

# Spotlight

on Student Assessment and Accountability

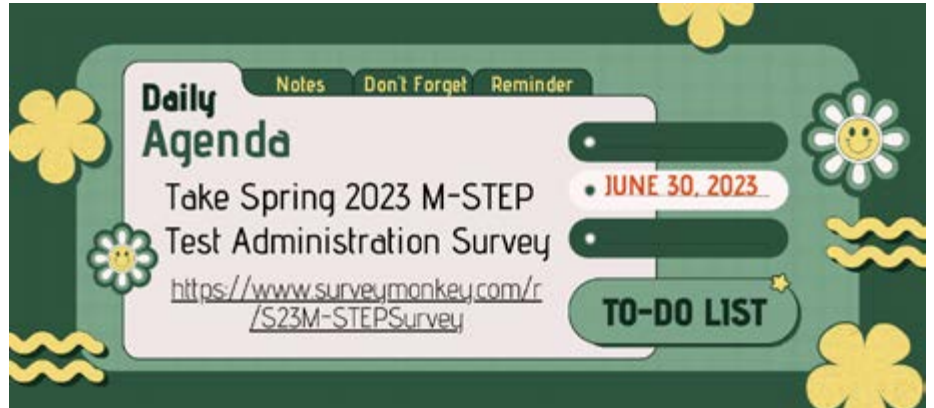
## What's New

Week of June 15, 2023

- Test Security Change for DRC INSIGHT

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## Test Security Change for DRC INSIGHT

Beginning June 30, 2023, Data Recognition Corporation (DRC) is implementing a security enhancement that will impact Michigan's online assessments. This security change impacts the Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmark Assessment testing starting with the Fall 2023 administration, as well as the Spring 2024 online administrations of M-STEP and MI-Access.

Local school/district IT staff will be required to change the way they update the DRC INSIGHT Secure Browser software on testing devices. Moving forward, only administrator-level users will be allowed to update the DRC INSIGHT Secure Browser on Windows and macOS testing devices.



- Districts and schools that **are/will be impacted**:
  - » Sites that manually update the INSIGHT browser on each Windows or Mac testing device
  - » Sites that have enabled the auto-update feature for the INSIGHT browser – auto-update will no longer be an option after the security enhancement is implemented
- Districts and schools that **are not/will not be impacted**:
  - » Sites that use iPad or ChromeOS devices for testing
  - » Sites that use deployment software to update multiple testing devices at once

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**Action needed:** Impacted school/district users must ensure the INSIGHT secure browser is updated as soon as possible after June 30, 2023, before student testing is scheduled to begin. This updating is necessary to allow students to test after June 30.

The DRC security enhancement will be discussed during a live **Technology Setup & Installation Training webinar**, on **Wednesday, August 2, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.** The link to join this webinar is <https://datarecognitioncorp.zoom.us/j/89086507440>.

[Tech Bulletin: Updating DRC INSIGHT Secure Browser on Windows and Mac Testing Devices](https://mi.drccdirect.com/Documents/Unsecure/Doc.aspx?id=c277d387-546a-429d-bea9-da44ba10561d) (<https://mi.drccdirect.com/Documents/Unsecure/Doc.aspx?id=c277d387-546a-429d-bea9-da44ba10561d>) provides more detailed information.

**Please share this information with your technical staff.**

If you have any questions about this change, contact DRC Customer Service at 877-560-8378 (Option 2) or by email at [MSupport@datarecognitioncorp.com](mailto:MSupport@datarecognitioncorp.com).

## Reminders

### Spring 2023 M-STEP Test Administration Survey



Thank you for your diligent efforts in ensuring a smooth and successful M-STEP administration for Michigan students in Spring 2023!

To continue to improve the M-STEP administration policies and procedures and

to provide you with the best possible support, the Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability is conducting the [Spring 2023 M-STEP Test Administration Survey](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/S23M-STEPSurvey) (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/S23M-STEPSurvey>). We value your input and believe that your experiences and insights are vital in shaping decisions that will directly impact your work.

