

# Spotlight

## on Student Assessment and Accountability

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Week of June 29, 2023

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### Spotlight on Summer Break during July

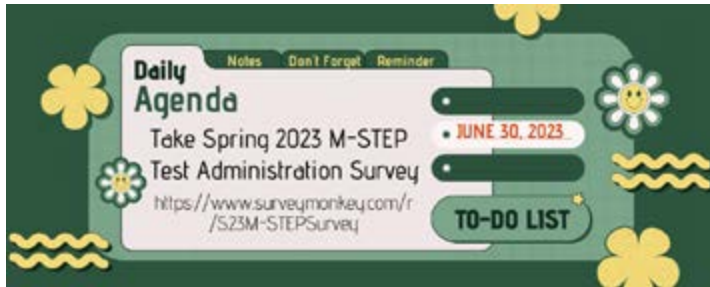
The weekly Office of Assessment and Accountability Spotlight newsletter will be on summer hiatus during July. The Spotlight newsletter will return Thursday, August 3, 2023. We wish you a restful and restorative summer break!

### Spring 2023 Early Literacy and Mathematics Aggregate Reports Available

The Spring 2023 Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmark Assessment Reports (aggregate-level) are available in the Dynamic Score Reporting System through the Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability [OEAA Secure Site](https://www.michigan.gov/oeaa-secure) ([www.michigan.gov/oeaa-secure](https://www.michigan.gov/oeaa-secure)). Detailed directions for accessing reports can be found in the [Dynamic Score Reporting Site User Guide](https://www.michigan.gov/mde/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/OEAA/General/Dynamic-Score-Reporting-Site-User-Guide.pdf) (<https://www.michigan.gov/mde/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/OEAA/General/Dynamic-Score-Reporting-Site-User-Guide.pdf>), which is located on the [Early Literacy and Mathematics web page](https://www.michigan.gov/earlylitandmath) ([www.michigan.gov/earlylitandmath](https://www.michigan.gov/earlylitandmath)) under the **Reporting** section. Refer to the table on the following page for additional information.

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Report	Description	Aggregation
<b>Change Report</b>	provides aggregated data displaying the number of students assessed, mean scale score, and the pre-test and post-test standard deviation for students who have completed the assessment; also displays the percentage of students with decreased, maintained, or increased scale scores	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School</li> <li>• District</li> <li>• State</li> </ul>
<b>Demographic Report</b>	provides aggregated data displaying the number of students assessed, the mean scale score, and the mean standard deviation for all selected demographic subgroups of students by grade and content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School</li> <li>• District</li> <li>• State</li> </ul>
<b>Student Trend Report</b>	For Spring 2023, the state and school aggregated mean scale scores have been added to the Student Trend Report, displaying up to three years of historical Early Literacy and Benchmark Assessment score data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School</li> <li>• District</li> <li>• State</li> </ul>



## Spring 2023 M-STEP Test Administration Survey Deadline is Tomorrow

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>). Please complete the survey by June 30, 2023. We value your input and believe that your experiences and insights are vital in shaping decisions that will directly impact your work. Your participation is vital to creating an assessment program that supports the success of our students.



## Spring 2023 MI-Access Test Post-Administration Survey

The [Spring 2023 MI-Access Administration Survey](https://forms.office.com/g/KxLJJGgP8d) (<https://forms.office.com/g/KxLJJGgP8d>) is open through Friday, July 21, 2023. We would like to hear from the testing staff in your district or school as their input is a vital part of future development assessments. The survey takes approximately 10 to 15 minutes to complete. Thank you in advance for your participation in this survey.

**Call Center: 877-560-8378** (select appropriate option) for assistance with assessment or accountability issues

## Reminders

### Test Security Change for DRC INSIGHT

Beginning tomorrow, 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.

Additional details can be found in the [Spotlight - June 15 issue](https://www.michigan.gov/mde/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/OEAA/Spotlight-Newsletter/Spotlight-06-15-2023.pdf) (<https://www.michigan.gov/mde/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/OEAA/Spotlight-Newsletter/Spotlight-06-15-2023.pdf>)

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>.



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Tech Coordinators  
need to know

[Tech Bulletin: Updating DRC INSIGHT Secure Browser on Windows and Mac Testing Devices](https://mi.drcdirect.com/Documents/Unsecure/Doc.aspx?id=c277d387-546a-429d-bea9-da44ba10561d) (<https://mi.drcdirect.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 [MISSupport@datarecognitioncorp.com](mailto:MISSupport@datarecognitioncorp.com).

### Achieving Balance in Classroom Assessment

Tomorrow is the deadline 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
Data Review – BSC	Benchmark Assessment (grades K, 1, 2)	August

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.



#### 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

- 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."

## 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/Webistes/mde/OEAA/Spotlight-Newsletter/Spotlight-04-27-2023.pdf) (<https://www.michigan.gov/mde/-/media/Project/Webistes/mde/OEAA/Spotlight-Newsletter/Spotlight-04-27-2023.pdf>).



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## College Board Corner

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

## WHAT'S NEW

## Educator Score Release

Scores for the SAT with Essay, PSAT 8/9, and PSAT 10 were released to educators via the College Board K-12 Reporting Portal on Friday, June 23, 2023.

For assistance accessing scores in the K-12 Reporting Portal, please contact the MI Educator Hotline at (866) 870-3127 or [michiganadministratorsupport@collegeboard.org](mailto:michiganadministratorsupport@collegeboard.org).

**Note: All test results will be embargoed** until the Michigan Department of Education issues a notification that the results may be released publicly, in late summer or early fall.

The embargo will be lifted when school- and district-aggregated test results are made publicly available through [MI School Data](https://www.mischooldata.org/?SFMC_cid=EM158139-&rid=30062241) ([https://www.mischooldata.org/?SFMC\\_cid=EM158139-&rid=30062241](https://www.mischooldata.org/?SFMC_cid=EM158139-&rid=30062241) \\\t " blank).

## 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)

**Call Center: 877-560-8378** (select appropriate option) for assistance with assessment or accountability issues



## 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)

**Call Center: 877-560-8378** (select appropriate option) for assistance with assessment or accountability issues