

Spotlight

on Student Assessment and Accountability

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Week of September 22, 2022

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Benchmark Assessment Resources Now Available

The following resources, which have been updated for the 2022-23 school year, are now available on the [Benchmark Assessments web page](#) (www.michigan.gov/mde-benchmarkassessments):

- [Benchmark Assessment Fact Sheet and FAQ, 2022-23](#) (<https://www.michigan.gov/mde/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/OEAA/Benchmark-Assessments/Benchmark-Assessments-Fact-Sheet-and-FAQ.pdf>)
- [Benchmark Aggregation Rules and Templates](#) (https://www.michigan.gov/mde/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/OEAA/Benchmark-Assessments/Benchmark_Aggregation_Rules_and_Templates.xlsx)

The Benchmark Assessment Fact Sheet and FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) document reflects updates in the current benchmark reporting law, [Public Act 144 of 2022, Section 104h](#) (<http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?mcl-388-1704h>). It also includes updates for mode of instruction reporting and other clarifications. This is a living document, and will be updated as dates and procedures are finalized.

The Benchmark Aggregation Rules and Templates spreadsheet has also been updated for the current school year. Districts that are administering NWEA MAP, Curriculum Associates i-Ready, Renaissance Star, Smarter Interim, or the MDE Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmark assessments **and** are also choosing to aggregate the assessment results locally must submit their assessment results in the format and according to the business rules specified in the spreadsheet.

WIDA List of Important Dates

The Google Calendar for the 2022 WIDA List of Important Dates is now available at www.michigan.gov/wida. This resource is to be referenced and used by assessment coordinators and others who need to be aware of dates for important procedures and processes for the WIDA assessments.

WIDA In-Person Trainings & Webinars

The Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability (OEAA) is offering two free in-person trainings for new WIDA test administrators, as well as an overview webinar.

The in-person WIDA ACCESS for ELLs trainings will be held on November 1 (two half-day sessions) and November 2 (all-day session) in Lansing at the Library of Michigan, 702 West Kalamazoo Street. The WIDA ACCESS Online Overview Webinar will be held on December 7. More information and registration is available through the links below.

In the morning session, test administrators will explore how the WIDA Standards and Assessment System connects to the WIDA ACCESS for ELLs Online assessment. Participants will learn to administer the online test to their students. The afternoon session will focus on how to administer the one-on-one paper-based Kindergarten WIDA ACCESS for ELLs assessment.

The all-day November 2 training will focus on learning how to administer the one-on-one paper-based WIDA Alternate ACCESS for ELLs assessment; this assessment is specifically designed for students who have or who function as if they have a significant cognitive disability.

Note: All participants in the in-person trainings must bring a computer or tablet with an internet connection to access sample items and the WIDA Assessment Management System (AMS) during the session(s).

A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided for all in-person trainings.

November 1, morning session – Online WIDA ACCESS for ELLs Grades 1-12

Registration link: <https://wida-access-for-ells-test-administrator-training.eventbrite.com>

November 1, afternoon session – Kindergarten WIDA ACCESS for ELLs

Registration link: <https://kindergarten-access-for-ells-test-administrator-training.eventbrite.com>

November 2, all-day session – Alternate WIDA ACCESS for ELLs

Registration link: <https://alternate-access-for-ells-test-administrator-training.eventbrite.com>

The WIDA ACCESS Online Overview Webinar will be held on December 7.

December 7, 9:30 - 11:00 am – WIDA ACCESS Online Overview Webinar

Registration link: <https://access-for-ells-online-overview-webinar.eventbrite.com>

WIDA Parent Guides

The WIDA Guide for Parents will help parents/guardians of students who have been or may be identified as English learners understand more about the WIDA assessments.

The Guide is available in English, Arabic, and Spanish on the [WIDA website](http://www.michigan.gov/wida) (www.michigan.gov/wida):

- [English](https://www.michigan.gov/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/2021/11/30/WIDA_Parent_Guide.pdf) (https://www.michigan.gov/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/2021/11/30/WIDA_Parent_Guide.pdf)
- [Arabic](https://www.michigan.gov/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/OEAA/WIDA-Assessments/WIDA_Parent_Guide_-_Arabic.pdf) (https://www.michigan.gov/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/OEAA/WIDA-Assessments/WIDA_Parent_Guide_-_Arabic.pdf)
- [Spanish](https://www.michigan.gov/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/OEAA/WIDA-Assessments/WIDA_Parent_Guide_-_Spanish.pdf) (https://www.michigan.gov/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/OEAA/WIDA-Assessments/WIDA_Parent_Guide_-_Spanish.pdf)

Are you new to WIDA?