The M-STEP Test Administration Survey will provide valuable information on various aspects of the testing process, including resources, training, and any challenges you may have encountered during the Spring 2023 administration. Your feedback will allow us to identify areas for improvement and make informed decisions to enhance future M-STEP administrations.

**Please [complete the survey](#) by June 30, 2023.**

Your participation is vital to our ongoing efforts in creating an assessment program that meets your needs and supports the success of our students.

### Achieving Balance in Classroom Assessment

There is still time to apply for the Achieving Balance in Classroom Assessment (ABCA) programs starting September 2023. Choose from programs designed for local school/district teams or for ISD/ESA consultants. See the article in the [Spotlight – May 18 issue](https://www.michigan.gov/mde/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/OEAA/Spotlight-Newsletter/Spotlight-05-18-2023.pdf) (<https://www.michigan.gov/mde/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/OEAA/Spotlight-Newsletter/Spotlight-05-18-2023.pdf>) or visit the ABCA program web pages:



- [Achieving Balance in Classroom Assessment for LEAs](https://bit.ly/MAC-ABCA) (<https://bit.ly/MAC-ABCA>)
- [Achieving Balance in Classroom Assessment for ISDs/ESAs](https://bit.ly/MAC-ABCAISD) (<https://bit.ly/MAC-ABCAISD>)

The ABCA program is offered by the Michigan Assessment Consortium (MAC) in collaboration with the Michigan Department of Education (MDE). This extended professional learning opportunity supports educators in improving student achievement through quality balanced assessment systems, implemented — with fidelity — in every classroom.

To participate in either program, [complete a district application](https://bit.ly/ABCA-Apply) (<https://bit.ly/ABCA-Apply>) no later than **June 30, 2023**.

## Reminders

### Be a M-STEP or MI-Access Item Writer or Reviewer

The state assessment item development and review process season is in full swing. Here is your chance to be an item writer or to serve on a content review committee (CAC) or bias and sensitivity review committee (BSC).

Sign up online to be added to our database of educator participants.

- To serve on a review committee, click here: [General application for all committees](https://cvent.me/0R4Wvq) (https://cvent.me/0R4Wvq).
- To become an Item Writer, click here: [Item Writing Application](https://cvent.me/7QoMm2) (https://cvent.me/7QoMm2).

**Note:** If you previously served on a state assessment committee and would like to participate again, please update your information at [General application for all committees](https://cvent.me/0R4Wvq) (https://cvent.me/0R4Wvq).

#### Upcoming events:

Content Advisory Committee (CAC)

Bias & Sensitivity Committee (BSC)

M-STEP SCIENCE grades 5, 8, 11	
Item Review – CAC	May
Item Review – BSC	May
Item Writing Committee	July
Data Review – CAC	August
Data Review – BSC	August
M-STEP SOCIAL STUDIES grades 5, 8 11	
Context & Item Review – CAC	June
Context & Item Review – BSC	June
Data Review – CAC	August
Data Review – BSC	August
MI-Access	
Standard Setting	June
English Language Arts, Social Studies, Science	
Item Review – CAC	June
Item Review – BSC	June
Mathematics, Science, Social Studies	
Data Review – CAC	July
Data Review – BSC	July
English Language Arts	
Data Review – CAC	September
Data Review – BSC	September

