

Spotlight

on Student Assessment and Accountability

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Week of June 24, 2021

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End-of-Testing Reminder for Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmark Assessments

The Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmark Assessments testing window will close **Wednesday, June 30, 2021 at 4 p.m.** No testing will be available for students after the window closes. For information about ensuring all students have completed their assigned tests, see the article in the [May 2, 2019 Spotlight](http://www.michigan.gov/mde-spotlight) (www.michigan.gov/mde-spotlight).

Spring 2021 MI-Access Post-Administration Survey

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) would like to say "Thank You!" for your part in the Spring 2021 MI-Access assessment administration. We ask that you take a moment to provide your feedback in a post-administration survey.

Your input is an important tool for future planning and development of quality assessments, documentation, and testing practices for educators and students around Michigan. We would like to hear from all testing staff in your district or school who had any role in this test administration. Please share this article with staff who participated in the MI-Access assessments this past spring.

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The [Spring 2021 MI-Access Post-Administration Survey](#) will take 10 to 15 minutes to complete and will remain open through **Friday, July 16, 2021**. A link to the survey can also be found on the [MI-Access web page](#) (www.michigan.gov/mi-access) under the **What's New** section.

Thank you in advance for your participation in our survey.



MiPAC

Michigan Performance
Assessment Cadre

There are a few seats still available for this opportunity to learn about developing and implementing performance assessments in your district/school.

See the article in the [Reminders](#) section for details.



Reminders

OEAA Secure Site Virtual Help

Do you need help with the Accountable Students Enrolled and Demographics or the Answer Documents Received and Not Tested Students functions?

The Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability (OEAA) will be holding two open-ended virtual sessions where you will be able to drop in and ask questions and receive support for these OEAA Secure Site functions. There will be no agenda; simply join the event using the link provided, ask questions and/or listen to others' questions and answers, and drop off when desired.

- Thursday, June 24 from 3:30 to 4:15 p.m.
- Monday, June 28 from 9:00 to 9:45 a.m.

Microsoft Teams Meeting

- [Join the meeting](#)
- Or call in (audio only): 1-248-509-0316
Phone Conference ID: 27143456#

Answer Documents Received and Not Tested Students Reminders

Updates in the Michigan Student Data System (MSDS) for the Accountable Students Enrolled and Demographics need to be completed by **5 p.m. on June 28**. Refer to the [May 6 Spotlight](#) (www.michigan.gov/mde-spotlight) for full details.

Answer Documents Received review and submission of answer document issues ends at **5 p.m. June 28, 2021**. This is the only opportunity to attempt to resolve any answer document issues to ensure students receive a valid score. Refer to the articles in the [June 10 Spotlight](#) for details.

The Students Not Tested portion of Answer Documents Received and Not Tested Students will be available **June 29 through 5 p.m. July 2, 2021**. Refer to the articles in the [June 10 Spotlight](#) for details.

» There is an updated process for Spring 2021 (see next article for details)

Michigan School Accountability: New Students Not Tested Resource

A new resource from the Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability (OEAA) – [Updates for Spring 2021 Students Not Tested](#) – is a brief overview of the updated process for reporting and reviewing Students Not Tested on Spring 2021 summative assessments.

- Students Not Tested issues will be reviewed and reported in the OEAA Secure Site during the Accountable Students and Test Verification windows following the administration of spring assessments.
- A new Not Tested reason of “COVID Related” will be populated for all students who were expected to be tested but for whom no test(s) were received.
- Schools will be able (but not required) to change the pre-loaded “COVID Related” reason to other Not Tested reasons.
- Documentation for any Not Tested reason may be submitted, but is not required, for Spring 2021 assessments.

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These changes to the current year's Students Not Tested process were necessary in light of the federal school accountability waiver that the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) recently received. The changes are designed to make the updated Students Not Tested process as minimally burdensome on schools and districts as possible, accommodating increases in the number of Students Not Tested among schools this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Additional information and resources on school accountability can be found on the MDE [School Accountability web page](http://www.michigan.gov/mde-accountability) (www.michigan.gov/mde-accountability).