If you are a new WIDA assessment administrator or a new WIDA/English Learner (EL) Assessment Coordinator, a good starting point for your work is a review of the following resources:

- [New to WIDA?](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/New_to_WIDA-2_717412_7.pdf) (https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/New_to_WIDA-2_717412_7.pdf) – directions on how to get access to the variety of systems you will need to for assessment administration
- [Michigan Guide to the WIDA Screener](https://www.michigan.gov/mde/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/Year/2021/07/29/Michigan-Guide-to-the-WIDA-Screener.pdf) (<https://www.michigan.gov/mde/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/Year/2021/07/29/Michigan-Guide-to-the-WIDA-Screener.pdf>) — basic information about screening students who may be eligible for EL services

Reminders

Reporting Benchmark Assessment Results Through the MiDataHub

The Michigan Data Hub and MDE hosted a webinar covering information on how to report benchmark assessment results and mode of instruction data on September 22, 2022. If you were unable to join the webinar, you will be able to find the recorded presentation and slide deck on the MiDataHub Trainings web page starting September 23, 2022.

The link to the Trainings page is: <https://www.midatahub.org/support/trainings/>

Who Must/Can Take the Michigan Merit Exam (MME)?

The online [Who Must/Can Take the MME?](https://www.michigan.gov/mde/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/OEAA/MME/MME_Eligibility.pdf) (https://www.michigan.gov/mde/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/OEAA/MME/MME_Eligibility.pdf) document has been updated for the 2022-2023 academic year and is now available on the [MME web page](#). The document explains which students are required to take all three components of the Michigan Merit Exam; these are the SAT with Essay, ACT WorkKeys, and the M-STEP Science and Social Studies assessments. In addition to detailing the requirements for grade 11 and grade 12 students, the document discusses MME requirements for repeating grade 11 students, foreign exchange students, and students taking the MI-Access alternative test.

CB College Board Corner

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

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

REMINDERS

School Preparations for Spring 2023 Testing

Preparations for the Spring 2023 SAT with Essay, PSAT 8/9, and PSAT 10 will begin in early November. This preparation includes ensuring your school is established to administer the applicable assessments. Information about the establishment process will be provided in late October.

School and District Contacts

For information about updating school and district contacts in the [Educational Entity Master \(EEM\)](http://www.michigan.gov/eem) (www.michigan.gov/eem), see the article in the [Spotlight newsletter - August 18 issue](https://www.michigan.gov/mde/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/OEAA/Spotlight-Newsletter/Spotlight-08-18-2022.pdf) (<https://www.michigan.gov/mde/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/OEAA/Spotlight-Newsletter/Spotlight-08-18-2022.pdf>). The article details which staff must be identified for the SAT with Essay, PSAT 10, and PSAT 8/9 administrations.

School and district contacts should be accurate in the EEM by now. If staff changes need to be made throughout the year, update the EEM as soon as possible to ensure that critical communications about the College Board assessments are received. Once information in the EEM is updated, College Board systems will be updated in 7-10 days.

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

Important Dates

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13

September 2022

Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmark Assessments (ELMBA) Fall 2022 Pre-Identification of Students

Ongoing through October 27, 2022 by 5:00 p.m.

- All students participating in this assessment must be pre-identified on the [Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability \(OEAA\) Secure Site](http://www.michigan.gov/oeaa-secure) (www.michigan.gov/oeaa-secure). Information on pre-identification methods can be found on the [Secure Site Training web page](http://www.michigan.gov/secaresitetraining) (www.michigan.gov/secaresitetraining) under the **Pre-Identification of Students** section.

Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmark Assessments (ELMBA) Fall 2022 Testing Window

Ongoing through October 28, 2022

- The **Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmark Test Administration Manual** and **Online Test Directions** are located on the [Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmark Assessment web page](http://www.michigan.gov/earlylitandmath) (www.michigan.gov/earlylitandmath). Student-level reports are available within 48 hours of test completion in the Dynamic Score Reporting Site.

November 2022

WIDA ACCESS for ELLs, Online WIDA ACCESS for ELLs, In-Person Training

November 1, 2022, 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

- Morning Session - Online WIDA ACCESS for ELLs Grades 1-12
- Library of Michigan
Lake Michigan Room, Fourth Floor
702 West Kalamazoo Street, Lansing
- Registration link: <https://wida-access-for-ells-test-administrator-training.eventbrite.com>

WIDA ACCESS for ELLs, Kindergarten WIDA ACCESS for ELLs, In-Person Training

November 1, 2022, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

- Afternoon Session - Kindergarten WIDA ACCESS for ELLs
- Library of Michigan
Lake Michigan Room, Fourth Floor
702 West Kalamazoo Street, Lansing
- Registration link: <https://kindergarten-access-for-ells-test-administrator-training.eventbrite.com>

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

Important Dates

November 2022

Alternate ACCESS for ELLs Test Administrators, In-Person Training

November 2, 2022, 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

- All-day Session - Alternate ACCESS for ELLs Test Administrators Training
- Library of Michigan
Lake Huron Room, Fourth Floor
702 West Kalamazoo Street, Lansing
- Registration link: <https://alternate-access-for-ells-test-administrator-training.eventbrite.com>

December 2022

WIDA ACCESS Online Overview Webinar

December 7, 2022, 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

- Registration link: <https://access-for-ells-online-overview-webinar.eventbrite.com>

WIDA Assessments Off-Site Test Administration Window, includes WIDA ACCESS for ELLs, WIDA Alternate ACCESS for ELLs

December 12, 2022 – March 23, 2023

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)

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