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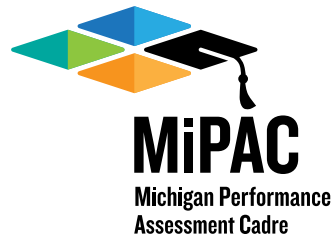
Upcoming Committees and Dates: M-STEP and Benchmark Assessments		
English Language Arts		
Item Review – CAC	M-STEP (grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8)	July
Item Review – BSC	M-STEP (grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8)	July
Data Review – (Passage-based Writing)	M-STEP (grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8)	August
Data Review – CAC	Benchmark Assessment (grades K, 1, 2)	August
Data Review – BSC	Benchmark Assessment (grades K, 1, 2)	August
Mathematics		
Item Review – CAC	M-STEP (grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8)	July
Item Review – BSC	M-STEP (grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8)	July
Data Review – CAC	Benchmark Assessment (grades K, 1, 2)	August
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For a more detailed explanation of each committee, see the [Spotlight newsletter – April 20 issue](http://www.michigan.gov/mde/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/OEAA/Spotlight-Newsletter/Spotlight-04-20-2023.pdf), (www.michigan.gov/mde/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/OEAA/Spotlight-Newsletter/Spotlight-04-20-2023.pdf), pp 8-9.

## Reminders

### Development Opportunity: Michigan Performance Assessment Cadre of Experts (MiPAC) – Cohort IV

Join the Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability as we work with the Michigan Assessment Consortium to develop performance assessments aligned to Michigan's model competencies in mathematics and English language arts (ELA) in grades 3-5 and 6-8.



- practice scoring of performance assessments with colleagues
- 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 time and completed products.

Participants are expected to attend and contribute approximately 50 hours of job-embedded facilitated professional learning and assessment development over the 2022-23 academic year.

Cohort IV will meet in-person three times for 5 days total, plus attend two 2-hour virtual sessions (after school) from August 2023 through June 2024. Participants will work in grade-range teams with colleagues. Team leads may host 2-3 additional virtual team meetings throughout the year to keep the item development momentum going and production flowing.

A stipend covering anticipated assessment development time, as well as travel expenses (and sub fees) for in-person meetings to be held in the Lansing area, are offered to all Cohort IV team members.

If you are interested in participating, please submit your resume in an email to [mde-oeaa@michigan.gov](mailto:mde-oeaa@michigan.gov) using the subject line "Performance Assessment Cadre of Experts."

### Preferred candidates for the Performance Assessment Cadre of Experts:

- have experience teaching in mathematics or ELA in at least one grade span: grades 3-5 or grades 6-8
- have experience teaching to Michigan's mathematics and ELA academic content standards
- have interest in learning to develop standardized performance assessments
- wish to work with other educators on a stimulating collaborative endeavor

### Participating in this project, you will have opportunities to:

- learn about the Michigan model competencies for mathematics and ELA
- learn how to develop performance assessments and rubrics
- collaborate with colleagues from across the state

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## Reminders



### Building a Better Assessment Future

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#### Coming in August: Building a Better Assessment Future Conference

**When:** August 2-3, 2023

**Where:** Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center

**Hosted by:** [Michigan Assessment Consortium](http://www.michiganassessmentconsortium.org) (<http://www.michiganassessmentconsortium.org>) and the Michigan Department of Education [FAME program](http://famemichigan.org) (<http://famemichigan.org>)

The third annual [Building a Better Assessment Future conference](http://bit.ly/BBAF-2023) ([bit.ly/BBAF-2023](http://bit.ly/BBAF-2023)) will invite participants to *dare to dream* about an assessment system that supports all learners, then step together into *a future that starts today!* Participants will hear from experts, reflect on current practices, and work in collaboration toward a better assessment future. To learn more and register, visit the [event website](http://bit.ly/BBAF-2023) ([bit.ly/BBAF-2023](http://bit.ly/BBAF-2023))

Read the full Michigan Department of Education article in the [Spotlight newsletter – April 27 issue](https://www.michigan.gov/mde/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/OEAA/Spotlight-Newsletter/Spotlight-04-27-2023.pdf) (<https://www.michigan.gov/mde/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/OEAA/Spotlight-Newsletter/Spotlight-04-27-2023.pdf>).



