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Important: Student Use of Electronic Devices Prohibited During Testing

As Spring 2026 testing begins, test administration staff are reminded that students are not permitted to use, to wear, or to access any personal, non-testing electronic devices during testing or while on a break when in an active testing session.

Such electronic devices include any device that can be used to record, transmit, or to receive information not used for testing. These include (but are not limited to) smartphones, cell phones, smart watches, smart headphones, smart glasses, or computers/tablets not being used for testing.

Test administration staff must actively monitor students in the testing room and on breaks to ensure that students are not accessing prohibited electronic devices.

If a testing student has an electronic device that is medically necessary, the device must be left with the test administrator during the test session, or a testing staffer must administer the test to the student in a one-on-one setting. The student must be actively monitored at all times while testing.



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Now Available Now: All M-STEP Test Administration Training Videos



All three chapters of the 2026 M-STEP Test Administration Training Videos for paper/pencil and online assessments (Before, During, and After M-STEP Administration) are now available.

The trainings are posted on the [M-STEP web page](http://www.michigan.gov/mstep) (www.michigan.gov/mstep) under the **What's New** and **Assessment Training and Resources for Educators** sections.

The training videos and related PowerPoint presentations are also found at [M-STEP Test Administration Training](https://go.mi.gov/c0j6o2075) (https://go.mi.gov/c0j6o2075).

Slide Decks and Videos are currently available for all three M-STEP trainings:

- **Spring 2026 M-STEP Administration Training, Chapter 1: Before Testing Begins**
This training discusses the tasks to be done before the M-STEP administration.
[Slide Deck](https://go.mi.gov/kumfs2187) (https://go.mi.gov/kumfs2187)
[Video](https://youtu.be/1BW-q7FR-1c) (https://youtu.be/1BW-q7FR-1c)
- **Spring 2026 M STEP Administration Training, Chapter 2: During Testing**
This training discusses the tasks to be done during the M-STEP administration.
[Slide Deck](https://go.mi.gov/nu2sg2188) (https://go.mi.gov/nu2sg2188)
[Video](https://youtu.be/UoKl7pzXRf8) (https://youtu.be/UoKl7pzXRf8)
- **Spring 2026 M-STEP Administration Training, Chapter 3: After Testing**
This training discusses tasks to be done after the M-STEP administration.
[Slide Deck](https://go.mi.gov/ciop12189) (https://go.mi.gov/ciop12189)
[Video](https://youtu.be/bny47nDspYo) (https://youtu.be/bny47nDspYo)

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M-STEP and MI-Access Office Hours During the Spring 2026 Testing Window

The Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability (OEAA) will hold weekly M-STEP and MI-Access Office Hours during the Spring 2026 testing window. These sessions will provide district and school staff opportunities to ask OEAA staff questions related to test administration, policies, and procedures.

Office Hours Schedule: Mondays, April 6 – May 18, 2026, 3:00-3:30 p.m. (ET)

Link to access Office Hours: [Join Office Hours for MSTEP & MI-Access Access](https://teams.microsoft.com/join/22651943103548?p=VeZdtIGsE4haeZOzrL)
(<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/22651943103548?p=VeZdtIGsE4haeZOzrL>)

Password: j3Mn2m8J

Office Hours are open to all staff involved in administering M-STEP and MI-Access assessments. Participants may join at any point during the 30-minute session. No registration is required.

For additional information, contact the Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability (OEAA) by email at mde-oeaa@michigan.gov, or call 800-560-8378 and follow the prompts.

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All Means All: State Assessments Required for Every Student

As the spring testing window approaches, this message serves as a reminder that **all** students are required by state and federal law to participate in the appropriate state summative assessment for each designated content area for a given grade level. This includes science and social studies in grades 5, 8, and 11, for students who are assessed with M-STEP or MI-Access. We ask that you take steps to ensure that **all** students are assessed in **all** required content areas to the maximum extent possible.

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Additional Paper/Pencil Assessment Material Orders Opens April 2

If your school needs additional paper/pencil testing materials for the Spring 2026 assessments, including accommodated materials, you can submit orders during the Additional Material Order window.

