to both the MME web page (www.michigan.gov/mme) and the PSAT web page (www.michigan.gov/psat). These documents are living documents and will be updated as additional information is known. Keep watching the weekly Spotlight to know when updates are planned.

Resources Available

- Fall 2020 School Day Testing for MDE-Provided SAT with Essay, PSAT/ NMSQT, and PSAT 8/9:
  - » assessments to be administered to students in grades 9-12
  - » separate table with dates for each assessment
  - » information on accommodations
  - » systems used to support this testing
  - » parental consent for the Student Search Service
  - » additional information to help in the planning for Fall 2020 testing

- Fall 2020 List of Important Dates: list of important dates and deadlines for fall testing

- Comparison of Fall 2020 and Spring 2021: highlights and explains the differences between the Michigan-provided Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 administrations

- Frequently Asked Questions, Fall Testing: provides answers to questions coordinators and administrators might have about the Fall 2020 administration

- Fall 2020 Webinar Presentation: slides that were reviewed during the Fall 2020 webinar

- Fall 2020 Webinar: recording of the Fall 2020 webinar

- Fall 2020 Webinar Questions and Answers: answers to the questions that were submitted during the Fall 2020 webinar

Fall Testing Policies

The health and safety of educators and students is our first concern; therefore, College Board is analyzing potential impacts of COVID-19 on policies and procedures to fall testing. We will make you aware of any updates as they become available. We hope to have these finalized and made public this summer.

Test Ordering Site is Open

The College Board test ordering site (TOS) is now open to place orders for Fall 2020 testing. For schools that have never accessed TOS before, an email was sent on June 9 to principals and test coordinators with a one-time access code needed to use TOS. You can begin to place your orders once this access code is utilized. If you did not receive the email, contact the Michigan Educator Hotline (866-870-3127) to obtain your access code.

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Important Dates

June 2020

SAT and PSAT

Now – August 25, 2020
- Materials Ordering window for **SAT with Essay** standard and nonstandard materials (for September 23 test date)

Now – September 16, 2020
- Materials Ordering window for standard and nonstandard materials for:
- **SAT with Essay and PSAT NMSQT** (for October 14 Primary test date and Accommodations window)
- **PSAT NMSQT** (for October 28 Primary test date and Accommodations window)
- **PSAT 8/9** (Primary test date window and Accommodations test window)

WIDA

Now – June 26, 2020
- Accountable Students and Student Demographics in OEAA Secure Site for **WIDA ACCESS** and **WIDA Alternate ACCESS for ELLs**

June 23 – June 26, 2020
- Answer Documents Received for the Spring 2020 **WIDA ACCESS** and **WIDA Alternate ACCESS for ELLs**

June 25, 2020
- 2019-20 **WIDA Screener** Scoring Closing in WIDA AMS

July/August 2020

WIDA

August 7, 2020
- Final **WIDA ACCESS** and **WIDA Alternate ACCESS for ELLs** Material Return Deadline - Round 2

Early Literacy and Mathematics

Thursday, August 6, 2020 from 10–11 a.m.
- DRC Webinar: **Technology Coordinator Training** – applies to the Benchmark Assessments, WIDA Screener, WIDA ACCESS for ELLs, and Spring 2021 testing

  Click to Join (https://datarecognitioncorp.zoom.us/j/98135475331)

Thursday, August 13, 2020 from 10–11 a.m.
- DRC Webinar: **District and Building Coordinators Training** – for new coordinators or returning coordinators who need a refresher

  Click to Join (https://datarecognitioncorp.zoom.us/j/94474365417)

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