



2026 M-STEP List of Important Dates

Start	End	Task/Activity	Mode
10/6/25	11/14/25	Online Waiver Window – request waiver to administer paper/pencil by 5 p.m.	PP
12/3/25	12/3/25	DRC Technology Readiness Webinar (10:00 AM – 11:00 AM) – recording available 12/4/25	OL
1/5/26	2/13/26	Initial Material Order Window by 5 p.m.	PP
1/5/26	2/13/26	Pre-identification of students for preprinted barcode labels by 5 p.m.	PP
1/5/26	3/12/26	Alternate Insight Availability Request	OL
1/5/26	4/30/26	Off-site Test Administration Request – Paper/Pencil	PP
1/5/26	5/21/26	Off-site Test Administration Request - Online	OL
1/5/26	5/22/26	Pre-identification of students - Online	OL
2/16/26	5/1/26	Pre-identification of students for local printing of barcode labels by 5 p.m.	PP
2/17/26	2/17/26	Online District and Building Coordinator Training – DRC INSIGHT Portal (10:00-11:00 A.M.) – recording available 02/18/26	OL
2/20/26	5/22/26	Create/Manage Online Test Sessions and assign Universal Tools, Designated Supports, and Accommodations in DRC INSIGHT Portal	OL
3/23/26	3/25/26	Materials arrive in schools All Grades/All Content Areas	Both
3/23/26	5/22/26	M-STEP Multiplication Chart Accommodation Request Window by 5 p.m.	OL
3/30/26	4/1/26	Materials arrive in schools – alternate delivery date requested – All Grades/All Content Areas	Both



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4/2/26	4/28/26	Additional Material Order Window (closes at noon) – All Grades/All Content Areas	PP
4/6/26	5/1/26	Paper/Pencil Test Administration Window	PP
4/6/26	05/22/26	Online Test Administration Window	OL
4/8/26	July 2026	Preliminary Reports (within 48 hours of online test completion)	OL
4/27/26	6/9/26	Accountable Students Enrolled and Demographics – watch Spotlight for details	Both
5/6/26	5/6/26	Return of Materials Deadline – All Grades/All content Areas	PP
6/2/26	6/9/26	Answer Documents Received – watch Spotlight for details	Both
6/2/26	6/9/26	Students Not Tested – watch Spotlight for details	Both
August 2026	August 2026	Final Reports – watch Spotlight for details	Both

Watch the weekly [Spotlight on Student Assessment and Accountability](http://www.michigan.gov/mde-spotlight) (www.michigan.gov/mde-spotlight) for updates and additional information.



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Change Log

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1/5/26	5/21/26	Off-site Test Administration Request - Online	Updated end date due to one-week extension for Online M-STEP Test Administration Window	OL
1/5/26	5/22/26	Pre-identification of students - Online	Updated end date due to one-week extension for Online M-STEP Test Administration Window	OL
2/20/26	5/22/26	Create/Manage Online Test Sessions and assign Universal Tools, Designated Supports, and Accommodations in DRC INSIGHT Portal	Updated end date due to one-week extension for Online M-STEP Test Administration Window	OL
3/23/26	5/22/26	M-STEP Multiplication Chart Accommodation Request Window by 5 p.m.	Updated end date due to one-week extension for Online M-STEP Test Administration Window	OL
4/6/26	5/22/26	Online Test Administration Window	Updated end date due to one-week extension for Online M-STEP Test Administration Window	OL