Note: Whether they are testing online or by paper/pencil, all new students must be pre-identified in the Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability (OEAA) [Secure Site](http://www.michigan.gov/oeaa-secure) (www.michigan.gov/oeaa-secure). Directions for the [Additional Material Order web page](https://go.mi.gov/kxd092202) (<https://go.mi.gov/kxd092202>) can be found on the [Secure Site Training web page](http://www.michigan.gov/secaresitetraining) (www.michigan.gov/secaresitetraining) under the **Material Ordering Section**.

SAT with Essay, PSAT 10, PSAT 8/9

Most students will take the digital version of the SAT Suite. However, in rare cases paper/pencil testing will be permitted when a student is unable to test online due to either (1. an approved accommodation or (2. a religious or program restriction on technology use.

Test Administrators were advised to make [SSD Online accommodations requests](https://ssdonline.collegeboard.org) (<https://ssdonline.collegeboard.org>) and [qualified online exemption requests](https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/0199cbea561f7fd382e2118ca02c4ad4) (<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/0199cbea561f7fd382e2118ca02c4ad4>) prior to February 18 to ensure timely approval and delivery of necessary materials.

Paper materials began shipping on March 17. Requests received by April 17 will be reviewed but cannot be guaranteed for approval and delivery of materials prior to the end of testing on April 30.

Directions for administering paper tests are available on the [MDE SAT Publications Page](https://go.mi.gov/5eiry1880) (<https://go.mi.gov/5eiry1880>). All paper testing materials must be returned using the directions and labels provided in their shipment.

WIN Work Readiness

WIN Work Readiness Assessments are primarily administered online for Spring 2026. Schools approved for paper/pencil testing in the OEAA Secure Site can order materials from the Additional Material Order page from April 2 through April 28, 2026 (noon). For more information about paper/pencil testing materials, please refer to the [WIN Paper Testing Test Administration Manual \(TAM\)](https://go.mi.gov/msh142064) (<https://go.mi.gov/msh142064>).

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Schools that need additional paper/pencil materials or accommodated materials for M-STEP can order them directly from the Additional Material Order page of the [OEAA Secure Site](http://www.michigan.gov/oeaa-secure) (www.michigan.gov/oeaa-secure) from **April 2 through April 28, 2026 (noon)**.

MI-Access Functional Independence, Supported Independence, Participation

MI-Access Functional Independence (FI) English language arts: Expressing Ideas (ELA:EI) is a paper/pencil test only, even if the student is taking the other contents online. Schools that need additional paper/pencil materials for FI, including the ELA:EI test, can order them from the Additional Material Order page of the OEAA Secure Site from **April 2 through May 19, 2026 (noon)**.

Schools that need additional administration materials for the MI-Access Supported Independence (SI) and Participation (P) can order them from the Additional Material Order page of the OEAA Secure Site from April 2 through May 19, 2026 (noon).

SI and P materials are ordered based on the number of administrators who will be administering the test and not the number of students testing. Be sure to include both the primary and shadow administrator in the count of administrators who will need administration materials.

Important FI update: The paper answer documents have been discontinued for all content areas (excluding Expressing Ideas) and responses will be transcribed onto online answer documents. For more details see the [Spotlight newsletter - March 19 issue](https://go.mi.gov/4syhf2200) (<https://go.mi.gov/4syhf2200>).

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Development Opportunity: Michigan Performance Assessment Cadre – Cohort VII

Join the Michigan Department of Education, Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability as we work with the [Michigan Assessment Consortium \(MAC\)](https://www.michiganassessmentconsortium.org/) (<https://www.michiganassessmentconsortium.org/>) to develop performance assessments aligned to Michigan's model competencies. Cohort VII of the Michigan Performance Assessment Cadre (MiPAC) will launch in July 2026 to address model competencies in mathematics (grades 3-5 and 6-8) and English language arts (ELA-grades 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12).

Preferred candidates for MiPAC have:

- experience teaching in mathematics in grades 3-8 or in ELA in grades 3-5, 6-8, and/or 9-12 (The ELA grade 9-12 team is new Cohort, so we're especially seeking interested high school ELA teachers for this team.)
- experience teaching to Michigan's mathematics and ELA academic content standards
- an interest in learning to develop technically sound, instructionally useful performance assessments
- an interest in participating in the development of performance assessments.