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## CB College Board Corner

Information on SAT®, PSAT™ 8/9, and PSAT™ 10 provided by the College Board

### WHAT'S NEW

#### Educator Score Release

Scores for the SAT with Essay, PSAT 8/9, and PSAT 10 will be released to educators via the K-12 Reporting Portal on Friday, June 23, 2023. College Board will distribute an “Educator Score Release” communication on Monday, July 19, informing test coordinators, principals, and primary building contacts of important details related to student scores in the K-12 Reporting Portal.

#### Questions about Spring SAT, PSAT 8/9, or PSAT 10?

- Call the Michigan Educator Hotline: 866-870-3127 (select Option 1)
- Email: [michiganadministratorsupport@collegeboard.org](mailto:michiganadministratorsupport@collegeboard.org)

### REMINDERS

#### SAT Suite Ordering and Registration (SSOR) System

Schools can order College Board assessments for Fall 2023-24 in the [SAT Suite Ordering and Registration \(SSOR\) system](https://account.collegeboard.org/login/login?appld=302&DURL=https://ordering.collegeboard.org/?SFMC_cid=EM943857-&rid=30062241) ([https://account.collegeboard.org/login/login?appld=302&DURL=https://ordering.collegeboard.org/?SFMC\\_cid=EM943857-&rid=30062241](https://account.collegeboard.org/login/login?appld=302&DURL=https://ordering.collegeboard.org/?SFMC_cid=EM943857-&rid=30062241)).

The SSOR system is the replacement for the former Test Ordering Services (TOS) site.

**Note:** As a friendly reminder, the tests administered in the fall are **not** provided by the Michigan Department of Education. It is each district’s responsibility to order and administer fall tests according to College Board guidelines. The SSOR site will **not** allow Michigan Department of Education schools and districts to order tests for the **April 2024** Michigan-provided SAT with Essay, PSAT 10, and PSAT 8/9.

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## Important Dates

### June 2023

#### End-of-Year Accountability Reporting Deadline

##### June 30, 2023

- Deadline for schools and districts to submit accurate REP and MSDS information to ensure worry-free accountability results for these measures in the fall
- For additional details, see the full article in the [Spotlight newsletter - June 8, 2023 issue](https://www.michigan.gov/mde/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/OEAA/Spotlight-Newsletter/Spotlight-06-08-2023.pdf) (<https://www.michigan.gov/mde/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/OEAA/Spotlight-Newsletter/Spotlight-06-08-2023.pdf>)

### August 2023

#### DRC Technology Setup & Installation Training

##### August 2, 2023, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

- [Join the live webinar](https://datarecognitioncorp.zoom.us/j/89086507440) (<https://datarecognitioncorp.zoom.us/j/89086507440>)

## Contacts

### Assessment and Accountability Call Center

For assistance with assessment or accountability issues:

Call **877-560-8378** (select appropriate option)

Options	Topics
1	to report cheating and unethical behavior by a district/school in regards to state assessments
2	for support of Central Office Services (COS), DRC INSIGHT Portal, and INSIGHT for the online M-STEP, MI-Access, and Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmark Assessments (K-2)
3	for support of the OEAA Secure Site for <u>all</u> state assessments, administration and policy questions related to M-STEP, MI-Access, Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmark Assessments (K-2), and accountability reporting
4	for questions about the College Entrance and WorkKeys assessments <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Eligibility, MDE policies, and OEAA Secure Site Support</li> <li>2. SAT, PSAT 8/9, and PSAT 10 – College Board</li> <li>3. WorkKeys – ACT</li> </ol>
5	for questions about the WIDA ACCESS for ELLs, WIDA Alternate ACCESS for ELLs, and support for WIDA AMS, INSIGHT, and Central Office Services (COS)
8	for all other questions

### Email

For assessment questions:

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

For accountability questions:

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

### WIDA Client Services

Call **866-276-7735** for assistance with **WIDA Screener** and the **WIDA Secure Portal** questions (for questions not covered in options 3 and 5 in the table above)

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