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Spring 2015 Testing Schedule

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) Spring 2015 testing dates for all summative assessments are included in this document.

Students in grades 3 – 8 and 11 will be assessed on Michigan’s current content standards in English language arts (ELA), mathematics, science, and social studies.

Since Michigan moved from fall testing in grades 3 – 9 to spring testing, students will be tested on content learned in the current school year versus prior year student knowledge. This move necessitated a change in the tested grades for science and social studies. Beginning with 2015, students in grades 4, 7, and 11 will be tested in science, while students in grades 5, 8, and 11 will be tested in social studies. This is a change from last year.

The English language arts assessment consists of reading and writing, at each grade 3 – 8, and 11. This is a change from prior years when writing was assessed only at grades 4, 7, and 11. Mathematics will continue to be assessed at grades 3 – 8 and 11.

The ACT Plus Writing® and WorkKeys® have been extended for one year as the college entrance and work skills assessments for grade 11 and eligible grade 12 students. The testing schedule is:

	ACT Plus Writing	WorkKeys
Initial Test Date	March 3	March 4
Makeup Date	March 17	March 18
Accommodations Testing Window	March 3 – 17	March 4 – 18

The following pages include an updated overall *Spring 2015 Testing Schedule for Summative Assessments* and the testing dates specified for the paper/pencil tests.

















Online Testing

has the flexibility of testing **any** time during the testing window designated for each grade level.

Paper/Pencil Testing

will be administered within the same windows as online, but with initial and makeup testing dates specified for each grade and content area.

Spring 2015 Testing Schedule for Summative Assessments

	Week Beginning																	
	2/9	2/16	2/23	3/2	3/9	3/16	3/23	3/30	4/6	4/13	4/20	4/27	5/4	5/11	5/18	5/25	6/1	6/8
Grades 5 and 8											 3 wks							
Grades 4 and 7												 3 wks						
Grades 3 and 6													 4 wks					
Grade 11											 3 wks	 8 wks						
MI-Access Alternate Assessments											 7 wks							
College Entrance: ACT Plus Writing*				 3/3 ONLY		 3/17 ONLY												
Accommodations Testing				 3/3 – 3/17														
Work Skills: WorkKeys*				 3/4 ONLY		 3/18 ONLY												
Accommodations Testing				 3/4 – 3/18														
WIDA Access for ELLs			 7 wks															
WIDA Alternate Access for ELLs			 7 wks															

Online testing has the flexibility of testing **any** time during the testing window designated for each grade level. Paper and pencil tests must be administered on the dates specified for each content area in the window designated for each grade level.

*ACT Plus Writing and WorkKeys have been extended for one year. The initial testing dates for Spring 2015 are March 3rd for ACT and March 4th for WorkKeys. The makeup dates are March 17th for ACT and March 18th for WorkKeys. The accommodations testing window is March 3 – 17 for ACT and March 4 – 18 for WorkKeys.

Icon Legend


Online Assessment



Paper/Pencil Assessment

The general assessment for grades 3 – 8 and 11 are shown in the first four rows of the table. The window for these assessments spans eight weeks with grades testing within sub windows as specified.

ONLINE Test Administration Dates*

- Grades 5 and 8: the online tests may be administered on any instructional day **April 13 – May 1, 2015**
- Grades 4 and 7: the online tests may be administered on any instructional day **April 27 – May 15, 2015**
- REVISED OPENING DATE – Grades 3 and 6: the online tests may be administered on any instructional day **May 11 – June 5, 2015**
- Grade 11: the online tests may be administered on any instructional day **April 13 – June 5, 2015**
- MI-Access Alternate Assessments—all grades: the online tests may be administered on any instructional day **April 13 – May 29, 2015**

*For online testing, not all students need to be administered the same assessment at the same time, nor on the same day.

