

Assessment & Accountability Announcements - Week of July 15, 2013

Please see **3 IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS** below regarding: 1) New BAA Secure Site Transition Information, 2) Fall 2013 MEAP Online Participation Confirmation Due 7/19, and 3) REMINDER: Fall 2013 WIDA W-APT Upcoming Training Opportunities.

1) New BAA Secure Site Transition Information

When the "New" BAA Secure Site opens this week, the only activities occurring in the "new" BAA Secure Site will be **1) reviewing/appealing preliminary scorecards** and **2) district administrators adding new user accounts/assigning user roles at the local level. A separate announcement will be sent as soon as the new system becomes available.**

All other functions (including fall assessment pre-identification and material orders) will remain in the "old" BAA Secure Site until the site is taken down permanently after 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 25th. This 7/25 date coincides with the MEAP pre-id deadline (for pre-printed answer documents) and the MEAP initial materials order deadline. You must continue to use the current pre-ID file format in the current Secure Site.

The "new" BAA Secure Site functionality will be phased-in as each component is needed. For instance, the fall assessment pre-ID and material order functions in the new BAA Secure Site are tentatively scheduled to open in early August.

Additional components of the new BAA Secure Site will be announced as they come online.

2) Fall 2013 MEAP Online Participation Confirmation Due 7/19

The district-level "Agreement to Participate" in Fall 2013 MEAP Online Testing is due tomorrow, 07/19/2013 from all districts with approved schools.

On, July 9, 2013, a targeted email was sent to schools approved to participate in Fall 2013 MEAP online testing (building-level lead administrators, building-level technology directors, and building-level MEAP coordinators should have received this message), and an aggregated district email was sent to district-level lead administrators, district-level MEAP coordinators, and district-level technology directors). Due to personnel changes and the Educational Entity Master (EEM) not being updated, not all intended recipients of these communications received the 07/09/13 communication from the Office of Standards & Assessment, so we are placing a general announcement in this week's e-blast.

District Superintendents (or Lead Administrators) must complete this short Agreement **for approved schools** to participate in online MEAP testing this fall.

The link to the Agreement to Participate **for previously approved schools** is: <https://baameap.wufoo.com/forms/agreement-to-participate-fall-2013-meap-online/>. The link to a template for uploading more than five schools into the agreement is: [http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Approval for Online Participation Template 426710_7.xls](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Approval_for_Online_Participation_Template_426710_7.xls).

If you have questions about approved schools, please contact Kate Cermak at CermakK@michigan.gov.

Please ensure that all district- and school-level contacts including the lead administrator, MEAP coordinator, and technology director roles, are accurately reflected in the Educational Entity Master (EEM), as it will be the sole source of contact information for Fall 2013 MEAP Online Testing communications.

3) REMINDER: Fall 2013 WIDA W-APT Upcoming Training Opportunities

The Office of Standards & Assessment (OSA) will be hosting four WIDA ACCESS Placement Test (W-APT) trainings. These training opportunities will be held in the Lake Michigan room at the Michigan Library and Historical Center located at 702 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing MI 48909, on **Wednesday, August 7, 2013 and Thursday, August 8, 2013**. Beginning with the upcoming 2013-14 school year, the W-APT will replace the ELPA Initial Screening tool, which is used to aid in the identification of potential English learners (ELs).

The purpose of this training is to train EL Assessment Coordinators (ELPA/WIDA Coordinators) on the administration and scoring practices of the WIDA ACCESS Placement Test (W-APT). Because space is limited to 50 participants per session, we ask that you please send only one representative from your district to attend one of the W-APT trainings. Please note that each of these four sessions are "repeat" sessions, covering the same information each time. The OSA is actively working toward offering these four sessions via WebEx; however, until those details are confirmed, please plan to send one representative to one of the four in-person events listed below.

August 7, 2013

- 8:00 – 11:30 AM
- 12:30 – 4:00 PM

August 8, 2013

- 8:00 – 11:30 AM
- 12:30 – 4:00 PM

To confirm your participation, we request that you respond via email with your desired session date/time, your name, and the district you are representing to Cristina Rodriguez at rodriguezcr@michigan.gov. Upon receipt of your confirmation, driving directions/parking information will be sent to you. Space is limited so be sure to **confirm by Monday, July 29, 2013**. If you are unable to attend one of these sessions, please know that more training opportunities and online professional development materials will be available shortly via WIDA's website as well as OSA's.

Questions?

For assessment questions, please email BAA@michigan.gov.

For accountability questions, please email MDE-Accountability@michigan.gov.

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