

Who Must/Can Take the MME?

The state and federally mandated high school summative assessment in Michigan is the Michigan Merit Examination (MME). The MME three required components: 1) the SAT® with Essay, from which the English language arts (ELA) and mathematics scores are derived, 2) WIN Work Readiness, and 3) the Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress (M-STEP) for science and social studies. A complete MME administration requires all three components to be administered. To ensure fair and consistent timing across all schools, the MME is administered in 11th grade (or the third year for Early Middle College students).

The Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability (OEAA) frequently receives questions on MME testing eligibility, expectation, and accountability inclusion. The following list details common student type and grade-level scenarios with their respective MME expectation.

Grade 11 Student Scenarios

Grade 11 Students	Eligible to Take MME (Not Expected)	Expected to Take MME	Included in Accountability	Additional Clarifications
First-time Grade 11 Students		X ¹	X ¹	All three MME components are required.
Repeating Grade 11 Students with Valid MME Scores in SAT Reading and Writing, SAT Math, M-STEP Science, M-STEP Social Studies, WIN Work Readiness				Retaking the MME is not permitted if a student has valid cores for all three MME components.
Repeating Grade 11 Students with 1 or More Missing Valid MME Score(s) in SAT Reading and Writing, SAT Math, M-STEP Science, M-STEP Social Studies, WIN Work Readiness	X		If retaken* ²	For students retaking the MME, all three MME components are required, including those for which the student has a valid score from a previous administration.
Grade 11 Foreign Exchange Students		X	X	All three MME components are required.
Grade 11 Students Partially Enrolled from Nonpublic or Homeschool	X			All three MME components required if taking. ³
Grade 11 Students with Individualized Education Plans (IEPs)		X	X	Students with IEPs should be administered the appropriate tests as determined by their IEP teams. ⁴

Grade 12 Student Scenarios

Grade 12 Students	Eligible to Take MME (Not Expected)	Expected to Take MME	Included in Accountability	Additional Clarifications
Grade 12 Students Not Previously Tested/Included in Accountability		X*	X	All three MME components are required.
Grade 12 Students at MI-ACCESS Levels and Not Previously Tested/Included in Accountability				“Grade 12 Only – MI-Access Student” reason must be reported during the Students Not Tested window in the OEAA Secure Site to be excluded from accountability reporting.
Grade 12 Students New to State – not enrolled in a Michigan public school in the year prior	X		If taken* ²	All three MME components are required if taking.
Grade 12 Students with 1 or More Missing Valid MME Scores in SAT Reading and Writing, SAT Math, M-STEP Science, M-STEP Social Studies, WIN Work Readiness	X		If retaken* ²	All three MME components are required, including those for which the student has a valid score from a previous administration.
Grade 12 Students with All Valid MME Scores in SAT Reading and Writing, SAT Math, M-STEP Science, M-STEP Social Studies, WIN Work Readiness				Retaking the MME is not permitted when a student has valid scores for all three MME components.
Grade 12 Students Previously Nonpublic or Homeschool	X		If taken* ²	All three MME components are required if taking.

*Schools may search the [OEAA Secure Site](http://www.mi.gov/oeaa-secure) (www.mi.gov/oeaa-secure) to check a student’s test history.

¹ Recently arrived English learners (enrolled in a USA school 1 year or less) are not expected or accountable for ELA portions of any MME component. The “ELL Student Exemption (ELA Only)” reason must be reported during the Students Not Tested window in the OEAA Secure Site for students to be excluded from accountability reporting. Please refer to the [Supports & Accommodations Guidance Document](#) for additional policy information.

² When the testing student is eligible to take the MME but is not expected to do so, all three components of the MME must be completed. Additionally, if the test is retaken by a student, their results will be included in accountability reporting.

³ Homeschooled students and nonpublic students who are enrolled in a public school for less than a full-time equivalency are not required to test with the MME if the correct residency is reported. Schools should make sure these students are reported in the [Michigan Student Data System](http://www.mi.gov/msds) (www.mi.gov/msds) with the proper Student Residency characteristic (“homeschooled” or “nonpublic school” student).

⁴ If a student’s IEP team determines the SAT with Essay component of the MME is an appropriate assessment, then the ELA and mathematics scores will be derived from the SAT with Essay and the student will not take MI-Access ELA and mathematics tests. Similarly, the student will be expected take the appropriate-level science and social studies tests (M-STEP or MI-Access) according to their IEP. Finally, students whose IEP team designates the MI-Access Functional Independence assessments as the appropriate assessments may take the WIN Work Readiness if the IEP team deems that an appropriate assessment. Note: A tester who participated in a previous MI-Access administration as a grade 11 student is not eligible to take any component of the MME.