PAPER/PENCIL Test Administration Dates

Schools are required to follow the paper/pencil testing schedule which specifies which components of which content areas must be administered on specific calendar days. The specific dates for the paper/pencil tests in each grade level sub window are shown for all content areas in the calendars on the following pages.

NOTE: The Classroom Activity must be completed prior to administration of the PT. Inadvertently administering the PT before the Classroom Activity is considered a testing irregularity.

English language arts (for all grade levels)

- Day 1 ELA paper/pencil test will include Sessions 1 and 2 (Session 2 is the listening part).
- Day 2 ELA paper/pencil test will be the Performance Task (Session 3—Parts 1 and 2).
- The 30-minute ELA Classroom Activity for paper/pencil may be administered the Monday before testing, on Day 1 (before or after testing), or on Day 2 (before the Performance Task).

Mathematics (for all grade levels)

- Day 1 mathematics paper/pencil test will include Sessions 1 and 2.
For Grades 6–8 and 11, Session 1 is non-calculator and Session 2 is calculator permitted.
- Day 2 mathematics paper/pencil test will include the 30-minute Classroom Activity and the Performance Task (Session 3—*calculator permitted in grades 6–8 and 11*).
- For grades 3–5, NO calculators are permitted on any session or part of the test.

Science (for grades 4, 7, and 11)

- The science paper/pencil test will be administered on one designated day.
- Grades 4 and 7 will include parts 1 and 2.
- Grade 11 will include one part.















Social Studies (for grades 5, 8, and 11)

- The social studies paper/pencil test will be administered on one designated day.
- Grades 5 and 8 will include parts 1 and 2.
- Grade 11 will include one part.

NOTE: Administrations using designated supports and accommodations may occur any day from the designated date of testing for that subject/part through the final make-up testing date.















Paper/Pencil Test Dates

Grade 11

April 2015						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	 14 ELA Day 1	 15 ELA Day 2	 16 SCIENCE	 17 Makeup ELA/Science	18
19	 20 Makeup ELA/Science	 21 MATH Day 1	 22 MATH Day 2	 23 SOCIAL STUDIES	 24 Makeup any content area	25
26	 27	 28	 29	 30	 1	
Makeup - any content area						

Paper/Pencil Test Dates












Grades 5 and 8

April 2015						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	 14 ELA Day 1	 15 ELA Day 2	 16	 17 Makeup - ELA	18
19	 20 Makeup ELA	 21 MATH Day 1	 22 MATH Day 2	 23 SOCIAL STUDIES	 24 Makeup any content area	25
26	 27	 28	 29	 30	 1	
Makeup - any content area						

Paper/Pencil Test Dates

Grades 4 and 7

April 2015						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	 28 ELA Day 1	 29 ELA Day 2	 30 Makeup ELA	1	

May 2015						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					 1 Makeup ELA	2
3	 4 Makeup ELA	 5 MATH Day 1	 6 MATH Day 2	 7 SCIENCE	 8 Makeup any content area	9
10	 11	 12	 13	 14	 15	16
	Makeup - any content area					
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						



MDE Provides Additional Flexibility to Schools for M-STEP Test Administration in Grades 3 and 6

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) will open the M-STEP test administration window for grades 3 and 6 *one week early* to provide schools and districts with additional flexibility in coordinating their test administration schedules with end of year activities. There is no change to the end date for the test window, so schools may maintain their previously established testing schedules if they choose. Schools also still have through Friday, June 5, 2015 to complete all M-STEP testing for students in grades 3 and 6. The additional week provided with the early opening is an **option** available to schools and districts in response to requests received from the field. What does this flexibility mean for online and paper/pencil testing schedules?