Participating in this project will provide you with opportunities to:

- learn about the Michigan Model Competencies for mathematics and ELA
 - learn to develop performance assessments and rubrics
 - learn more about competency-based education and assessment
 - collaborate with colleagues from across the state
 - practice calibrating the scoring of performance assessments
 - participate in a research agenda focused on measuring student competencies through performance assessments
 - earn up to 50 SCECH credits
- (Stipends will also be available based on completed activities and products.)

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Schedule

Participants are expected to attend and contribute approximately 50 hours of job-embedded facilitated professional learning and assessment development over the 2026-27 academic year:

- July 27-28, 2026 – in-person meeting, Lansing
- October 2-3, 2026 – in-person meeting, Lansing
- December 10, 2026 – after-school Zoom meeting
- March 11, 2027 – after-school Zoom meeting
- May 14, 2027 – in-person meeting, Lansing

Participants will work in grade-level teams with colleagues. Team leads may host one or two virtual meetings throughout the year to keep the item development momentum going and production flowing.

Interested participants can email a résumé to mde-oeaa@michigan.gov, using the subject line “Performance Assessment Cadre VII,” by **May 30, 2026**. Then watch for an emailed intake survey from the MAC that will formalize your participation in MiPAC Cohort VII.

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Prepare Test Day Toolkit for Spring SAT Suite Testing

With the testing window approaching (April 6-30), school test coordinators should begin preparing in the Test Day Toolkit. Key steps include:

1. Review [student roster information](https://go.mi.gov/esr7v2190) (https://go.mi.gov/esr7v2190).
2. [Add test day staff](https://go.mi.gov/gqm232191) (https://go.mi.gov/gqm232191).
3. Print testing tickets in advance of administering the [Student Readiness Check](https://go.mi.gov/3grax2145) (https://go.mi.gov/3grax2145).

Tip: Staff can use preview mode prior to test day to familiarize themselves with the proctoring experience. For additional guidance, refer to the [Test Coordinator Manual](https://go.mi.gov/a5cdo2192) (https://go.mi.gov/a5cdo2192)

Exchanging Accommodations

Services to Students with Disabilities (SSD) Coordinators can now use a self-serve process in SSD Online to exchange select approved accommodations without submitting a new request. A banner on the SSD Online Dashboard will alert and direct coordinators to access this self-serve option.

Category	Eligible Approved	Exchangeable to...	Notes
Extended Time	Up to Double Time	Up to Time and One Half	Must be same sections
	More than Double Time	Up to Double OR Time and One Half	
Assistive Tech	Screen Reader	Text-to-Speech	May select either test or math only
	Text-to-Speech	Screen Reader	
Breaks	Extended Breaks	Extra Breaks	May select entire test or math only
	Extra Breaks	Extended Breaks	
	Breaks as Needed	Extra or Extended Breaks	
Modified Setting	Small group	Preferential Seating	

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Coordinators will follow these steps to access the self-serve option.

1. Go to the Student's Profile in SSD Online.
2. Under Actions, select Exchange Approved Accommodation.
3. Choose the accommodation to remove and select a replacement.
4. Confirm parent consent, review details, and submit.
5. Within ~15 minutes: The eligible approved accommodation is marked Removed, the exchanged accommodation to is marked Approved, and a new decision letter is posted to the student's file.

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Important Dates

- [SAT List of Important Dates](https://go.mi.gov/z7uv11876) (https://go.mi.gov/z7uv11876)
- [PSAT List of Important Dates](https://go.mi.gov/dykun1877) (https://go.mi.gov/dykun1877)

Item	Date	Description
Required Online Training Modules for Test Staff Completion Deadline	Monday, March 30, 2026	School test administration staff (coordinators, proctors, and monitors) access online training through their College Board professional account
Student Readiness Check	Complete 1 – 2 weeks before intended test date	Ensures device readiness and that student’s registration and accommodations (if applicable) appear correctly in Bluebook, with time to correct as necessary Also provides opportunity for students to opt into other services if desired, request free score sends, and gain familiarity with Bluebook and practice test opportunities
Testing Window	Monday, April 6, 2026 through Thursday, April 30, 2026	Students may be tested any school day within the window. Please test early in the window to allow sufficient time for makeups and re-tests.
Deadline to pre-identify newly enrolled students	Paper deadline: Friday, April 24, 2026 Digital deadline: Tuesday, April 28, 2026	Students pre-identified after these dates will not be able to test this spring.
Deadline to submit a Re-Test Irregularity Report	Monday, April 27, 2026	Re-tests cannot be requested after this date. For complete details, see page 46 of the Proctor Manual (https://go.mi.gov/fmt222155).

