

Spotlight

on Student Assessment and Accountability

What's New

Week of December 15, 2022

- **Michigan School Grades Reports Available for Preview Now**
- **2022-23 Annual Education Report (AER) Preview Available**
- **Benchmark Assessment Reporting — Thank You**
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- **2022-23 Sending Scores Back Program for Shared Educational Entities (SEEs and S2E2s) — Applications NOW Available**

Reminders

- **Schools Needed for Writing Skills Field Test**
- **Plan Now to Attend the 2023 Michigan School Testing Conference**

- **Michigan School Grades Reports Available for Preview Now**
- Per state law (MCL 380.1280g), the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) has made 2021-22 Michigan school grades reports available for schools to preview on [MI School Data](http://www.mischooldata.org) (www.mischooldata.org).
- Authorized users of MI School Data are now able to preview school-level Michigan school grades reports before results are released publicly next week. **The preview window will close on Tuesday, December 20, 2022.**
- To preview school results, authorized individuals need to log into MI School Data. Please remember the preview window is offered as a courtesy to schools so that they are prepared to communicate to their communities about their performance when these data are made public. Appeals and requests to clean up data will not be considered at this time. Schools were offered the opportunity to correct data errors prior to this preview window.
- We encourage you to review the informational guides and other helpful resources available for the [Michigan School Grades System](http://www.michigan.gov/mde-schoolgrades) (www.michigan.gov/mde-schoolgrades).

2022-23 Annual Education Report (AER) Preview Available

- The Michigan Department of Education and the Center for Educational Performance and Information have finalized the data and materials for schools to use in publishing the Annual Education Report (AER).
- 2022-23 AERs consisting of data from the 2021-22 school year are available in preview for schools at www.MISchoolData.org.
- **School/district users must log into MI School Data to review their reports.** The preview window will end on December 21, 2022, and AERs will become public on December 22, 2022.
- The AER can be found on MI School Data by logging in and then navigating to the K-12 menu and selecting School Accountability.

Benchmark Assessment Reporting — Thank You

The Michigan Department of Education and the Center for Educational Performance and Information are giving a big shout-out to the districts that completed the Benchmark Assessment Reporting and Funding Application form. All but three of the expected districts completed the form. **Thank You!**

The information from the form will be used to develop and inform required legislative reporting, approve funding requests, and verify that benchmark and mode of instruction data are flowing as expected through the Michigan Data Hub.

In late January or early February, 2023, Grant Award notifications will be issued to the superintendents of districts that administered and reported test results and mode of instruction data through the Michigan Data Hub on one of the three benchmark assessments eligible for funding – NWEA Map, Curriculum Associates i-Ready, or Renaissance Star. The notifications will be issued through the GEMS/MARS system, and the Benchmark Assessment Funding Grant will be paid to these districts during the regularly scheduled February state aid payment.

Please continue to monitor Spotlight in the new year for additional information and updates related to the [2022-23 Benchmark Assessment law](http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?mcl-388-1704h) (<http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?mcl-388-1704h>).



Educational Assessment and Accountability

Coming January 10 — Ask OEAA LIVE: English Learners and State Assessments

Please be sure to join us for the next “Ask OEAA LIVE” event, which will take place on January 10, 2023 from 3:30 to 4:00 p.m. ET. The topic will be **English Learners and State Assessments**.

This Q&A session will highlight some of the most important policies and resources for English learners across all state assessments. It will be most helpful for test coordinators who want to learn more about things like “Which EL students might be eligible for a testing exemption from PSAT 8?” or “What languages can the M-STEP test be translated into?”

- Use this link to join and participate in the “Ask OEAA Live” session: [Join Ask OEAA Live Event English Learners and State Assessments](https://bit.ly/3BARDDS) (<https://bit.ly/3BARDDS>)
- [Add this event to your Calendar](https://bit.ly/3Yo1pn) (<https://bit.ly/3Yo1pn>)

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2022-23 Sending Scores Back Program for Shared Educational Entities (SEEs and S2E2s) — Applications NOW Available

Intermediate School Districts (ISDs), consortia, or other partnering districts may wish to apply to participate in the “Sending Scores Back” Program for school accountability reporting. Eligible schools and classroom programs provide alternative education, early/middle college education, gifted and talented education, or special education services to neighboring or consortium districts.

