

Spotlight

on Student Assessment and Accountability

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Week of August 31, 2023

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2023 State Test Scores
Are Public Today

Data Embargo is Lifted



2023 State Test Scores Improve in Many Grades in Math, Science, Social Studies, and English Language Arts

Test scores for the spring 2023 M-STEP state assessments increased in all tested grades in science and social studies; in six of the seven tested grades in math; and in three grades in English language arts (ELA), the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) reported today.

These data follow the 2022 statewide test results where a majority of Michigan school districts showed improvement over the previous year's results.

"We continue to be encouraged by the gradual improvements in student achievement," said State Superintendent Dr. Michael Rice. "Though the 2022-23 school year was far from normal, given persistent staffing challenges and residual adverse impact of the pandemic, it was the most stable school year of the last four. Michigan's educators worked hard to help students continue to rebound and to increase their learning."

Of the 20 statewide assessments administered to students in Spring 2023, scores increased in 15 of the assessments, decreased in four, and remained the same in one.

[Read the Full News Release Here](https://www.michigan.gov/mde/news-and-information/press-releases/2023/08/31/2023-mstep) (<https://www.michigan.gov/mde/news-and-information/press-releases/2023/08/31/2023-mstep>)

State Assessment Results Available Now in MiLearn

Spring 2023 state assessment results are now available to districts participating in the Michigan Linked Educational Assessment Reporting Network (MiLearn), simultaneous with the public release of the assessment results.

Authorized students, parents, and educators can electronically view the student-level reports of the M-STEP, MI-Access, WIDA ACCESS for ELLs, WIDA Alternate ACCESS for ELLs, and Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmarks assessments.

New this year to MiLearn: PSAT and SAT reports are available, including PSAT for Grades 8/9, PSAT 10, and SAT.

What is MiLearn?

The Michigan Linked Educational Assessment Reporting Network (MiLearn) is a Michigan Department of Education (MDE) service that delivers state assessment data electronically to students, parents, and educators directly through the district's Student Information System (SIS). MiLearn is updated daily to reflect student enrollment changes using data from the Michigan Data Hub.

This free service, available to all Michigan school districts, provides a convenient, year-round tool for educators, parents, and students to view multiple years of state assessment reports. MiLearn is convenient since users access the system directly through their SIS without required secondary login information. MiLearn supports the five major SIS vendors: MISTAR-Q, Skyward, PowerSchool, Infinite Campus, and Synergy.

How does my district join MiLearn?

Districts can complete the process of adding MiLearn to the resources available to educators, parents, and teachers by contacting the [Michigan Data Hub](mailto:MDESsupport@midatahub.org) (MDESsupport@midatahub.org).

Interpretive Guides to Reports Available Now

Here is everything you need to know about the 2023 M-STEP, MME, PSAT, and MI-Access Interpretive Guides to Reports.

M-STEP Interpretive Guide to Reports

The 2023 M-STEP Interpretive Guide to Reports is now available on the [M-STEP web page](http://www.michigan.gov/mstep) (www.michigan.gov/mstep) under the **What's New** and **Reporting** sections. This guide provides important information about M-STEP results, data files, and reports available through the Dynamic Score Reporting Site.

M-STEP Reports currently available in the Dynamic Score Reporting Site:

Student-level reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual Student Report • Parent Report • Student Overview Report • Student Roster • Student Growth and Proficiency Report
Aggregate reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comprehensive Report • Demographic Report • Demographic Subscore Report • Expectation Analysis Report • Target Analysis Report • Topic Bundle Analysis Report

MME (Michigan Merit Examination) Interpretive Guide to Reports

The MME Interpretive Guide to Reports is now available on the [MME web page](http://www.michigan.gov/mme) (www.michigan.gov/mme) under the **What's New** and **Reporting** sections. This guide provides important information about SAT® with Essay, ACT® WorkKeys®, and M-STEP results; data files; and reports available through the Dynamic Score Reporting Site.

MME reports currently available the Dynamic Score Reporting Site:

Student-level reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual Student Report • Parent Report • Student Overview Report • Student Roster • Student Growth and Proficiency Report
Aggregate reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comprehensive Report • Demographic Report • Demographic Subscore Report • Expectation Analysis Report • Target Analysis Report • Topic Bundle Analysis Report

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Interpretive Guide to PSAT-related Reports

The MDE Interpretive Guide to PSAT-related Reports is now available on the [PSAT web page](http://www.michigan.gov/psat) (www.michigan.gov/psat) under **What's New** and **Reporting** sections. This guide provides important information about the PSAT 8/9 for grade 8, PSAT 8/9 for grade 9, and the PSAT 10 results; data files; and reports available through the Dynamic Score Reporting Site.