Online testing - Schools have the flexibility to administer the online tests in grades 3 and 6 on any instructional day **beginning May 11** – June 5, 2015. There is no change to the end of the test window, so schools may maintain their previously established test schedules if they choose, and will still have until June 5 to complete the grades 3 and 6 online test administration, if needed. **Note:** *This does overlap with grade 4 and 7 testing window by one week, but results of the M-STEP testing to date have indicated that the technology infrastructure within schools and districts interacting with the test delivery engine will accommodate this overlap in grade level test windows for schools and districts that choose to exercise this option.*

Paper/Pencil testing - To provide the additional flexibility in the paper/pencil testing schedule, with least amount of change to the published schedule that your schools and districts have used for planning purposes, please note the following:

1. **ELA** - There is no change to the ELA Day 1 – Day 2 test administration dates, Tuesday–Wednesday, May 19–20, 2015, respectively.
2. **Mathematics** - Schools have the option to administer the paper/pencil mathematics Day 1 – Day 2 test sessions on Wednesday–Thursday, May 27–28, 2015, as originally scheduled; **OR** schools/districts may choose to administer the paper/pencil mathematics Day 1 – Day 2 test sessions on Wednesday–Thursday, May 13–14, 2015, respectively, which will provide additional makeup testing days for both ELA and mathematics.
3. **Calendar Option** - Please see the paper/pencil test calendar options (on the following page) with designated test administration and make-up dates for *Option 1* – original schedule, and *Option 2* – using the optional early test administration dates for mathematics. **Schools must choose one calendar option to follow, and adhere to the dates published in the option they choose.**
4. **End of Test Window** - There is no change to the end of the test window – schools will still have until June 5th to complete their makeup testing if needed.
5. **Materials** – Materials for Grades 3 and 6 M-STEP administration are expected to arrive in schools and districts tomorrow, May 1st, or on Monday, May 4th. The additional material order window in the Secure Site will open at 8:00 AM on Tuesday, May 5th. Please check your initial material order received BEFORE placing an additional material order.

If you have questions regarding the above information, please contact us at baa@michigan.gov or call 877-560-8378.

Paper/Pencil Test Dates















Choose ONE schedule option to follow.

Grades 3 and 6 – Option 1

Original Schedule

May 2015						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 ELA Day 1	20 ELA Day 2	21 Makeup - ELA	22	23
24	25 Memorial Day	26 Makeup ELA	27 MATH Day 1	28 MATH Day 2	29 Makeup any content area	30
June 2015						
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Makeup - any content area					

Grades 3 and 6 – Option 2

May 2015						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	 13 MATH Day 1	 14 MATH Day 2	15 Makeup Math	16
17	18 Makeup Math	 19 ELA Day 1	20 ELA Day 2	 21 Makeup any content area	 22	23
24	25 Memorial Day	 26	 27	 28	 29	30
	Makeup - any content area					
	June 2015					
31	 1	 2	 3	 4	 5	6
	Makeup - any content area					

M-STEP Shipping Dates for Paper/Pencil Materials

If you SHIP your materials. . .				
Grades	On or Before this date	Between the following dates	Between the following dates	After final shipping dates
5, 8, and 11	May 6, 2015	May 7 – 13, 2015	May 14 – 22, 2015	Answer documents will NOT be scored. Results will NOT be included in data files and final report. No late fee or processing fee will be charged, but ALL materials MUST be returned.
4 and 7	May 20, 2015	May 21 – 29, 2015	June 1 – 5, 2015	
3 and 6	June 10, 2015	June 11 – 17, 2015	June 18 – 26, 2015	
	No late fee...no processing fee. Results will be included in the data files and final reports.	Scoring contractor may charge school a \$250 late fee.	Scoring contractor may charge school \$250 late fee and \$25 processing fee per Answer Document.	Failure to return materials may result in a substantial fine levied against the school by the Michigan Department of Education.
		Results will be included in the data files AND final reports.		
These are SHIP dates, not dates the scoring contractor <i>receives</i> your materials.				
NOTE: Schools must administer subjects on the dates specified. Schools are NOT authorized to deviate from this schedule unless prior written approval is obtained from the Office of Standards and Assessment.				