

Who Must/Can Take the MME?

State and federal laws require states to administer a high school summative assessment. In Michigan, this assessment is the Michigan Merit Examination (MME), and it consists of three required components: 1) the SAT® with Essay, from which the English language arts (ELA) and mathematics scores are derived, 2) ACT WorkKeys®, 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.

The MME administration is expected to align with the testing students' grade 11 year of high school or with the third year of high school for Early Middle College (EMC) schools and students. This ensures assessment occurs at the same point in time in all high school students' grade progression, so no high schools are given an unfair advantage by testing their students at a later point in their high school career.

Before and during the annual MME administration, the Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability (OEAA) fields frequent questions on student MME eligibility and expectation. The following list provides examples of student types and scenarios by grade with appropriate MME testing eligibility, expectation, and accountability inclusion information.

Grade 11 Student Scenarios

Grade 11 Students	Eligible to Take MME	Expected to Take MME	Included in Accountability	Additional Clarifications
First-time Grade 11 Students		X	X	All three MME components are required.
Repeating Grade 11 Students with Valid MME Scores in SAT EBRW (ELA), SAT Math, M-STEP Science, M-STEP Social Studies, ACT WorkKeys				Retaking the MME is not permitted if a student has scores for all three MME components.
Repeating Grade 11 Students with 1 or More Missing Valid MME Score(s) in SAT EBRW (ELA), SAT Math, M-STEP Science, M-STEP Social Studies, ACT WorkKeys	X		If retaken* ¹	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. ²
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. ³

Grade 12 Student Scenarios

Grade 12 Students	Eligible to Take MME	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 New to State – not enrolled in a Michigan public school in the year prior	X		If taken* ¹	All three MME components are required.
Grade 12 Students with 1 or More Missing Valid MME Scores in SAT EBRW (ELA), SAT Math, M-STEP Science, M-STEP Social Studies, ACT WorkKeys	X		If retaken* ¹	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 EBRW (ELA), SAT Math, M-STEP Science, M-STEP Social Studies, ACT WorkKeys				Retaking the MME is not permitted when a student has a score for all three MME components.
Grade 12 Students Who Attended School in Another Country as a Foreign Exchange Student in Grade 11		X	X	All three MME components are required.
Grade 12 Students Previously Nonpublic or Homeschool	X		If taken* ²	All three MME components are required.

*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 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; also if the test is retaken, those results will be included in Michigan’s accountability systems.

² 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).

³ 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 ACT WorkKeys 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.