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# NEWS INFO

## Update on Work Skills Assessments for Spring 2026 Assessments

[Public Act 56 of 2025](https://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2025-2026/publicact/pdf/2025-PA-0056.pdf) (<https://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2025-2026/publicact/pdf/2025-PA-0056.pdf>) and [Public Act 57 of 2025](https://legislature.mi.gov/documents/2025-2026/publicact/pdf/2025-PA-0057.pdf) (<https://legislature.mi.gov/documents/2025-2026/publicact/pdf/2025-PA-0057.pdf>) will allow students to opt out of the required Work Skills assessment portion of the Michigan Merit Exam (MME) beginning in the 2026-27 school year.






**There is no change to the current requirement for all students in grade 11 and students in grade 12 who previously did not take the MME to participate in the work skills assessment during the Spring 2026 test administration.**

The WIN Work Readiness Assessment replaces the ACT WorkKeys assessment to meet the required Work Skills component of the MME. Eligible students are still required to complete all three components of the WIN Work Readiness Assessment during the Spring 2026 administration.

Additional information regarding these updates to the law will be provided after the close of the spring testing window.

More information about the WIN Work Readiness Assessment is available on the [MME web page](http://www.michigan.gov/mme) ([www.michigan.gov/mme](http://www.michigan.gov/mme)) and on the [Michigan WIN Resource Center](https://www.winresourcecenter.com/Partnerships/mde) (<https://www.winresourcecenter.com/Partnerships/mde>).

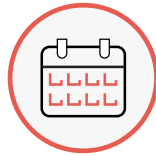
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-  Survey
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# NEWS INFO

## NexSys Benchmark Reporting and Funding Application Deadline is January 30, 2026

The 2025-26 NexSys Benchmark Reporting and Funding application is now available. The deadline for application submission is **Friday, January 30, 2026**.



The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) requests that all districts complete the NexSys application to ensure that a complete legislatively required benchmark report can be produced. Districts seeking funding must use the NexSys application to report on benchmark assessments and to apply for funding.

The current application is similar to last year's application with one major change: applicants are to complete preliminary budgets with estimated allocations. Successful applicants will be asked to modify and finalize their budgets with awarded amounts.

For applicants who are new to NexSys, information on how to get access is on the [NexSys web page](https://www.michigan.gov/mde/services/financial-management/grants/nexsys) (https://www.michigan.gov/mde/services/financial-management/grants/nexsys) or by contacting [MDE-NexSys-Applications@Michigan.gov](mailto:MDE-NexSys-Applications@Michigan.gov).

Applicants who have questions about completing the NexSys application are asked to refer to the step-by-step instructions in the [Application Job Aid](https://www.michigan.gov/mde/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/OEAA/Benchmark-Assessments/Benchmark-App-Job-Aid-v2.pdf) (https://www.michigan.gov/mde/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/OEAA/Benchmark-Assessments/Benchmark-App-Job-Aid-v2.pdf).

## Where to find additional information

For more information, the following resources are available:

- [Benchmark Assessment web page](https://www.michigan.gov/mde/services/student-assessment/benchmark-assessments) (https://www.michigan.gov/mde/services/student-assessment/benchmark-assessments)
- [2025-26 Benchmark Assessments Fact Sheet and Frequently Asked Questions 2025-26](https://www.michigan.gov/mde/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/OEAA/Benchmark-Assessments/Benchmark-Assessments-Fact-Sheet-and-FAQ.pdf) (https://www.michigan.gov/mde/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/OEAA/Benchmark-Assessments/Benchmark-Assessments-Fact-Sheet-and-FAQ.pdf)
- [NexSys Guide to completing a Benchmark Assessment Reporting and Funding Application](https://www.michigan.gov/mde/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/OEAA/Benchmark-Assessments/Benchmark-App-Job-Aid-v2.pdf) (https://www.michigan.gov/mde/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/OEAA/Benchmark-Assessments/Benchmark-App-Job-Aid-v2.pdf)
- [NexSys web page](https://www.michigan.gov/mde/services/financial-management/grants/nexsys) (https://www.michigan.gov/mde/services/financial-management/grants/nexsys)

If you have other types of questions, please reach out to [mde-oeaa@michigan.gov](mailto:mde-oeaa@michigan.gov).

