

Spotlight

on Student Assessment and Accountability

What's New

Week of October 6, 2022

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- Now Available – Accountability Best Practices: Data Reporting Guide for Trouble-Free Accountability Data

Reminders

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- 2022-23 Guide to State Assessments Available Now
- 2022-23 Summative Testing Schedule Available Now

OEAA Secure Site Outage



Between 5:00 a.m., Friday, Oct. 14, and 7:00 a.m., Monday, Oct. 17, the OEAA Secure Site will **not** be available due to required database maintenance



Spring 2023 Audio and Video Recordings for Paper/Pencil M-STEP and MI-Access Now Available Only on Flash Drive

All recorded versions of the paper/pencil M-STEP and MI-Access tests will be delivered on flash drives for the Spring 2023 administration. Assessment Coordinators and Technology Coordinators must ensure Test Administrators have the devices necessary to play recorded versions of the test using flash drives.

Reflecting this change, the titles of these materials have been updated on the Materials Order pages in the Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability Secure Site:

M-STEP

- Audio CD is now called Audio Recording
- Listening CD is now called Listening Script Recording
- English DVD is now called English Video Recording
- Arabic DVD is now called Arabic Video Recording
- Spanish DVD is now called Spanish Video Recording

MI-Access

- Audio CD is now called Audio Recording

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This change applies only to how these specific materials are delivered; there is no overall administration policy change associated with the use of any of these recordings.

More information is available in the [Guide to State Assessments](https://www.michigan.gov/mde/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/OEAA/General/Guide_to_State_Assessments.pdf) (https://www.michigan.gov/mde/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/OEAA/General/Guide_to_State_Assessments.pdf).

Now Available – Accountability Best Practices: Data Reporting Guide for Trouble-Free Accountability Data

An updated [Accountability Best Practices: Data Reporting Guide for Trouble-Free Accountability Data](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Accountability_Best_Practices_625027_7.pdf) (https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Accountability_Best_Practices_625027_7.pdf) has been posted at www.mi.gov/mde-accountability, under the **Accountability News** section. This document will help districts and schools understand how data submitted in multiple state systems – such as the Michigan Student Data System (MSDS) and the Registry of Education Personnel (REP) – impact accountability calculations (for example, School Index, School Grades, and Parent Dashboard).

District and school pupil accountants and assessment coordinators can use the Data Reporting Guide to gain understanding of how and when their student data is used for accountability purposes, along with where the data comes from, with a focus on accurate, timely reporting of:

- student demographics
- enrollment/exit dates
- instructional entity/program
- course information
- staffing information

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Reminders

Student Growth and Proficiency Reports Available Now

The Spring 2022 Student Growth and Proficiency Reports for M-STEP, SAT®, PSAT 8/9™ for grade 8, and MI-Access Functional Independence (FI) are now available in the Dynamic Score Reporting Site through the Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability [OEAA Secure Site](http://www.michigan.gov/oeaa-secure) (www.michigan.gov/oeaa-secure).

The student-level Student Growth and Proficiency Reports include information on the reported student's overall performance and plot the student's growth and scale score. Growth Target Scores are also plotted on the Growth Score and Scale Score Graph in the report.

See the article in the [Spotlight newsletter - September 29 issue](https://www.michigan.gov/mde/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/OEAA/Spotlight-Newsletter/Spotlight-09-29-2022.pdf) (https://www.michigan.gov/mde/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/OEAA/Spotlight-Newsletter/Spotlight-09-29-2022.pdf) for additional details.

2022-23 Guide to State Assessments Available Now

The [2022-23 Guide to State Assessments](https://www.michigan.gov/mde/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/OEAA/General/Guide_to_State_Assessments.pdf) (https://www.michigan.gov/mde/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/OEAA/General/Guide_to_State_Assessments.pdf) is now available on the [Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability web page](http://www.michigan.gov/oeaa) (www.michigan.gov/oeaa). The guide provides an overview of the 2022-23 assessment system overseen by the OEAA, including high-level information on the various assessment programs, testing schedules, and planned changes.

2022-23 Summative Testing Schedule Available Now

The [2022-23 Summative Testing Schedule](https://www.michigan.gov/mde/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/OEAA/Assessment-Calendars/Spring-2023-Summative-Assessment-Calendar.pdf) (https://www.michigan.gov/mde/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/OEAA/Assessment-Calendars/Spring-2023-Summative-Assessment-Calendar.pdf) is now available on the [Assessment Calendars web page](http://www.michigan.gov/mde-assessmentcalendar) (www.michigan.gov/mde-assessmentcalendar). This document provides a high-level overview of the summative testing windows for Spring 2023. Detailed Lists of Important Dates for each assessment will be posted as they become available throughout the month of October.