The Sending Scores Back Program provides the ability to have non-resident student assessment results and non-resident student graduation statuses redirected in school accountability reporting to another school in a student’s own district of residency.

Please note: Public school academies (PSAs) are not eligible for this program, as PSAs do not have resident district boundaries in the same way traditional districts do.

Applying for the Sending Scores Back Program will designate your school building or classroom program as a Shared Educational Entity (SEE) or Specialized Shared Educational Entity (S2E2). That status is then used during submissions in the Michigan Student Data System (MSDS) to identify students to be processed specially in school accountability reporting. Students identified in these schools/programs are then attributed back to a school building identified in their resident school district for the purposes of school accountability calculations.

Shared Educational Entities (SEEs) and Shared Specialized Educational Entities (S2E2s) that participated in the Sending Scores Back Program in a prior school year will need to reapply to reestablish their status as a SEE or S2E2 in the Sending Scores Back Program for 2022-2023 school accountability results expected in fall of 2023.

Additional information and applications to participate in this program are now available at: www.michigan.gov/sees. Applications will be due via electronic submission no later than Monday, January 30, 2023.



Writing Skills Field Test

Preparation for Passage-based Writing

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is looking for schools to participate in an M-STEP online Passage-based Writing Field Test **January 3–February 10, 2023**.

Why have a stand-alone field test?

Field tests are used to check the adequacy of testing procedures and statistical characteristics of new test items by testing them in the field before they appear on an actual assessment. This test follows the same setup and security as the M-STEP. The field test helps to ensure that the items we are putting on the M-STEP are high quality. And, the more writing exposure your students receive, the more improvement you will see!

Who can participate?

Students in grades 3–8 can participate in field-testing items written by Michigan authors for Michigan’s state assessments.

What is involved?

During the field test, students will read one passage, either literary or informational, from a variety of genres as prescribed by the standards. Students will then answer five multiple choice questions and respond to a writing prompt, which includes a checklist of components found in a well-written essay. They will not receive a score, but will have an opportunity to prepare for the M-STEP and use the checklist to improve their writing skills in the testing environment.

Where will it take place?

The online field test will take place in your school on computers.

When do I sign up?

Beginning November 15, 2022, go to the [OEAA Secure Site](http://www.michigan.gov/oeaa-secure) (www.michigan.gov/oeaa-secure) to Pre-ID students for testing. For information about how to Pre-ID students for testing, or how to gain access to the Secure Site, go to the [Secure Site Training Site](http://www.michigan.gov/secaresitetraining) (www.michigan.gov/secaresitetraining).

**Don't miss this great opportunity!
Sign up today!**



Reminder



2023
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14-16 FEBRUARY
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
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REGISTER NOW!

SPEAKERS

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CB College Board Corner

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

WHAT'S NEW

Accommodations and Support Webinar Posted

The December 8, 2022, Accommodations and Supports webinar presentation has been posted on the [Michigan Merit Examination web page](http://www.michigan.gov/mme) (www.michigan.gov/mme) and on the [PSAT web page](http://www.michigan.gov/psat) (www.michigan.gov/psat).

REMINDERS

Verify School Establishment

To verify if your school is established to participate in the Spring 2023 assessments, check the [Test Center Participation Page of the Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability \(OEAA\) Secure Site](https://www.michigan.gov/mde/services/student-assessment/secure-site-training) (https://www.michigan.gov/mde/services/student-assessment/secure-site-training). Only contact College Board if establishment is not accurate by December 19, 2022.

Adding Students in SSD (Services for Students with Disabilities) Online

A known issue in SSD Online is causing SSD Coordinators to receive an “Error Adding Student” message when they attempt to add a new student in SSD Online. This error will occur if the student already exists in SSD Online at another school.

If you receive this message, use the **Transfer/Move Request Form** in SSD Online to add that student to your school’s dashboard.

SSD Coordinators will need the student’s SSD number to submit the form. To locate their SSD number, students can log into their College Board account, select “Update Your Account”, then scroll to the bottom of the page and follow the directions there.

If the transfer takes longer than seven days to complete, or if further assistance is needed, contact the Michigan Educator Hotline and choose the option for SSD.