# NEWS INFO

## Reminder: Alternate INSIGHT Availability Request Window is Open

The request window for Alternate INSIGHT Availability for M-STEP and MI-Access is open. Schools that need access to the INSIGHT online testing engine outside of standard testing hours (7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. ET on school days) can submit requests through **March 12, 2026**.



The form is also available on the [M-STEP webpage](http://www.michigan.gov/mstep) (www.michigan.gov/mstep) and [MI-Access page](http://www.michigan.gov/mi-access) (www.michigan.gov/mi-access) under **What's New** and **Current Assessment Administration**.

Read the full INSIGHT availability request window announcement article in the [Spotlight newsletter - January 8 issue](https://bit.ly/3ZenVzL) (https://bit.ly/3ZenVzL).

## WIDA Parent Guides

The WIDA Guide for Parents will help parents/guardians of students who have been or may be identified as English learners understand more about the WIDA assessments.

The Guide is available in English, Arabic, and Spanish on the [WIDA website](http://www.michigan.gov/wida) (www.michigan.gov/wida):

- **English** (https://www.michigan.gov/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/English-Learners/WIDA\_Parent\_Guide.pdf)
- **Arabic** (https://www.michigan.gov/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/OEAA/WIDA-Assessments/WIDA\_Parent\_Guide\_-\_Arabic.pdf)
- **Spanish** (https://www.michigan.gov/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/OEAA/WIDA-Assessments/WIDA\_Parent\_Guide\_-\_Spanish.pdf)

## Reminder: 2025-26 Annual Education Report (AER) Available

Annual Education Reports (AERs) for 2025-26 are publicly available on the [MI School Data website](http://www.mischooldata.org) (www.mischooldata.org). These contain detailed data on: school accountability, state-provided student assessments, state results for the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), educator qualification information, and more. The Annual Education Report page on MI School Data can be used to generate a link to share required state, district, and school performance information. To visit the AER on MI School Data, navigate to the “K-12 Grade” menu, select the “School Accountability” submenu, and then click “Annual Education Report.”

**Districts and schools are required to post compiled AER document(s) to district website(s) and disseminate to parents and communities by February 20, 2026.**

For complete information on the Annual Education Reports, including requirements and frequently asked questions (FAQs), please visit the [AER Resources webpage](https://www.michigan.gov/mde/services/school-performance-supports/accountability/annual-education-report-aer) (https://www.michigan.gov/mde/services/school-performance-supports/accountability/annual-education-report-aer).

# COLLEGE BOARD INFO

## Register for Upcoming Technical Readiness Webinar

College Board's Technical Readiness webinar is scheduled for next Thursday, January 22, beginning at 10:00 a.m. [Register here](https://collegeboard.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_RXCmp36sQRyIFqY18OPS1w#/registration) (https://collegeboard.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\_RXCmp36sQRyIFqY18OPS1w#/registration)

This 75-minute session includes only 25 minutes of presentation, to enable 50 minutes of Q & A with members of College Board's tech team. Please come with any and all technical questions you may have regarding preparing your building, rooms, and devices technologically for a successful digital administration. Topics will include Bluebook installation and updates, assistive technology, the student readiness check, and test day troubleshooting.

## College Board Key Dates

Item	Date(s)	Description
Technical Readiness Webinar	Thursday, January 22, 2026 10:00 - 11:15 a.m.	<a href="https://collegeboard.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_RXCmp36sQRyIFqY18OPS1w#/registration">Register here</a> (https://collegeboard.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_RXCmp36sQRyIFqY18OPS1w#/registration)
Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) Accommodations Request Deadline	Wednesday, February 18, 2026	Deadline to submit all known accommodations in SSD Online, to ensure they are processed and available well in advance of testing and that new students/accommodations identified after the deadline can be prioritized.  This deadline includes State Allowed Accommodations (SAAs). However, SAAs, while permitted by the Michigan Department of Education, are not considered approved accommodations by College Board. For that reason, scores obtained with SAAs are not college-reportable.
Student Rosters Available in the State Data Management System (SDMS) and Test Day Toolkit	Wednesday, February 18, 2026	Schools can confirm the accuracy of their student roster in SDMS and begin to prepare rooms in Test Day Toolkit, assigning students and staff to those rooms, as well as access test ticket information to facilitate student readiness checks and practice tests.
School Test Coordinator Webinar, Part 2	Wednesday, March 4, 2026 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.	<a href="https://collegeboard.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_bRg7VvCGRqGBFAvynIGLWQ#/registration">Register here</a> (https://collegeboard.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_bRg7VvCGRqGBFAvynIGLWQ#/registration)