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

WHAT'S NEW

Implementation Overview for SAT with Essay, PSAT 8/9, and PSAT 10

College Board will present a live Implementation Overview webinar for SAT with Essay, PSAT 8/9, and PSAT 10 on Thursday, November 17, from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. ET.

This webinar will provide test coordinators with an overview of the Spring 2023 SAT and PSAT-related assessments. Participants will review changes planned for 2023, the school set-up process, general information about the Spring 2023 test administration, and introductory accommodations and supports information.

[Register for the Implementation Webinar](https://tinyurl.com/mdeimplementation2022) (<https://tinyurl.com/mdeimplementation2022>)

Off-site Testing Plans

Virtual schools, schools that need more space, and schools that cannot allow expelled students on their campus can administer College Board tests at a location other than their identified school address. This is referred to as off-site testing. If additional return materials are needed for an off-site testing location, [submit a request](http://www.sat.org/offsiterequest) (www.sat.org/offsiterequest) by January 20, 2023. Requests will be automatically approved unless College Board has clarifying questions.

Note: Test coordinators should only complete this form for the Spring 2023 administration if they will be returning materials directly from the off-site location. The form is not required if materials are being returned to the primary Attending Institution (AI) for consolidation of all testing materials being returned to College Board.

REMINDERS

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



What's New

ACT WorkKeys Assessment: Overview and Student Preparation

Even though the Spring 2023 administration of the ACT WorkKeys assessment is many months away, you can begin preparing now by getting an understanding of what the WorkKeys assessments are and how to prepare your students to take them.

The ACT WorkKeys assessment consists of three tests that measure real-world skills employers consider critical to job success and that increase career opportunities for students who do well on the assessments. The tests are:

- **Applied Math** — measures critical thinking, mathematical reasoning, and problem-solving techniques for actual situations in today's workplace
- **Graphic Literacy** — measures skills needed to locate, synthesize, and use information from charts, graphs, diagrams, and other materials
- **Workplace Documents** — measures skills needed to read and use written text such as memos, letters, directions, bulletins, and policies

How a student performs on the three WorkKeys tests determines their eligibility to earn an ACT® WorkKeys® National Career Readiness Certificate® (NCRC). To earn a certificate, students must receive a level score of at least 3 out of 7 on each test.

Certificates are awarded at four levels:

- **Bronze** — requires a minimum level score of 3 out of 7 on all three tests
- **Silver** — requires a minimum level score of 4 out of 7 on all three tests
- **Gold** — requires a minimum level score of 5 out of 7 on all three tests
- **Platinum** — requires a minimum level score of 6 out of 7 on all three tests

Students who complete the Spanish-language versions of the assessments are eligible for an NCRC en Español.

Students who earn an NCRC can activate and print the certificate at no charge at <http://www.myworkkeys.com> once they receive their paper scores.

For more detailed information about the WorkKeys assessments, understanding scores, and the value of the NCRCs, go to [WorkKeys Assessments](https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/workkeys-for-job-seekers/assessments.html) (<https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/workkeys-for-job-seekers/assessments.html>).

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Student Preparation – Go for Platinum!

Encourage your students to get an understanding of the types of questions they will see on WorkKeys assessment, since this assessment is different than other types of exams. Students and teachers can access [free practice questions](https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/workkeys-for-job-seekers/preparation.html) (https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/workkeys-for-job-seekers/preparation.html) from all three tests, ranging from easier content (Level 3) to the most difficult (Level 7). Teachers and students may use these practice questions in the classroom as “Questions of the Day” or as warm-up activities in the weeks leading up to test day.

Students can also create a WorkKeys user account and take [free full-length online practice tests](https://testregistration.org/rsp/Login.do?event=go&realm=20770563) (https://testregistration.org/rsp/Login.do?event=go&realm=20770563). This allows students to pace themselves in real-time test scenarios and receive scores indicating how they would perform on the WorkKeys tests.

More information about administering the WorkKeys assessment will be included in future Spotlight newsletters.

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
3. email accommodations questions to ACTStateAccoms@act.org

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Important Dates

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

October 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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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>

College Board Webinar: Implementation Overview for SAT with Essay, PSAT 8/9, and PSAT 10

November 17, 2022, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

- Overview of the Spring 2023 SAT and PSAT-related assessments including changes for 2023, school set-up process, test administration process, and introductory accommodations and supports information
- Registration link: <https://tinyurl.com/mdeimplementation2022>

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)

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