Michigan Educators Needed for Assessment Committees

Michigan assessments are written by Michigan educators. The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) relies on teachers in grades K-12, from all content areas and from across the state, to help write, review, revise, and improve test items as they are developed for state assessments.

Most of the work on item writing and review is done over the summer. MDE is seeking item writers and reviewers across the board for the summative Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress (M-STEP) and for MI-Access, Michigan's alternate assessment system designed for students who have, or function as if they have, significant cognitive impairments.

Currently, MDE is especially in need of educators with science and/or special education experience to help write and review MI-Access science items under the recently updated alternate content expectations.

This is a great opportunity for educators to support science assessment that is appropriate for this student population; learn more about the state's assessment system; become more familiar with the revised science expectations; collaborate with other educators; and earn extra money or SCECHs for their expertise, time, and contributions.

MDE relies on your knowledge and experience working with students, and no particular expertise in the area of state assessments is required. If you are interested in joining as an item writer or reviewer, please complete an [online application](https://www.cvent.com/d/pgq6sr) (https://www.cvent.com/d/pgq6sr).

Michigan Performance Assessment Cadre (MiPAC) Development Opportunity

Are you interested in learning about developing and implementing performance assessments in your district/school? Join the Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability as we work with the Michigan Assessment Consortium to develop performance assessments that are aligned to Michigan's academic standards and model essential skills in mathematics and English language arts (ELA) in grades 3-8.



Information about preferred candidate qualifications and participant expectations is available in the [May 13, 2021 Spotlight edition](http://www.michigan.gov/mde-spotlight) (www.michigan.gov/mde-spotlight).

If you are interested in participating, submit your resume in an email to mde-oeaa@michigan.gov, using the subject line: "MiPAC Application".

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WIDA ACCESS for ELLs Online Speaking Test Survey

WIDA wants to know what you think of the WIDA ACCESS for ELLs Online Speaking test, and what speaking activities you use in your classroom.

To help WIDA improve the WIDA ACCESS for ELLs Online Speaking test, please respond to this [survey](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SpeakingTest) (www.surveymonkey.com/r/SpeakingTest). It should take no more than 15 minutes to complete the survey, which will close on **June 28, 2021**.



College Board Corner

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

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

- Call the Michigan Educator Hotline: 866-870-3127 (select Option 1)
- Email: michiganadministratorsupport@collegeboard.org

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College Board Test Ordering Site Now Open for Fall 2021

The College Board Test Ordering Site is now open for schools/districts to order Fall 2021 SAT School Day, PSAT/NMSQT, and PSAT 8/9 assessments. Administration of these assessments in the fall is optional. **Your school or district will be responsible for paying for the Fall 2021 College Board assessments you choose to provide to your students.**

As a reminder, the Michigan-provided Spring 2022 SAT School Day, PSAT 10, and PSAT 8/9 are not ordered in the Test Ordering Site.

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Thank You! We can't thank you enough for your time, dedication, and commitment to providing your students this testing opportunity during a very challenging year. We hope you had a great testing experience, and we look forward to partnering with you again next year!

Reminders

Verification of Answer Documents Received

The Michigan Department of Education's answer document verification process on the OEAA Secure Site lets schools verify that all their students' answer documents have been received and processed by ACT. The window to review and report missing WorkKeys answer documents is June 22-28, 2021. For more information, see the *Spring 2021 Answer Documents Received and Students Not Tested* article in the [June 10, 2021 Spotlight newsletter](#) (www.michigan.gov/mde-spotlight).

ACT WorkKeys Score Reports

School- and student-level paper reports will be mailed to test coordinators and are due to arrive in the week of **August 30, 2021**.

Students can view their scores online and print their own National Career Readiness Certificate starting **July 30, 2021** by creating their free account at myworkkeys.com.

Refer to the [June 10, 2021 Spotlight newsletter](#) for more information about scores and reports.