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Accommodations



The deadline to submit accommodations in SSD to ensure approval before testing was **February 18, 2026**. However, if students need new accommodations, or if you have new students at your school, please submit requests in SSD as soon as possible.

Requests will continue to be processed on a rolling basis. If submitted late, plan for the student to test later in the testing window.

Required Online Training Status Dashboard



School test coordinators have access to the Training Status Dashboard through their College Board professional account to monitor and manage staff training completion.

For additional details, refer to the [Spotlight Newsletter – March 19 issue](#) (<https://go.mi.gov/4syhf2200>) or the [Training Platform User Guide](#)

(<https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/media/pdf/sats-test-administration-training-platform-guide.pdf>)

Updated Student Readiness Check Walkthrough Document Available



The updated [Student Readiness Check Walkthrough](#) (<https://go.mi.gov/3grax2145>) supports preparation for spring SAT Suite testing, including verifying student information in Bluebook and ensuring device readiness.

For more information, refer to the [Spotlight Newsletter – March 19 issue](#) (<https://go.mi.gov/4syhf2200>).



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Training Materials, Publications, and Resources



To support the Michigan Department of Education’s Spring 2026 implementation of SAT with Essay, PSAT 10, and PSAT 8/9, College Board hosted a series of informative webinars, all of which have been recorded and are available here on the [MDE Test Administration Training webpage](https://go.mi.gov/7ifdy2212) (<https://go.mi.gov/7ifdy2212>).

College Board’s Spring 2026 **School Test Coordinator Manual** and the **Proctor Manual** are available along with additional Spring 2026 guides and materials are available here on the [MDE SAT Publications Page](#). School Test Coordinators must read both manuals, while Proctors are required to read the Proctor Manual.

Fee Waivers for Eligible Students



College Board provides [fee waivers for income-eligible students](https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat/registration/fee-waivers/fee-waiver-eligibility) (<https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat/registration/fee-waivers/fee-waiver-eligibility>) taking the Michigan-provided SAT with Essay this spring.

Fee waiver code files are available in the **Download Center** of each school’s K-12 Assessment Reporting Portal. Schools needing additional codes to distribute should email michiganadministratorsupport@collegeboard.org.

Students may also request fee waivers independently: [SAT Fee Waivers – SAT Suite | College Board](https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat/registration/fee-waivers) (<https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat/registration/fee-waivers>).

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Upcoming Open Office (Half) Hours



When: Thursdays at 2:00 p.m.

Where: [Register here](https://go.mi.gov/9cuy01944) (<https://go.mi.gov/9cuy01944>) to attend on Zoom

These optional sessions are an opportunity to ask College Board any questions regarding spring testing. Session topics are listed below by week in consideration of deadlines and activities with which you will be engaged.

Topic/Date	Open Office Highlights
Bluebook April 2, 2026 2:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Student Experience on Test Day (Screen-by-Screen)
General Q&A / Past Topic Reprise April 9, 2026 2:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Student Readiness Check• Test Administrations: Primary/Re-test• Bluebook: Student test day experience
Drop-in Open Q&A April 16, 2026 2:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Open questions and answers
Drop-in Open Q & A April 23, 2026 2:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Open questions and answers

Resources:

- If you have questions or need support, please contact the Michigan Educator Helpline at 866-870-3127 or michiganadministratorsupport@collegeboard.org.
- Refer to the Michigan's Spotlight Newsletter for weekly updates for Spring 2026 testing.

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Upcoming WIN Wednesday Office Hours

The next WIN Wednesday Office Hours session will be held on Wednesday, April 1, at 10:00 a.m. This session will be a question-and-answer session—come with questions! The WIN team will also share recommended best practices for test administration.

You can join the session using the [WIN Wednesday Office Hours meeting link](https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/2103319553090?p=FBZsvYMwz8QyEqM3Yb) (<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/2103319553090?p=FBZsvYMwz8QyEqM3Yb>)

A list of upcoming sessions is available on the [WIN Wednesday Sessions Schedule](https://go.mi.gov/fbvik2037) (<https://go.mi.gov/fbvik2037>)

Accessing WIN Career Readiness System

When you are logging into the WIN Career Readiness System, please ensure that you are navigating to the correct URL: mi.wincrsystem.com. Bookmark this page for easy access for staff and students.