### Questions about the College Board Assessments (PSAT 8/9, PSAT 10, SAT)

**Call:** Michigan Educator Hotline at 866-870-3127 (Option 1)

**Email:** [michiganadministratorsupport@collegeboard.org](mailto:michiganadministratorsupport@collegeboard.org)

# COLLEGE BOARD INFO

## College Board Past Webinar Materials

The recording and presentation decks from the following webinars may be accessed using the links below:



- **District Test Coordinator Webinar**  
[recording](#) | [deck](#)
- **Services for Students with Disabilities Training for the Visually Impaired**  
[recording](#) | [deck](#)
- **School Test Coordinator Webinar Part 1**  
[recording](#) | [deck](#)
- **Comparing and Contrasting Text-to-Speech & Screen reader Accommodations**  
[recording](#) | [deck](#)
- **SSD Online Webinar:**  
(recording available soon)  
| [deck](#)

## Services for Students with Disabilities Online Access and Accommodations Deadline

Please remember to ensure all known accommodations are accurate in the SSD Online by **February 18, 2026**. SSD Coordinators are typically responsible for ensuring accommodations are accurate in SSD Online; however, they may be assisted by other appropriate personnel at their school. For any school personnel supporting this to have access to SSD Online, they must complete the [SSD Online Access form](#) (<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/eb56b797c0e-64cf392fbbeb5d28edee4b>)



## Off-Site Testing Request Form

If any students enrolled in your institution need to test at a location other than a school building (such as a conference center, library, district office), please submit an [Off-site Testing Form](#) (<https://www.sat.org/offsiterequest>) by **March 2, 2026**.



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**Email:** [michiganadministratorsupport@collegeboard.org](mailto:michiganadministratorsupport@collegeboard.org)

# COLLEGE BOARD INFO

## Spring SAT Suite Pre-ID Window

The Michigan Department of Education's (MDE) student Pre-Identification



(Pre-ID) window for Spring SAT Suite testing is January 5 – February 13, 2025. Students' Pre-ID is conducted in MDE's Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability (OEAA) [Secure Site](http://www.michigan.gov/oeaa-secure) ([www.michigan.gov/oeaa-secure](http://www.michigan.gov/oeaa-secure)).

Pre-ID for late-arriving students and for other unforeseen changes in student enrollment can be completed from February 16 to April 27 for standard online testers, and from February 16 to April 23 for paper/pencil testers, as well as for any online testers approved for multi-day testing.

College Board will pull Pre-ID data daily from the Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability (OEAA) Secure Site beginning on February 18 through April 28 for digital testers, and from February 18 through April 24 for paper/pencil testers.

Student registrations will appear in College Board's State Data Management System (SDMS) one business day after any change in OEAA registration data, and in the Test Day Toolkit after two business days.

### Access to College Board's State Data Management System and Test Day Toolkit

- **Week of February 2:** School test coordinators will receive access to Test Day Toolkit
- **February 19:** District test coordinators, school test coordinators, and Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) Coordinators will gain access to SDMS.

Student Data Management System (SDMS) and Test Day Toolkit (TDTK) are systems used by College Board to enroll students based on OEAA-provided pre-identification data in spring school day testing and to provide access to student tests in Bluebook.

College Board receives Pre-ID data from the OEAA Secure Site to register students in the Student Data Management System (SDMS). Students registered in SDMS auto-populate in Test Day Toolkit (TDTK). Once students are populated in TDTK, student test tickets will be available in the TDTK Roster (which will be available beginning on February 20, 2026) and tests are generated in Bluebook.

