



## Assessment & Accountability Announcements - Week of December 5, 2013

There are **5 IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS** below regarding: **1)** Upcoming Accountability Assessment Deadlines; **2)** MI-Access Functional Independence Social Studies Assessment Pilot – Need Participants; **3)** Spring 2014 Interim Assessment Pilot Registration; **4)** **Spring 2014 MME, WIDA Access for ELLs, and MI-Access** Assessment Pre-Identification of Students and Initial Material Orders Are Now Open in the Secure Site; and **5)** MME Test Administration Training and Q&A Session Reminder

### 1) Upcoming Accountability Assessment Deadlines

- Verification of Enrollment for Accountability Purposes & Verification of Student Demographics must be submitted and certified in MSDS by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 6, 2013.
- Verification of Answer Documents (MEAP, MEAP-Access, and MI-Access) -- All answer document issues must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 16, 2013.
- Verification of Not Tested (MEAP, MEAP-Access, and MI-Access) must be submitted by Monday, December 23, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

For more information visit:

[http://michigan.gov/documents/mde/Verification\\_of\\_Answer\\_Documents\\_communication\\_441738\\_7.pdf](http://michigan.gov/documents/mde/Verification_of_Answer_Documents_communication_441738_7.pdf)

### 2) MI-Access Functional Independence Social Studies Assessment Pilot – Need Participants

In spring 2014, the Michigan Department of Education will be piloting its newly developed online MI-Access Functional Independence Social Studies Assessment. Many Michigan teachers have already been involved in the development process. This assessment program is based on the Extended Grade Level Content Expectations (EGLCEs) and Extended High School Content Standards (EHSCEs) for the Functional Independence (FI) Social Studies released last spring.

It is now time to get the assessment in front of students to see how they respond. Any student that takes ANY MI-Access Functional Independence assessment—accessing print, expressing ideas, mathematics, or science—is eligible to participate in the social studies pilot.

The pilot will (1) take place in April of 2014, (2) be administered completely online, and (3) use two different audio formats (text-to-speech and human voice) for students whose IEP stipulates that the assessment should be read aloud. At the end of the test, there will be a short survey to get students' and assessment administrators' input on various aspects of the online assessment. The MDE will use the survey responses to determine what aspects of the assessment to keep and which ones to change.

Participating schools may use this test event toward satisfying the participation requirement outlined in the 22i Technology Readiness Infrastructure Grant (TRIG).

If you are interested in participating in the pilot, please click on the link below and answer a short survey that gives us your contact information and total number of Functional Independence students you have in grades 5, 8, and 11. You will then be entered into the MDE's database of participating districts/schools, and will receive more detailed information about the pilot in the near future.

Survey link: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MI-Access\\_FI\\_SS\\_District\\_Registration](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MI-Access_FI_SS_District_Registration).

### 3) Spring 2014 Interim Assessment Pilot Registration

Schools are invited to register to participate in the Spring 2014 Interim Assessment Pilot. Districts may have several schools participate but each school must register with a separate application. Interim assessments will be piloted in the content areas of English language arts (ELA) and mathematics for grades K, 1, and 2, and science and social studies for grades 3 through high school.

The ELA and mathematics interim assessments for grades K, 1, and 2 are aligned to the Common Core State Standards. The science and social studies interim assessments are aligned to Michigan's current Grade Level Content Expectations (GLCEs) and High School Content Expectations (HSCEs).

Participation in this State of Michigan authorized pilot test opportunity counts toward satisfying district participation requirement #4 of the 22i Technology Readiness Infrastructure Grant (TRIG).

**To participate in the Spring 2014 Interim Assessment Pilot, please complete the registration survey at <http://tinyurl.com/s14-ia-pilot>**

Additional important information:

- The registration deadline is Friday, January 31, 2014.
- The test window is March 24, 2014 through May 23, 2014. Schools may administer the pilot assessments any time within this nine-week test window.
- As with all assessment pilots, test results will not be provided.

More information about the Michigan Interim Assessments may be found at <http://www.michigan.gov/interimassessments>

### 4) Spring 2014 MME, WIDA ACCESS for ELLs, and MI-Access Assessment Pre-Identification of Students and Initial Material Orders Are Now Open in the Secure Site

To ensure all student records are correct and that you will receive pre-printed barcode labels for the administration of the Spring 2014 Michigan Merit Examination (MME) and WIDA ACCESS for ELLs, the Secure Site has been populated with pre-identified student records using the following criteria:

**MME:** Students are pre-identified based on enrollment in grade 11 (or based on enrollment in grade 12 without a prior valid MME score).