Contacting ACT

If you have questions, you may:

1. contact ACT via the [Contact Us web page](http://www.act.org/aap/state/contact.html) (www.act.org/aap/state/contact.html)
2. call ACT at 800-553-6244 between 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. ET
 - » standard time: ext. 2800
 - » accommodations: ext. 1788
3. email accommodations questions to ACTStateAccoms@act.org

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Important Dates

Approaching Deadlines!

Monday, June 28, 2021

- Window to verify Answer Documents Received **CLOSES** for **WIDA ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs, SAT, PSAT 8/9, PSAT 10, ACT WorkKeys, M-STEP, and MI-Access**

Tuesday, June 29, 2021

- Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmark Assessments (K-2)** Pre-identification of students in OEAA Secure Site window **CLOSES**

Wednesday, June 30, 2021

- Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmark Assessments (K-2)** Online testing window **CLOSES**

June 2021

June 29 – July 2, 2021

- Students Not Tested window for **WIDA ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs, SAT, PSAT 8/9, PSAT 10, ACT WorkKeys, M-STEP, and MI-Access**

July 2021

Early Literacy and Mathematics

July 12 – October 28, 2021

- Pre-Identification of students in the OEAA Secure Site for **Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmark Assessments (K-2)**

July 12 – August 2, 2021

- Create/Manage Online Test Session in Secure Site for **Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmark Assessments (K-2)**

Wednesday, July 28, 2021, 10-11 a.m.

- DRC Webinar: Technology Coordinator Training** – applies to the Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmark Assessments, WIDA Screener, WIDA ACCESS for ELLs, and Spring 2022 testing
[Join webinar](#)

August 2021

Early Literacy and Mathematics

Thursday, August 5, 2021, 10-11 a.m.

- DRC Webinar: District and Building Coordinators Training** – for new coordinators or returning coordinators who need a refresher
[Join webinar](#)

August 23 – October 29, 2021

- Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmark Assessments (K-2)** Fall 2020 testing window

Monday, August 30, 2021

- Test Coordinators receive **ACT WorkKeys** paper reports



Upcoming Events

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	3	4	5	6
		11	12	13

Assessment Literacy Institute 2021

Join a cohort of professionals in reexamining assessment practices to support and accelerate learning—right now and into the future. [Accelerated student learning](#) is a concept embraced by Michigan Department of Education to assist educators in their efforts to support students after a year of disrupted learning.

This year's [Assessment Learning Institute \(ALI\)](#), hosted by the Michigan Assessment Consortium, takes place over an eight-month series of virtual engagements that kick off on **August 3, 2021**, with a full-day seminar. Participants will receive a copy of Jay McTighe's book [Assessing Student Learning, By Design](#) (2021) and earn up to 13 SCECHs as they develop the conditions and capacity to promote core principles of quality assessment practices that deepen student learning and propel learning forward.

[Details and registration](http://bit.ly/2021-ALI) (<http://bit.ly/2021-ALI>) are available now.

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Contacts

For assistance with assessment or accountability issues:

Assessment and Accountability Call Center

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Options	Topics
1	to report cheating and unethical behavior by a district/school in regards to state assessments
2	for support of Central Office Services (COS), DRC INSIGHT Portal, and INSIGHT for the online M-STEP, MI-Access, and Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmark Assessments (K-2)
3	for support of the OEAA Secure Site for <u>all</u> state assessments, administration and policy questions related to M-STEP, MI-Access, Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmark Assessments (K-2), and accountability reporting
4	for questions about the College Entrance and Workskills assessments <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Eligibility, MDE policies, and OEAA Secure Site Support 2. SAT, PSAT 8/9, and PSAT 10 – College Board 3. WorkKeys – ACT
5	for questions about the WIDA ACCESS for ELLs, WIDA Alternate ACCESS for ELLs, and support for WIDAAMS, INSIGHT, and Central Office Services (COS)
8	for all other questions

Email

For assessment questions:

mde-oeaa@michigan.gov

For accountability questions:

mde-accountability@michigan.gov

For assistance with WIDA Screener, W-APT, and the WIDA Secure Portal questions:
(for questions not covered in options 3 and 5 in the table above)

WIDA Client Services

866-276-7735

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