

Spotlight

on Student Assessment and Accountability

What's New

Week of September 14, 2023

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Managing Your District's WIDA Secure Portal Accounts

The District English Learner (EL) Assessment Coordinator can complete these regularly scheduled activities in the [WIDA Secure Portal](https://portal.wida.us/) (<https://portal.wida.us/>) to effectively manage users in the site:

- Create accounts for new educators who will be test administrators
- Deactivate accounts of educators who are no longer in the district or are no longer involved in WIDA test administration
- Review and monitor required WIDA assessment certifications

For additional help on how to keep up with these activities, look for directions when you are logged into your WIDA Secure Portal account. Go to the **"Get Help"** link in the top left-hand corner of the page. If you need additional help, contact the WIDA Client Services Center by phone at 866-276-7735 or by [email](mailto:help@wida.us) (help@wida.us).

There's Still Time to Apply for the 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/>).



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

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



What Is Assessment Literacy and Why Is It Important?

Student assessment has become increasingly important in education. Yet, despite the link between instruction and assessment—and the proliferation of large-scale and classroom assessment programs—most of those affected by student assessment may not understand all they need to know about assessment.

An “assessment literate” individual has skills, knowledge, and dispositions necessary to:

- use the right measures and methods matched to a clear assessment purpose
- make appropriate decisions from the accurate information elicited
- foster better educated students—students who become self-regulating, lifelong learners

All education stakeholders—students, families, teachers, school administrators, and local and state policymakers—would benefit from learning more about:

- assessment tools and strategies used, and their purposes
- the types of assessment that can best match objectives
- the strengths and shortcomings of the various types of measures

They also need to be prepared to use the assessment results to benefit students, to improve their learning and their achievement.

Michigan has a set of “Assessment Literacy Standards” for various individuals who are affected by student assessments. These standards were developed by the Michigan Assessment Consortium (MAC) and endorsed by the State Board of Education in 2016. They serve as the foundation for understanding what assessment literacy means and the role and purpose of comprehensive, balanced, quality assessment systems.

Assessment literacy is essential in this era where important decisions are being made about students, educators, and educational systems based on the data collected from students. Understanding the appropriate roles that student assessment can play to determine levels of student achievement, as well as to guide improved learning, is critical. Understanding what various assessment methods can and cannot accomplish is important to ensure that assessment information is used in the most positive and accurate manner possible.

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Resources

- [What do we mean by Assessment Literacy?](https://www.michiganassessmentconsortium.org/wp-content/uploads/4-Dec16-2016_Dec_ALN-LEARNING_POINT_LITERACY-2-1.pdf)
(https://www.michiganassessmentconsortium.org/wp-content/uploads/4-Dec16-2016_Dec_ALN-LEARNING_POINT_LITERACY-2-1.pdf)
 - » Assessment Learning Network (ALN) Learning Point, Michigan Assessment Consortium, 2016
- [What constitutes a high-quality, comprehensive, balanced assessment system?](https://www.michiganassessmentconsortium.org/wp-content/uploads/3-Dec16-2016_Dec_ALN-LEARNING_POINT_BALANCED-2.pdf)
(https://www.michiganassessmentconsortium.org/wp-content/uploads/3-Dec16-2016_Dec_ALN-LEARNING_POINT_BALANCED-2.pdf)
 - » Assessment Learning Network (ALN) Learning Point, Michigan Assessment Consortium, 2016
- [Michigan's Assessment Literacy Standards](https://www.michiganassessmentconsortium.org/assessment-literacy-standards/)
(<https://www.michiganassessmentconsortium.org/assessment-literacy-standards/>)
 - » Michigan Assessment Consortium website
- [Comprehensive and Balanced Student Assessment Definitions](https://www.michigan.gov/mde/resources/michigans-top-10-strategic-education-plan/definitions/comprehensive-and-balanced-student-assessment)
(<https://www.michigan.gov/mde/resources/michigans-top-10-strategic-education-plan/definitions/comprehensive-and-balanced-student-assessment>)
 - » The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) website

Put Into Practice

1. Read through Michigan's Assessment Literacy Standards and assess where you might need to fill gaps in your current understanding of assessment.
2. Consider making assessment literacy a goal when planning staff professional learning. Incorporate learning opportunities and resources provided by the MDE, MAC, or other assessment organizations.
3. View and share this [short video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p1D1uwzBseU) (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p1D1uwzBseU>) by former Interim State Superintendent Sheila Ailes describing how the MDE prioritizes the use of comprehensive and balanced student assessment system **in support of the whole child**.