PSAT 8/9 for grade 8 reports currently available in the Dynamic Score Reporting Site:

Student-level reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual Student Report • Parent Report • Student Overview Report • Student Roster • Student Growth and Proficiency Report
Aggregate reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comprehensive Report • Demographic Report

PSAT 8/9 for grade 9 and PSAT 10 reports currently available in the Dynamic Score Reporting Site:

Student-level reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual Student Report • Student Roster Report
Aggregate reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demographic Report

MI-Access Interpretive Guide to Reports

The MI-Access Interpretive Guide to Reports is posted to the [MI-Access web page](http://www.michigan.gov/mi-access) (www.michigan.gov/mi-access) under the **What's New** and **Reporting** sections.

These reports are currently available through the Dynamic Score Reporting Site:

Student-level reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual Student Report • Parent Report • Student Overview Report • Student Roster • Student Growth and Performance Report (FI only)
Aggregate reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comprehensive Report (FI only) • Demographic Report • Expectation Analysis Report (FI only) • Scoring Focus Analysis Report (SI/P only)

Public WIDA ACCESS for ELLs Reports Available on MiSchoolData

The Spring 2023 WIDA ACCESS for ELLs assessment results are now available on the MiSchoolData website. These reports provide public-facing district and statewide results for each year of WIDA as well as trend data.

To view these reports, go to [MiSchoolData](http://www.mischooldata.org) (www.mischooldata.org). Select **K-12th Grade**, then **English Learner Data**, and then select **English Learner Dashboard** or **English Learner Assessment**. English Learner Growth for 2023 will be available later this fall. For questions about these reports, [email CEPI](mailto:CEPI@michigan.gov) (CEPI@michigan.gov).

Reminders

Assessment Learning Institute

There is still time to apply for the Assessment Learning Institute (ALI) for teachers—new and veteran—who are seeking to refresh their thinking about assessment and deepen their knowledge about and implementation of effective assessment practices. Read details in the [Spotlight newsletter - August 17, 2023 issue](https://www.michigan.gov/mde/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/OEAA/Spotlight-Newsletter/Spotlight-08-17-2023.pdf) (<https://www.michigan.gov/mde/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/OEAA/Spotlight-Newsletter/Spotlight-08-17-2023.pdf>) or visit the [ALI program web page](https://www.michiganassessmentconsortium.org/event/assessment-learning-institute-2023-24/) (<https://www.michiganassessmentconsortium.org/event/assessment-learning-institute-2023-24/>).



The ALI is offered by the [Michigan Assessment Consortium \(MAC\)](http://www.michiganassessmentconsortium.org) (www.michiganassessmentconsortium.org) in partnership with [Michigan Education Association's Center for Leadership & Learning](http://ccl.mea.org) (<http://ccl.mea.org>) and [Northern Michigan University](https://nmu.edu) (<https://nmu.edu>).

Flyer, schedule, and registration information are all available on the MAC website or by scanning the QR code below.



Achieve 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. Read details in the [Spotlight newsletter - August 17, 2023 issue](https://www.michigan.gov/mde/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/OEAA/Spotlight-Newsletter/Spotlight-08-17-2023.pdf) (<https://www.michigan.gov/mde/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/OEAA/Spotlight-Newsletter/Spotlight-08-17-2023.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 \(MAC\)](http://www.michiganassessmentconsortium.org) (www.michiganassessmentconsortium.org) in collaboration with the Michigan Department of Education. 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 **September 1, 2023**.

Reminders

Make Sure School and District Contacts Are Up-to-Date in the EEM for the 2023-24 School Year

With the start of a new school year, now is the time to review your district and school information in the [Educational Entity Master \(EEM\)](https://www.michigan.gov/eem) (www.michigan.gov/eem) to verify that any needed changes or updates have been made. All needed updates are to be completed no later than **September 8, 2023**, so you do not miss out on critical information.



[Read More:](https://www.michigan.gov/mde/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/OEAA/Spotlight-Newsletter/Spotlight-08-03-2023.pdf) (<https://www.michigan.gov/mde/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/OEAA/Spotlight-Newsletter/Spotlight-08-03-2023.pdf>), page 3



College Board Corner

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

WHAT'S NEW

Register for Upcoming MASSP Webinars

In partnership with College Board, the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals (MASSP) will be hosting two upcoming webinars to provide testing staff with the information they will need to prepare for and deliver the digital College Board assessments. While some of the information in these webinars will be specific to fall testing, much of it will also be applicable to spring testing. Click the links below to register for the webinars.