Data from SDMS also integrates with accommodations from SSD Online. Approved accommodations in SSD online are viewable in the student record in SDMS.

Test staff will be notified via email about their access to each application. Educators can also access these systems from their College Board educator account.

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# WIN LEARNING INFO

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Email: [mde-oeaa@michigan.gov](mailto:mde-oeaa@michigan.gov)

Call: 877-560-8378

Select Option 2, then Option 3

## WIN Work Readiness Training Opportunities

Several WIN Work Readiness training presentations and videos have already been conducted and posted (see below), and there are also several opportunities coming up! Read below for more information.

### Currently Available Training Presentations and Recordings

Several live webinar trainings have been completed and are posted, both as a presentation and video recording:

- **Paper Based Test Materials Overview**

- [Presentation](https://www.michigan.gov/mde/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/OEAA/MME/WIN-Paper-Test-Materials-Training.pdf) (https://www.michigan.gov/mde/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/OEAA/MME/WIN-Paper-Test-Materials-Training.pdf)
- [Video](https://winlearning.wistia.com/medias/5d2w21l39o) (https://winlearning.wistia.com/medias/5d2w21l39o)

- **Standard Tools and Accommodations Overview**

- [Presentation](https://www.michigan.gov/mde/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/OEAA/MME/WIN-OFFICE-HOURS-NOV-19.pdf) (https://www.michigan.gov/mde/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/OEAA/MME/WIN-OFFICE-HOURS-NOV-19.pdf)
- [Video](https://winlearning.wistia.com/medias/pceod03meh) (https://winlearning.wistia.com/medias/pceod03meh)

- **Intro to WIN**

- [Presentation](https://www.michigan.gov/mde/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/OEAA/MME/WIN-Work-Readiness-Test-Administration-Trainingpdf.pdf) (https://www.michigan.gov/mde/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/OEAA/MME/WIN-Work-Readiness-Test-Administration-Trainingpdf.pdf)
- [Video](https://winlearning.wistia.com/medias/dihxxu59bz) (https://winlearning.wistia.com/medias/dihxxu59bz)

Several training presentations and videos are available on the [MME webpage](http://www.michigan.gov/mme) (www.michigan.gov/mme) and the [MME, PSAT, and Grade 8 Test Administration Training web page](https://www.michigan.gov/mde/services/student-assessment/michigan-merit-examination-mme/training/mme-psat-grade-8-test-administration-training) (https://www.michigan.gov/mde/services/student-assessment/michigan-merit-examination-mme/training/mme-psat-grade-8-test-administration-training).

The [WIN Online Test Administration Training presentation](https://www.michigan.gov/mde/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/OEAA/MME/MI-Test-Administration-Training-for-Test-Coordinators---Online-Testing-11326.pdf) (https://www.michigan.gov/mde/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/OEAA/MME/MI-Test-Administration-Training-for-Test-Coordinators---Online-Testing-11326.pdf) is currently available; the video recording—including a recorded demo in the WIN Career Readiness System (CRS)—will be posted soon; watch Spotlight for details.

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Call: 877-560-8378

Select Option 2, then Option 3

## Upcoming Training Opportunities

Additional training sessions focusing on both online and paper testing will be held next month:

- **Test Administration Training for Testing Coordinators, Online Assessments**  
**Tuesday, February 24, 10:00 a.m.**  
[Registration link](https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/bd17430b-3f75-42fc-ae92-2f90c-94d6490@95d5cf3f-705d-4453-bfce-acaba1747119) (https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/bd17430b-3f75-42fc-ae92-2f90c-94d6490@95d5cf3f-705d-4453-bfce-acaba1747119)
- **Test Administration Training for Testing Coordinators, Paper Assessments**  
**Wednesday, February 25, 10:00 a.m.**  
[Registration link](https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/6f8b4566-a232-4d0f-ad56-703a1b-08470c@95d5cf3f-705d-4453-bfce-acaba1747119) (https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/6f8b4566-a232-4d0f-ad56-703a1b-08470c@95d5cf3f-705d-4453-bfce-acaba1747119)

Recordings and PowerPoint presentations for each of these sessions will be posted on the [MME webpage](http://www.michigan.gov/mme) (www.michigan.gov/mme) once the trainings are complete.