Focus on Assessment Literacy

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Assessment Training

Conferences, webinars, and other resources for learning how to administer Michigan Department of Education assessments

September 2023

[College Board Webinar] Preparing for the Digital Test Day

September 22, 2023, 9:30–10:30 a.m.

- 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.
- Emphasis is on Fall 2023 testing, but applicable for Spring 2024 testing
- [Registration Link](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_M7K1NjAUSp21SdlyW19xIw#/registration) (https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_M7K1NjAUSp21SdlyW19xIw#/registration)

November 2023

Online WIDA ACCESS for ELLs (Grades 1-12) Webinar

November 6, 2023, 9:30–11:00 a.m.

- [Registration link](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wida-access-for-ells-online-grades-1-12-overview-webinar-tickets-689504114367?aff=oddtcreator) (https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wida-access-for-ells-online-grades-1-12-overview-webinar-tickets-689504114367?aff=oddtcreator)

Kindergarten WIDA ACCESS for ELLs Webinar

November 7, 2023, 9:30–11:00 a.m.

- [Registration link](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/kindergarten-wida-access-for-ells-overview-webinar-tickets-689513372057?aff=oddtcreator) (https://www.eventbrite.com/e/kindergarten-wida-access-for-ells-overview-webinar-tickets-689513372057?aff=oddtcreator)

WIDA Alternate ACCESS for ELLs (K-12) Webinar

November 9, 2023, 9:30–11:00 a.m.

- The Alternate ACCESS for ELLs is an assessment specifically designed for English learners who are also students who have significant cognitive disabilities.
- [Registration link](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wida-alternate-access-for-ells-overview-webinar-tickets-689519018947?aff=oddtcreator) (https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wida-alternate-access-for-ells-overview-webinar-tickets-689519018947?aff=oddtcreator)

WIDA Screener Online Assessment (Grades 1-12) Overview Webinar

November 29, 2023, 9:30–11:00 a.m.

- **Note:** This is a duplication of the September 13 overview webinar.
- [Registration link](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wida-screener-online-overview-webinar-tickets-690257898957?aff=oddtcreator) (https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wida-screener-online-overview-webinar-tickets-690257898957?aff=oddtcreator)

WIDA Alternate ACCESS for ELLs (K-12) Webinar

November 30, 2023, 9:30–11:00 a.m.

- **Note:** This is a duplication of the November 9 overview webinar.
- [Registration link](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wida-alternate-access-for-ells-overview-webinar-tickets-690259774567?aff=oddtcreator) (https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wida-alternate-access-for-ells-overview-webinar-tickets-690259774567?aff=oddtcreator)

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

REMINDERS

Digital Testing Applications

In Spring 2024, the Michigan Department of Education administrations of PSAT 8/9, PSAT 10, and SAT with Essay will be delivered digitally; the assessment administration will take place

April 8-26, 2024.

The testing applications used to administer the digital assessments are [Bluebook](https://bluebook.collegeboard.org/) (https://bluebook.collegeboard.org/) and [Test Day Toolkit](https://bluebook.collegeboard.org/test-admin/test-day-toolkit-access) (https://bluebook.collegeboard.org/test-admin/test-day-toolkit-access).

Bluebook and Test Day Toolkit work together to make digital testing possible.

- Students will use Bluebook to take the digital SAT with Essay, PSAT 8/9, and PSAT 10 on Mac and Windows devices, iPads, and school-managed Chromebooks.
 - » College Board's [Bluebook Device Requirements webpage](https://bluebook.collegeboard.org/technology/devices/requirements) (https://bluebook.collegeboard.org/technology/devices/requirements) provides technical information and instructions on downloading Bluebook.
- Proctors will use Test Day Toolkit to administer the digital SAT with Essay, PSAT 8/9, and PSAT 10.
 - » The Test Day Toolkit application has inherent technical specifications and can be used on any device with an internet connection. No installation is required.

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 their 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 coordinators must be assigned in EEM in order for schools to be set up for testing.

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For each College Board assessment (SAT with Essay, PSAT 10, and 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 coordinators:

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

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.state assessments and are set up for digital testing in College Board systems.

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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Important Dates

October 2023

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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