

Michigan Assessment System

Michigan’s State Assessment System includes a variety of different assessments for different purposes. Stakeholder input has shaped Michigan’s assessment vision to align with the goals of Michigan’s Top 10 in 10 Years plan and comply with state and federal laws. The following tables summarize the information and guidance provided by the [Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability](http://www.michigan.gov/oaaa) (www.michigan.gov/oaaa), where you can learn more about Michigan’s assessment system as we move from “vision” to implementation.

State Assessments						
Grade	Test Type	Mandate	Test Name	Subjects	Given	Purpose
K-2	Benchmark	Required	Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmark Assessment or District-selected benchmark ¹	ELA, Mathematics	Fall, Winter, Spring	Within-year progress; program improvement
3	Summative	Required	M-STEP	ELA, Mathematics	Spring	Proficiency; accountability
	Benchmark Benchmark	Required Optional	District-selected benchmark assessment ¹ District-selected benchmark assessment ²	ELA Mathematics	Fall, Winter, Spring Multiple	Within-year progress; program improvement Within-year progress; program improvement
4	Summative	Required	M-STEP	ELA, Mathematics	Spring	Proficiency; accountability
	Benchmark	Optional	District-selected benchmark assessment		Multiple	Within-year progress; program improvement
5	Summative	Required	M-STEP	ELA, Mathematics	Spring	Proficiency; accountability
	Summative	Required	M-STEP	Science, Social Studies	Spring	Proficiency; accountability
	Benchmark	Optional	District-selected benchmark assessment	ELA, Mathematics	Multiple	Within-year progress; program improvement
6	Summative	Required	M-STEP	ELA, Mathematics	Spring	Proficiency; accountability
	Benchmark	Optional	District-selected benchmark assessment		Multiple	Within-year progress; program improvement
7	Summative	Required	M-STEP	ELA, Mathematics	Spring	Proficiency; accountability
	Benchmark	Optional	District-selected benchmark assessment		Multiple	Within-year progress; program improvement
8	Summative	Required	PSAT 8/9	ELA, Mathematics	Spring	Proficiency; accountability; college readiness
	Summative	Required	M-STEP	Science, Social Studies	Spring	Proficiency; accountability
	Benchmark	Optional	District-selected benchmark assessment	ELA, Mathematics	Multiple	Within-year progress; program improvement
9	Summative	Required	PSAT 8/9	ELA, Mathematics	Spring	College Readiness
10	Summative	Required	PSAT 10	ELA, Mathematics	Spring	College Readiness
11 ³	Summative	Required	MME: SAT with Essay	ELA, Mathematics	Spring	College Readiness; accountability
		Required	MME: M-STEP	Science, Social Studies	Spring	Proficiency; accountability
		Required	MME: ACT WorkKeys	Reading, Mathematics	Spring	Career Readiness

¹ Michigan’s “Read by Grade Three” law (PA 306) requires districts to implement a system of assessments in grades K-3; districts choose from a list of approved “Initial” and “extensive” assessments. The Michigan Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmark Assessment is the only K-2 state-provided “Initial Assessment” option (no cost to districts).

² Benchmark assessments are still an important part of our assessment system. However, at this time they are at a district’s choice, and cost.

³ 12th graders who were not previously included in high school accountability in grade 11 or 12 are required to take the complete MME (all three components). Students in grade 12 who are missing one or more valid MME component score are eligible—but not required—to take the MME.

State Assessments for Special Populations

MI-Access, Michigan’s Alternate Assessment

MI-Access, Michigan’s alternate assessment measures progress toward Michigan’s alternate content standards. Students are eligible to take MI-Access when the Individualized Education Program (IEP) team has determined that general assessments, even with accommodations, are not appropriate for the student. MI-Access alternate assessments are administered at three levels, for students who have, or function as if they have, a significant cognitive impairment, and whose instruction is most closely aligned to the Essential Elements within the:

- **MI-Access Functional Independence (FI)** –High Range of Complexity
- **MI-Access Supported Independence (SI)** –Medium Range of Complexity
- **MI-Access Participation (P)** –Low Range of Complexity

State Alternate Assessment						
Grade	Test Type	Mandate	Test Name	Subjects	Given	Purpose
3–8, 11 4, 7, 11 5, 8, 11	Summative	Required (as indicated on IEP)	MI-Access FI, SI, and P	ELA, Mathematics Science Social Studies (FI Only)	Spring	Proficiency; accountability

WIDA program of assessments for English Learners

State Assessments for English Learners						
Grade	Test Type	Mandate	Test Name	Subjects	Given	Purpose
K	Screener	As indicated for newly enrolled students	WIDA ACCESS Placement Test (W-APT)	Listening, Reading, Writing, and Speaking	Time of enrollment	Identify English Learners
1-12	Screener	As indicated for newly enrolled students	WIDA Screener	Listening, Reading, Writing, and Speaking	Time of enrollment	Identify English Learners
K-12	Summative	Required	ACCESS for ELLs 2.0	Listening, Reading, Writing, and Speaking	Spring	English Language Proficiency; accountability
1-12	Summative	Required (ELs with significant disabilities, as determined by IEP)	WIDA Alternate ACCESS for ELLs	Listening, Reading, Writing, and Speaking	Spring	English Language Proficiency; accountability (participation only)

Helpful References

[Read by Grade Three Law Frequently Asked Questions](http://www.michigan.gov/earlylitandmath)
(www.michigan.gov/earlylitandmath)

[Fact Sheet on Benchmark and Early Literacy Assessment Reimbursement](http://www.michigan.gov/oeaa)
(www.michigan.gov/oeaa)

Assessment-specific web pages:

- [Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmark Assessments](http://www.michigan.gov/earlylitandmath)
(www.michigan.gov/earlylitandmath)

- [M-STEP](http://www.michigan.gov/mstep) (www.michigan.gov/mstep)
- [MI-Access](http://www.michigan.gov/mi-access) (www.michigan.gov/mi-access)
- [WIDA](http://www.michigan.gov/wida) (www.michigan.gov/wida)
- [Michigan Merit Exam](http://www.michigan.gov/mme) (www.michigan.gov/mme) – includes M-STEP, SAT with Essay, and ACT WorkKeys
- [PSAT Michigan](http://www.michigan.gov/PSAT) (www.michigan.gov/PSAT)
- [College Board Michigan](http://www.CollegeBoard.org/Michigan) (www.CollegeBoard.org/Michigan) – includes SAT with Essay, PSAT 8/9, and PSAT 10