## WIN Wednesday Office Hours

To supplement these online training sessions, WIN Learning also hosts monthly WIN Wednesday Office Hours. WIN Office Hours each have a planned topic for a portion of the session and also provide an opportunity for questions and answers. If you have ideas for a topic for an upcoming WIN Wednesday Office Hour, please email [mde-oeaa@michigan.gov](mailto:mde-oeaa@michigan.gov).

**The next WIN Wednesday will be January 21 at 10:00 a.m.** The topic for this session will be **WIN Resources**—WIN staff will provide information and links to resources that are available now.

A [full schedule of the WIN Wednesday Office Hours](https://www.michigan.gov/mde/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/OEAA/MME/WIN-Wednesday-Office-Hours-Schedule-and-Links.pdf) (https://www.michigan.gov/mde/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/OEAA/MME/WIN-Wednesday-Office-Hours-Schedule-and-Links.pdf) is available here. Registration is not required for WIN Wednesday Office Hours.

# TRAINING & CONFERENCES

## 2026 Michigan School Testing Conference

**February 10–12, 2026 | Ann Arbor Sheraton Hotel**

The Michigan School Testing Conference (MSTC) returns in person this February—bringing together assessment and education professionals from across the state for three days of learning, connection, and preparation.

Whether you support assessment at the classroom, district, intermediate school district, or state level, MSTC 2026 is your opportunity to dig into current practices, sharpen your expertise, and get ready for the spring assessment season with confidence.

### What to Expect

#### **Tuesday, February 10 | Preconference Workshops 9:00 a.m.–Noon & 1:00–4:00 p.m.**

Kick off the conference with eight interactive workshops designed for deep learning and hands-on engagement:

- Six half-day workshops
- Two full-day workshops

These sessions offer extended time to explore tools, practices, and challenges that matter most to educators and assessment leaders right now.

#### **Wednesday–Thursday, February 11–12**

##### **Main Conference**

Join colleagues for 37 clinic sessions and three high-impact keynote presentations that blend policy, practice, and perspective:

- **Dr. Carla Evans**, Associate Director, National Center for the Improvement of Educational Assessment  
Wednesday Morning Keynote
- **Andy Middlestead**, Director, Michigan Department of Education, Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability  
Wednesday Plated Lunch Keynote
- **Dr. Steve Sireci**, Distinguished University Professor, University of Massachusetts Amherst  
Thursday Morning Keynote

### **Why Attend MSTC 2026?**

Participants will:

- stay current on Michigan Department of Education policies, requirements, and updates
- strengthen understanding of high-quality, equitable assessment practices
- learn practical strategies to support instructional improvement and student learning
- prepare thoughtfully and effectively for spring state assessments

### **Registration & Hotel Information**

- **Register now and view full conference details:**  
[Register for MSTC 2026](https://gomasa.org/events/2026-michigan-school-testing-conference/1770710400/1770912000/) (https://gomasa.org/events/2026-michigan-school-testing-conference/1770710400/1770912000/)
- **Special conference hotel rate available:**  
Reserve your room at the [Ann Arbor Sheraton Hotel](https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1757516831607&key=GRP&app=resvlink) (https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1757516831607&key=GRP&app=resvlink) while rooms last

