

Spotlight

on Student Assessment and Accountability

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Accountability Student Growth Updates for 2022-23

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is making updates to its existing methodology used to calculate student growth scores (SGPs) and student growth targets (AGPs) for school accountability.

Grade 11 Methodology

Scores from the PSAT 9 and 10 will be used in deriving student growth scores and targets for grade 11 students taking the SAT. Prior to this, grade 11 students' scores from their grades 7 and 8 assessments were used to calculate growth values. The Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability (OEAA) has considered making this adjustment for years and is moving forward with this change after careful analysis of pre- and post-pandemic data.

This update allows for increased consistency of methodology across grades (for example, adjacent grades are now used to calculate growth values for grades 4-8, and 11) and increases the number of students receiving growth results. It also helps more accurately capture a student's learning leading up to the grade 11 SAT.

What if a student does not take the PSAT in grades 9 or 10?

In these situations, the growth calculation simply will not occur. This is the same outcome as if a grade 5 student did not have prior scores from grades 3 or 4. In neither example would a student's lack of a growth score count against a school's participation rate.

Usage of Post-Pandemic Prior Scores

For only the 2022-23 academic year, student growth includes just one prior score. This provides for growth scores and targets calculated using only post-pandemic data. This is a temporary update – the use of up to two prior scores will return for the 2023-24 accountability cycle. Using only one prior score for the 2022-23 accountability cycle ensures the methodology for computing growth values is comparable within and across grades.

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The table below shows the prior score used for each grade included in accountability calculations. **Note:** While grade 11 growth values will use PSAT 10 scores from Spring 2022, scores for grades 9 and 10 are not used in any other accountability calculation, including participation and proficiency.

Reporting Year	Score Type	Score Year	Reporting Grades							
			4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
2022-23		2019-20			3	4	5	6	7	8
		2020-21		3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Prior 1	2021-22	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Post Test	2022-23	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11

For further details, please refer to the [Accountability Frequently Asked Questions resource](https://bit.ly/3Q2AiLE) (https://bit.ly/3Q2AiLE).

Note: PSAT 9/10 growth data is not part of the assessment score reports for 2022-23. Plans are being made to include these data in the 2023-24 assessment score reporting.

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

WHAT'S NEW

District Test Coordinator Webinar for SAT with Essay, PSAT 8/9, and PSAT 10

College Board is hosting a one-hour online District Test Coordinator (DTC) Orientation for SAT with Essay, PSAT 8/9, and PSAT 10, on Tuesday, November 7, beginning at 10 a.m.

This session will provide district test coordinators with a high-level overview of the Spring 2024 digital testing platforms, implementation timeline, school establishment, and key differences between the fall and spring testing administrations.

[Click here](https://bit.ly/3LOi2mO) (https://bit.ly/3LOi2mO) to register for the webinar.

REMINDER

Technical Specifications for Digital Testing

In Spring 2024, the PSAT 8/9, PSAT 10, and SAT with Essay will be administered digitally. Proctors will provide the exam via [Test Day Toolkit](https://bluebook.collegeboard.org/test-admin/test-day-toolkit-access) (https://bluebook.collegeboard.org/test-admin/test-day-toolkit-access), and students will access the exam via [Bluebook](https://bluebook.collegeboard.org/) (https://bluebook.collegeboard.org/).

Test Day Toolkit is a web application that has inherent technical specifications. This application can be used on any device with an internet connection, and no installation is required.

The Bluebook application can be run on a Windows laptop or tablet, a Mac laptop, an iPad, or a school-managed Chromebook. [Detailed technical requirements for digital testing](https://bluebook.collegeboard.org/students/approved-devices) (https://bluebook.collegeboard.org/students/approved-devices) are available here. Before students take the digital PSAT 8/9, PSAT 10, or SAT with Essay, it is important to determine the devices they will be testing with and ensure they meet the necessary technical specifications.

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



What's New

New ACT Contact Information

ACT is now directing all WorkKeys inquiries to a dedicated WorkKeys Customer Support Team. The new contact information is:

- email ACT WorkKeys at workkeys@act.org
- call ACT WorkKeys at 800-967-5539 (9:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. ET)
- email accommodations questions to ACTStateAccoms@act.org.

Reminder

Update EEM

An important first step in preparing for the Spring 2024 ACT WorkKeys assessments is to ensure that your building/school WorkKeys Test Coordinator's correct contact information – 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, October 20, 2023**, to ensure your school receives the necessary information to start the Manage Participation process in November.

An article in the [August 3, 2023 Spotlight](#) (<https://bit.ly/3F2GhcO>) — The Time is Now! Make Sure School and District Contacts are Up-to-Date in the EEM for the 2023-24 School Year — contains additional information on why this review/update is needed, as well as the list of contacts to be reviewed.

Questions about ACT WorkKeys?

Contact the ACT WorkKeys Customer Support Team:

- **email** ACT WorkKeys at workkeys@act.org
- **call** ACT WorkKeys at 800-967-5539; available 9:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. ET
- **email** accommodations questions to ACTStateAccoms@act.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

Conferences & Webinars

November 2023

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

Monday, November 6, 2023, 9:30–11:00 a.m.

- [Registration link](https://bit.ly/3LQ9TOt) (https://bit.ly/3LQ9TOt)

District Test Coordinator (DTC) Orientation for SAT with Essay, PSAT 8/9, and PSAT 10 Webinar

Tuesday, November 7, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

- [Registration link](https://bit.ly/3LOi2mO) (https://bit.ly/3LOi2mO)
- This webinar will provide district test coordinators with a high-level overview of the Spring 2024 digital testing platforms, implementation timeline, school establishment, and key differences between the fall and spring testing administrations.

Kindergarten WIDA ACCESS for ELLs Webinar

Tuesday, November 7, 2023, 9:30–11:00 a.m.

- [Registration link](https://bit.ly/3tIMle4) (https://bit.ly/3tIMle4)

WIDA Alternate ACCESS for ELLs (K-12) Webinar

Thursday, November 9, 2023, 9:30–11:00 a.m.

- [Registration link](https://bit.ly/3ZL9fb1) (https://bit.ly/3ZL9fb1)
- The Alternate ACCESS for ELLs is an assessment specifically designed for English learners who are also students who have significant cognitive disabilities.

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

Wednesday, November 29, 2023, 9:30–11:00 a.m.

- [Registration link](https://bit.ly/3Q4kHuY) (https://bit.ly/3Q4kHuY)
- **Note:** This is a duplication of the September 13 overview webinar.

WIDA Alternate ACCESS for ELLs (K-12) Webinar

Thursday, November 30, 2023, 9:30–11:00 a.m.

- [Registration link](https://bit.ly/3PMvXeb) (https://bit.ly/3PMvXeb)
- **Note:** This is a duplication of the November 9 overview webinar.

Contact Us

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)