Guidance on Math-only Speech stream (Text to Speech – TTS) in WIN CRS

Q: What if a student has an IEP/504 accommodation for oral administration (SpeechStream/text-to-speech) for math only?

The WIN CRS system applies SpeechStream as an on/off setting across all three assessments — it cannot be enabled for individual components. If a student's IEP/504 plan requires oral administration for math only, enable SpeechStream for the student. The student will have text-to-speech available across all components but is not required to use it.

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Recently Asked Questions

Below are some answers to questions received in recent WIN Wednesday sessions. These questions and others will be addressed in upcoming WIN Wednesdays.

Q: Can I print test tickets and then assign accommodations afterward?

Yes. However, WIN recommends applying accommodations before printing test tickets because the accommodations appear on the test tickets. If you print the test tickets first, the accommodations will not be listed on the test ticket. Accommodations displayed on test tickets allow Test Administrators to verify students receive the correct accommodation during testing.

Q: How do I delete a test session?

Test sessions cannot be deleted, but they can be archived or repurposed. For example, you can change the name of the test session, the facilitator, or the students in the group. To archive a session and remove it from the display of test sessions, add an Archive By date.

Q: What calculators are allowed on WIN Assessments?

Calculators are allowed for the **Work Ready Math assessment only**. Students testing online can access a built-in scientific calculator within the testing platform. Schools may also provide scientific calculators; however, calculators that automatically calculate unit conversions **are not allowed**. All calculators with memory must be cleared before and after testing.

For the full calculator policy, including accommodations for students with visual impairments, refer to Appendix B of the [WIN Online Test Administration Manual](https://go.mi.gov/ay2q22139) (https://go.mi.gov/ay2q22139).

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Q: Can more than one proctor log in and monitor a test session at the same time?

Yes, multiple proctors can monitor the same test session. However, only one proctor should assign the assessments in the Assessment Assignment grid.

Q: What if there is a staffing change on test day and a different test administrator needs to proctor? What steps are required so a new test administrator can administer the test?

The new Test Administrator would need to be added to the test session as the facilitator. If the TA is already enrolled in the system, they will need to be added as a facilitator for the test session. If the TA is not already in the system, they will need to be enrolled and then added as a facilitator for the test session.

To be proactive, you could have a "sub" Test Administrator (TA) already loaded in the system prior to testing. Both TAs can be assigned to the same test session.

Note: Any TA who proctors the WIN assessment must be trained in WIN test administration, have completed the required Assessment Security training for TAs, and completed the OEAA Security Compliance Form. See the online [WIN Test Administration Manual](https://go.mi.gov/yx4aw2215) (<https://go.mi.gov/yx4aw2215>) for more information.



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Q: Is there a per-section completion report that disaggregates by student with UIC for district-level users?

The Assessment Assignment grid shows completion status for students who have been assigned assessments. The Test Administrator can pull students into the Assessment Assignment grid, and if the students have completed the assessment, their scores will display in the grid. If they have not completed the assessment, no score will be displayed.

WIN is working on additional reporting features for future test administrations to address the need for progress reporting more effectively.

To view data for students who have completed assessments, there are several reports in WIN Career Readiness System that show student scores and can be filtered and sorted at various levels. Those reports include the Learner Listing Report, Class Report, Individual Report, and Certificate/Credential Summary Report. Please refer to the [WIN CRSystem Reports Manual](https://www.winresourcecenter.com/files/pdf/CRSystem%20Resources/WINCRSystem%20Reports%20Manual.pdf) (<https://www.winresourcecenter.com/files/pdf/CRSystem%20Resources/WINCRSystem%20Reports%20Manual.pdf>) on the Resource Center for detailed instructions about how to run each report.

More information about scores and reports will be featured in an upcoming WIN Wednesday.

Reminder about Test Tickets:

Test tickets are valid when they are printed and have an expiration date, which is the end of the assessment window. The same test ticket is to be used for all three components even if the components are given on different days. Test tickets are secure documents and are to be stored in a secure place when not being used for testing. When students complete testing, test tickets are to be destroyed.