**WIDA ACCESS for ELLs:** Students will be pre-identified based on being identified as "LEP Eligible" in fall 2013 MSDS, or identified as "Historical LEP" (students not exited for proficiency but also not re-reported as LEP Eligible).

Administrators must review, and update if necessary, each student's tier designation. Students needing to take the WIDA Alternate ACCESS for ELLs must review the WIDA Pre-ID, Tier, and IMO

Information document found at: [www.michigan.gov/wida](http://www.michigan.gov/wida).

Please note:

- Testing materials must be ordered for the all spring assessments via the secure site.\* If you do not submit an order, you will not receive testing materials.
- The Pre-ID Student Report for WIDA ACCESS for ELLs displays tier information for each student.
- Students pre-ID by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 10, 2014 for MME, WIDA ACCESS for ELLs, and MI-Access will receive pre-printed barcode labels.
- Schools will still need to pre-ID and then print barcode labels locally from the Secure Site for MME and MI-Access students that are not pre-ID by Friday, January 10, 2014.
- Students who are not pre-ID by Friday, January 10, 2014 **for both WIDA ACCESS for ELLs and WIDA Alternate ACCESS for ELLs ONLY**, will need to have their demographic information bubbled in on the test by the administrator.
- **MI-Access:** For grade 11 students who will take the MI-Access spring assessment, districts will need to log into the Secure Site ([www.michigan.gov/baa-secure](http://www.michigan.gov/baa-secure)) and move these students from the MME Spring 2014 test cycle to the MI-Access Spring 2014 test cycle.

### Initial Material Orders (IMOs)

IMOs for MME, WIDA, and the high school MI-Access assessments can be placed now through **Friday, January 10, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.**

\*NOTE about WIDA - IMOs for WIDA only need to be placed for students that need Enlarged Print or Braille. All other orders for WIDA ACCESS for ELLs and WIDA Alternate ACCESS for ELLs will be placed automatically based on Pre-ID information. Once the Pre-ID window closes on Friday, January 10, 2014, all orders will need to be placed directly with MetriTech (WIDA's material vendor).

Instructions for completing any of the pre-identification processes and/or entering Initial Material Orders can be found in the *Secure Site Procedure and User Manual* accessed at: <http://qa.mdoe.state.mi.us/BAASecure/pdfs/SecureSiteUserManual.pdf>.

### 5) MME Test Administration Training and Q&A Session Reminder

There is still time to register for an upcoming Q&A session to address questions you may have regarding administration of the Michigan Merit Examination (MME). To register for a Q&A session, choose a session from the table below and go to the appropriate Registration URL.

Q&A session date and time	Registration URL	Deadline to register for Q&A session
Tuesday, December 10, 2013 at 9:00 am ET	<a href="https://act.ilinc.com/register/xjxhrxy">https://act.ilinc.com/register/xjxhrxy</a>	Thursday, December 5, 2013
Monday, December 16, 2013 at 3:00 pm ET	<a href="https://act.ilinc.com/register/frwjssf">https://act.ilinc.com/register/frwjssf</a>	Wednesday, December 11, 2013
Wednesday, December 18, 2013 at 9:00 am ET	<a href="https://act.ilinc.com/register/rfftckf">https://act.ilinc.com/register/rfftckf</a>	Friday, December 13, 2013
Wednesday, January 8, 2014 at 3 pm ET	<a href="https://act.ilinc.com/register/bkpfyvy">https://act.ilinc.com/register/bkpfyvy</a>	Friday, January 3, 2014

After you register, an email confirmation will be sent to you from ACT. You will receive a second email 24 hours prior to the Q&A session start time. It will include a link to join the session and a number to call for audio. Please note that each session is tentatively scheduled for an hour.

If you have questions, please contact ACT using one of the methods below:

- Contact ACT electronically via the Contact Us web page at <http://www.act.org/aap/state/contact.html>.
- Call ACT at 800-553-6244, ext. 2800 with standard time questions.
- Call ACT at 800-553-6244, ext. 1788 with accommodations questions, or email specific questions to [ACTStateAccoms@act.org](mailto:ACTStateAccoms@act.org).

You can also review a list of FAQs at <http://www.act.org/aap/statetesting.html>

### **Have Other Questions?**

For assessment questions, please email [BAA@michigan.gov](mailto:BAA@michigan.gov).

For accountability questions, please email [MDE-Accountability@michigan.gov](mailto:MDE-Accountability@michigan.gov).

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

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