Request Off-site Testing

[Request off-site testing](http://www.sat.org/offsiterequest) (http://www.sat.org/offsiterequest), if needed, by **January 20, 2023**. Refer to the article in the [Spotlight newsletter - October 20 issue](https://www.michigan.gov/mde/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/OEAA/Spotlight-Newsletter/Spotlight-10-20-2022.pdf) for details (https://www.michigan.gov/mde/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/OEAA/Spotlight-Newsletter/Spotlight-10-20-2022.pdf)

Questions about Spring SAT, PSAT 8/9, or PSAT 10? Contact College Board

- Call the Michigan Educator Hotline: 866-870-3127 (select Option 1)
- Email: michiganadministratorsupport@collegeboard.org

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



Reminder

Completing Manage Participation

The window for completing Managing Participation is past due. If your school(s) has not yet completed Manage Participation using the [PearsonAccess^{next} website](https://testadmin.act.org) (<https://testadmin.act.org>), do so by **December 16, 2022**.

This process takes approximately five minutes, and step-by-step instructions are provided in the [ACT WorkKeys Spring 2023 Manage Participation](https://www.michigan.gov/mde/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/OEAA/MME/ACT_WorkKeys_Manage_Participation_Guide_-_Michigan.pdf) (https://www.michigan.gov/mde/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/OEAA/MME/ACT_WorkKeys_Manage_Participation_Guide_-_Michigan.pdf) located on the [MME web page](http://www.michigan.gov/mme) (www.michigan.gov/mme).

The names of the schools that will be participating are sent to the Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability (OEAA) Secure Site daily. District and Building Assessment Coordinators can verify each school's status by reviewing the Test Center Participation page on the [OEAA Secure Site](http://www.michigan.gov/oeaa-secure) (www.michigan.gov/oeaa-secure) under the **Assessment Registration** drop-down menu.

District Assessment Coordinators should ensure that all high schools in the district have completed the Manage Participation process, even if they are not testing.

For all upcoming events and deadlines, refer to the following documents:

- [ACT WorkKeys Schedule of Events](https://content.act.org/michigan/r/Schedule_of_Events_for_WorkKeys_-_Michigan_-_Spring) (https://content.act.org/michigan/r/Schedule_of_Events_for_WorkKeys_-_Michigan_-_Spring) posted on the [ACT state testing website](http://www.act.org/stateanddistrict/michigan) (<http://www.act.org/stateanddistrict/michigan>) on the WorkKeys on Paper page.
- [ACT WorkKeys List of Important Dates](https://www.michigan.gov/mde/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/OEAA/Assessment-Calendars/ACT_WorkKeys_list_of_Important_Dates.pdf) (https://www.michigan.gov/mde/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/OEAA/Assessment-Calendars/ACT_WorkKeys_list_of_Important_Dates.pdf) posted on the [MME web page](http://www.michigan.gov/mme) (www.michigan.gov/mme) under General information, List of Important Dates.

Contact 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

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

Important Dates

December 2022

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

Now through March 23, 2023

WIDA Initial Material Order Window (Braille and Enlarged Print)

Now through December 28, 2022, by 5:00 p.m.

WIDA Pre-identification of Students for Barcode Labels in OEAA Secure Site

Now through December 28, 2022, by 5:00 p.m.

WIDA Pre-identification of Students as Tier T for Barcode Labels in OEAA Secure Site

Now through December 28, 2022, by 5:00 p.m.

January 2023

WIDA Test Exceptions in OEAA Secure Site

Now through January 20, 2023

M-STEP Passage-based Writing Field Test Administration Window

January 3 – February 10, 2023

SAT, PSAT, M-STEP, MI-Access, and WorkKeys Pre-ID for Barcode Labels and Initial Material Orders

January 4 – February 15, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

Ask OEAA LIVE: English Learners and State Assessments

January 10, 2023, 3:30 - 4:00 p.m.

- Use this link to participate in the “[Ask OEAA Live](https://bit.ly/3BARDDS)” session: <https://bit.ly/3BARDDS>
- Add this event to your [Calendar](https://bit.ly/3Yol1pn): <https://bit.ly/3Yol1pn>

Ongoing into 2023

Pre-identification of Students for M-STEP Passage-based Writing Field Test

- Ongoing through February 9, 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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