WIN Learning Support

For technical questions or issues identified during the survey process, districts may contact:

- WIN Learning Support: Support@winlearning.com or 888-717-9461 (option 2)
- MDE OEAA Tech Support: MDE-OEAA@Michigan.gov or 877-560-8378 (option 2)

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Tuesday, February 17, 2026

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Spring 2026 MI-Access District/Building Coordinator Training

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

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IMPORTANT DATES

The [Assessment Calendars web page](https://go.mi.gov/10v9o2012) (https://go.mi.gov/10v9o2012) makes it easy to find important state assessment dates in the format that works best for you. The Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability provides calendars in Excel, PDF, and Google Calendar formats so you can access and use them however you prefer.

Start Date	Assessment/Task	End Date
Ongoing	M-STEP Multiplication Chart Accommodation Request Window by 5:00 p.m.	Friday, May 22, 2026
Monday, March 30, 2026	M-STEP, MI-Access, and WIN Work Readiness Materials arrive in schools – alternate delivery date requested – All Grades/All Content Areas	Wednesday, April 1, 2026
Thursday, April 2, 2026	M-STEP and WIN Work Readiness Additional Material Order Window All Grades/All Content Areas	Tuesday, April 28, 2026
Thursday, April 2, 2026	MI-Access Additional Material Order Window All Grades	Tuesday, May 19, 2026
Monday, April 6, 2026	PSAT 8/9 for Grade 8, PSAT 8/9 for Grade 9, PSAT 10, SAT with Essay Test Administration Window Online and Paper/Pencil	Thursday, April 30, 2026
Monday, April 6, 2026	M-STEP Paper/Pencil and WIN Work Readiness Online and Paper/Pencil Test Administration Window	Friday May 1, 2026
Monday, April 6, 2026	M-STEP Online, MI-Access Online and Paper/Pencil Test Administration Window	Friday, May 22, 2026

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REMINDERS

Applications Open for Michigan Educators to Join 2026–27 Formative Assessment Program



Applications are open for the 2026–27 cohort of the Formative Assessment for Michigan Educators (FAME) Program, a professional learning opportunity that helps teachers use formative assessment to guide instruction and support student progress. Educators interested in serving as learning team coaches should **apply by Tuesday, March 31, 2026**. The program brings together school- or district-based teams led by a coach to develop practical strategies for using evidence of student learning to improve outcomes, increase engagement, and build student ownership. Participants report meaningful professional growth, valuable tools, and a strong support network. Learn more at famemichigan.org or contact FAME Program Manager [Mary Helen Diegel](mailto:diegelm@michigan.gov) (diegelm@michigan.gov) for additional information.

Get to Know MiLearn



MiLearn (Michigan Linked Educational Assessment Reporting Network) is a **free digital reporting system** from the Michigan Department of Education’s Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability. It delivers state assessment results directly through a district’s Student Information System (SIS), giving students, families, and educators quick access to data without requiring separate logins or platforms.

Additional details are available in the [MiLearn: Expanding Access to State Assessment Results document](https://go.mi.gov/9syqa1997) (https://go.mi.gov/9syqa1997).

For questions or onboarding support, contact: Tim Davis, MiLearn Onboarding Specialist, at DavisT54@Michigan.gov

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Science Educators Invited to Participate in Science M-STEP Committees



Science educators have several opportunities to contribute to the development and quality of the Michigan science M-STEP by serving on assessment committees throughout 2026. Educators may participate in reviewing science test items for content alignment, bias, and sensitivity; writing new stimulus and item clusters aligned to the NGSS 3-Dimensions of Learning; or analyzing data from field-tested items to inform improvement decisions. Committee work takes place between May and July and involves collaboration with fellow educators to ensure fair, rigorous, and high-quality assessments. Stipends are provided for participants' time and expertise.

[Use this link](https://web.cvent.com/survey/6c7780de-c8d8-479f-be93-52b38bfe8721/welcome) (https://web.cvent.com/survey/6c7780de-c8d8-479f-be93-52b38bfe8721/welcome) to apply to the Michigan Assessments: Application for Test Development Committee Work today!

Full details are available in the [Spotlight newsletter – January 29 issue](https://go.mi.gov/hzqs71854) (https://go.mi.gov/hzqs71854) on page 4.

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OEAA Phone Tree Options

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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

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