Topic	Date/Time and Registration Link	Who Should Attend?
Digital Assessment Suite: Technology Coordinator Network requirements, devices, bandwidth, and software all play a role in the new digital suite of assessments. Effective use of the College Board Digital Assessment Suite requires a Technology Coordinator who central office staff, coordinators, and principals can work with on test day and before.	September 12, 2023 9:30-10:30 a.m. Registration Link (https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8445555555)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principals • Technology coordinators • Testing coordinators • Central office staff
Preparing for the Digital Test Day The Test Day Toolkit (TDTK) is College Board's online test administration tool. Test coordinators and proctors use Test Day Toolkit to administer the digital SAT Suite of Assessments. This session will allow attendees to ask questions that they may have as the October testing window approaches.	September 22, 2023 9:30-10:30 a.m. Registration Link (https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8445555555)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principals • Counselors • Testing coordinators • Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) coordinators • Central office staff

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April 2023 Test Dates

In April 2024, the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) administrations of PSAT 8/9, PSAT 10, and SAT with Essay will be delivered digitally. Note: Despite the shift to digital testing, the administration of the SAT assessment will still include the essay section.

The Spring 2024 testing window for the MDE-provided SAT with Essay, PSAT 10, and PSAT 8/9 is April 8-26, 2024.

Schools will have the flexibility to test on any day within the approved window, and they may use multiple days within the window for testing, if preferred. However, students must complete testing in one day unless they have accommodations that allow for two-day testing.

Note: All tests, including accommodated and makeup tests, must be completed between April 8-26. **Students will not be able to complete assessments after April 26.**

Assessment	Testing Window
SAT with Essay	April 8-26, 2024
PSAT 10	
PSAT 8/9 for Grade 9	
PSAT 8/9 for Grade 8	

School Establishment and the Educational Entity Master (EEM)

School establishment is the process through which Michigan schools are identified as participating in the state assessments and are set up for digital testing in College Board systems.

It is important for schools to update the information in the [Educational Entity Master \(EEM\)](http://www.michigan.gov/eem) (<http://www.michigan.gov/eem>), which serves as Michigan's repository of education systems and contact information.

College Board will use the data in EEM to identify contact information for testing staff and to establish schools for testing. In addition to test coordinators, backup test coordinators, and Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) Coordinators, **building level technology directors must be assigned in EEM** in order for schools to be set up for testing.

For each College Board assessment (SAT with Essay, PSAT 10, & PSAT 8/9 for grades 8 and 9), the following information is required for school test coordinators, backup school test coordinators, SSD Coordinators, and technology directors:

- First Name
- Last Name
- Email
- Telephone Number
- Complete Entity Physical Address (Street Address, City, State, Zip Code)

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Note: The mailing address must be the physical district or school address associated with the test coordinator record. Make sure each of the fields above is accurate and complete for all applicable roles. Any incorrect data in EEM could delay your school's establishment process.

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

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Reminder

Updating EEM

An important first step in preparing for the Spring 2024 ACT WorkKeys assessments is to ensure that your building/school's WorkKeys Test Coordinator's correct contact name, email address, phone number, and mailing address (cannot be a post office box) are listed in the [Educational Entity Master \(EEM\)](http://www.michigan.gov/eem) (www.michigan.gov/eem).

ACT uses the information in the EEM to call and send emails to the WorkKeys Test Coordinators, and to ship test materials to the appropriate locations. Inaccurate information will result in critical information not being received in a timely manner, resulting in key deadlines being overlooked and delays in the receipt of test materials.

If the information in the EEM for your building/school is inaccurate, contact your authorized district EEM user to update it no later than **Friday, September 8, 2023**, to ensure your school receives the necessary information to start the Manage Participation process in November.

An article in the [Spotlight newsletter - August 3, 2023 issue](#) (<https://www.michigan.gov/mde/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/OEAA/Spotlight-Newsletter/Spotlight-08-03-2023.pdf>), page 3, contains additional information on why this review/update is needed, as well as the list of contacts to be reviewed.

Contacting ACT

If you have questions, you may:

1. Contact ACT via the [Contact Us web page](http://www.act.org/aap/state/contact.html) (www.act.org/aap/state/contact.html)
2. Call ACT at 800-553-6244 between 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. ET
 - standard time: ext. 2800
 - accommodations: ext. 1788
 - email accommodations questions to ACTStateAccoms@act.org

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Important Dates

August 2023

Update District & Building Testing Contacts in EEM

Ongoing through September 8, 2023

- All needed updates are to be completed no later than **September 8, 2023**, so you do not miss out on critical information
- [Read More:](https://www.michigan.gov/mde/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/OEAA/Spotlight-Newsletter/Spotlight-08-03-2023.pdf) (<https://www.michigan.gov/mde/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/OEAA/Spotlight-Newsletter/Spotlight-08-03-2023.pdf>), page 3



Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmark Assessments

Ongoing through October 26, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

- Pre-Identification of Students

Ongoing through October 27, 2023

- Create/Manage Online Test Sessions in DRC INSIGHT Portal
- Note:** Pre-ID must be completed prior to creating test sessions

Ongoing through October 27, 2023

- Fall Testing Window

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"> 1. Eligibility, MDE policies, and OEAA Secure Site Support 2. SAT, PSAT 8/9, and PSAT 10 – College Board 3. WorkKeys – ACT
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

For accountability questions:

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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