# IMPORTANT DATES

## JANUARY 2026

Start Date	Assessment/Event	End Date
Ongoing	<b>2025-26 NexSys Benchmark Reporting &amp; Funding</b> — Application window open	Friday, January 30, 2026
Ongoing	<b>Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmark Assessments</b> — Winter Test Administration Window	Friday, February 6, 2026
Ongoing	<b>M-STEP</b> — Initial Material Order Window by 5:00 p.m. (paper/pencil testing)	Friday, February 13, 2026
Ongoing	<b>M-STEP, WIN Work Readiness</b> — Pre-identification of students for preprinted barcode labels by 5:00 p.m. (paper/pencil testing)	Friday, February 13, 2026
Ongoing	<b>MI-Access</b> — Pre-identification of students for preprinted barcode labels by 5:00 p.m. (paper/pencil testing) <b>Expressing Ideas only</b>	Friday, February 13, 2026
Ongoing	<b>SAT, PSAT-Related</b> — Pre-identification of students by 5:00 p.m.	Friday, February 13, 2026
Ongoing	<b>M-STEP, MI-Access</b> — Request alternate online testing engine access outside of the standard testing hours of 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on school days. <a href="https://forms.office.com/g/53vDaenS8y">Alternate INSIGHT Availability Request Form</a> ( <a href="https://forms.office.com/g/53vDaenS8y">https://forms.office.com/g/53vDaenS8y</a> )	Thursday, March 12, 2026
Ongoing	<b>WIDA ACCESS</b> — WIDA AMS Test Setup Available	Friday, April 3, 2026
Ongoing	<b>SAT, PSAT-Related</b> — Pre-identification of late-arriving students - paper/pencil and 2-day accommodation testing by 11:59 p.m.	Friday, April 24, 2026
Ongoing	<b>WIN Work Readiness</b> — Pre-identification of students	Thursday, April 30, 2026

# IMPORTANT DATES

## JANUARY 2026 (continued)

Start Date	Assessment/Event	End Date
Ongoing	<b>M-STEP</b> — Pre-identification of students - online	Thursday, May 14, 2026
Ongoing	<b>MI-Access</b> — Pre-identification of students. (online and paper/pencil testing)	Thursday, May 21, 2026
Thursday, January 22, 2026	<b>WIDA ACCESS and WIDA Alternate ACCESS</b> — Initial materials orders arrive in districts	Monday, January 26, 2026
Thursday, January 22, 2026	<b>WIDA ACCESS and WIDA Alternate ACCESS</b> — Additional Material Order window open in WIDA AMS	Friday, March 27, 2026
Monday, January 26, 2026	<b>WIDA ACCESS and WIDA Alternate ACCESS</b> — Test Window Open	Friday, April 3, 2026

## FEBRUARY 2026

Start Date	Assessment/Event	End Date
Monday, February 16, 2026	<b>SAT, PSAT-related</b> — Pre-identification of late-arriving students - online testing by 11:59 p.m.	Tuesday, April 28, 2026
Monday, February 16, 2026	<b>M-STEP, WIN Work Readiness</b> — Pre-identification of students for local printing of barcode labels by 5:00 p.m.	Friday, May 1, 2026
Monday, February 16, 2026	<b>MI-Access</b> — Pre-identification of students for local printing of barcode labels by 5:00 p.m. <b>Expressing Ideas only</b>	Thursday, May 21, 2026
Wednesday, February 18, 2026	<b>SAT, PSAT-related</b> — Services for Students with Disabilities Accommodations Request Deadline	Wednesday, February 18, 2026

# OEAA ABBREVIATIONS

A rotating list of OEAA abbreviations frequently used in Spotlight

Acronym	Name	Acronym	Name
MSTC	Michigan School Testing Conference	SSD	Services for Students with Disabilities
SDMS	Student Data Management System	TDTK	Test Day Toolkit

# OEAA PHONE TREE OPTIONS

For assistance with assessment or accountability issues, **call 877-560-8378** (select the appropriate option):

**Option 1** - For inquiries related to state assessment policy; the OEAA Secure Site; administration of the M-STEP, MI-Access, Early Literacy and Mathematics; and Accountability Reporting

**Option 2** - For inquiries related to the SAT, PSAT, or WIN Work Readiness testing:

Option 1 - eligibility to test and the OEAA Secure Site

Option 2 - administration of the College Board assessments (PSAT 8/9, PSAT 10, SAT)

Option 3 - administration of the WIN Work Readiness skills test

**Option 3** - For inquiries related to WIDA, the English Language Learner assessment; Call 866-276-7735 for assistance with the WIDA Screener and the WIDA Secure Portal

**Option 4** - For all other calls

**Option 5** - To report known unethical testing practices by a school on any state assessment

**Option 6** - To repeat these options



## Questions or Comments?

Contact MDE at:

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