

Spotlight

on Student Assessment and Accountability

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DRC Summer Technology Updates

Overnight on Thursday, June 30, 2022, Data Recognition Corporation (DRC) will push its annual major update to the DRC INSIGHT Online Assessment System, which includes the DRC INSIGHT client used for Michigan statewide assessments. **If you do not push updates, DRC INSIGHT will update itself the first time it is opened.**

Notable updates:

- For the 2022-23 academic year, DRC INSIGHT will be version 13.0 on the testing devices. Use this version if you are re-imaging your school's computers this summer.
- iPad users: iPads used for both WIDA and other Michigan state assessments (M-STEP, MI-Access, Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmark Assessments) will have to enable Cross-Website Tracking. This also applies if the devices are using DRC INSIGHT for other products or programs.
- Central Office Services (COS) Service Devices will automatically update to version 6.0 overnight on June 30. This will happen between midnight and 5:00 a.m. local time, either on that night if your server is left online or the next time your server is online.
- If the COS Service Device is not left on overnight on June 30 or does not automatically update, it can also be updated manually using through the Update Version button under the Service Devices tab in the COS Configuration.
- In the past year, some districts found they had a better experience with a clean re-installation of the COS Service Device. A complete re-installation is not necessary, but it is sometimes easier to "wipe the slate clean" than to troubleshoot any difficulties you might have had with server settings that changed over the past year, the same way you might re-image a student device with thorny problems.

The [DRC INSIGHT Portal](https://mi.drccdirect.com/) (https://mi.drccdirect.com/) hosts the [Technology User Guide](https://mi.drccdirect.com/Documents/Unsecure/Doc.aspx?id=ce356eb9-fc49-4577-8ec9-a2542648b721) (https://mi.drccdirect.com/Documents/Unsecure/Doc.aspx?id=ce356eb9-fc49-4577-8ec9-a2542648b721) and other documentation and presentations to walk you through installation options. If you like your current setup, there is no need to change it; if you do not like it, you have a variety of options.

DRC Training Webinar for District and Building Coordinators: Fall 2022 Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmark Assessments

The Data Recognition Corporation (DRC) webinar for the K-2 Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmark Assessments District and Building Coordinator Trainings for online testing will be presented **Thursday, August 4, 2022 from 10–11 a.m.** [Join the webinar](https://datarecognitioncorp.zoom.us/j/81540318202) (https://datarecognitioncorp.zoom.us/j/81540318202).

The webinar will provide training on:

- what's new for 2022-23
- helpful online testing tips
- where to find important resources
- Q&A

If you are unable to attend a live version, the PowerPoints and recorded presentations will be posted in the [DRC INSIGHT Portal](https://mi.drccdirect.com) (https://mi.drccdirect.com) by the following day.

Important Dates for Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmark Assessments

The 2022-23 Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmark Assessments list of important dates is available on the [Assessment Calendar web page](https://www.michigan.gov/mde/services/student-assessment/assessment-calendars) (https://www.michigan.gov/mde/services/student-assessment/assessment-calendars). A [Google calendar](https://www.michigan.gov/mde/services/student-assessment/assessment-calendars/early-literacy-and-mathematics-benchmark-assessments-k-2-google-calendar) (https://www.michigan.gov/mde/services/student-assessment/assessment-calendars/early-literacy-and-mathematics-benchmark-assessments-k-2-google-calendar) with the Important Dates is also available. This calendar contains links to resources within some of the date entries for the listed task.

K-12 Automatic English Learner (EL) Exits

Automatic English Learner (EL) exits will be processed for all kindergarten through grade 12 ELs who meet the overall proficiency level target of 4.8 on the 2022 WIDA ACCESS for ELLs or P2 for the 2022 WIDA Alternate ACCESS.

The exits will occur when the students' scores are loaded in the Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability (OEAA) Secure Site and after the Michigan Student Data System (MSDS) End-of-Year General Collection has closed out. This typically in takes place in July.

The [English Learner \(EL\) Exit Reporting Guidelines](https://www.michigan.gov/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/2021/07/01/1920_EL_Exit_Reporting_Guidelines.pdf) document (https://www.michigan.gov/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/2021/07/01/1920_EL_Exit_Reporting_Guidelines.pdf), available on the [English Learner Resources web page](http://www.michigan.gov/mde-el) (www.michigan.gov/mde-el), has been updated with directions on how to:

- see automatic EL exits in MSDS
- make sure automatic EL exits are entered into local student information systems (local SIS)
- submit a manual EL exit in MSDS, in the rare cases when that would be is appropriate

This information on how to see automatic EL exits and make making sure they are entered into your local SIS is new this year. Ensure it is shared with your pupil accounting staff and those who manage EL identification data.

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

Fall 2022 Pre-ID and Test Session Setup for Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmark Assessments (K-2)

Beginning **July 11, 2022**, pre-identification and assigning of students to online tests sessions for the fall Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmark Assessments (K-2) will be available on the Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability (OEAA) Secure Site. Unlike other state assessments, the OEAA does not pre-identify students for the Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmark Assessments—it is the responsibility of the district or school to pre-identify all students who will be participating.

The Michigan Department of Education's Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmark Assessments (K-2) can be used to meet the benchmark assessment requirement in Michigan's [Read by Grade 3](https://www.michigan.gov/mde/services/academic-standards/literacy/early-literacy-read-by-grade-three-law) (<https://www.michigan.gov/mde/services/academic-standards/literacy/early-literacy-read-by-grade-three-law>) and the [Return to Learn](https://www.michigan.gov/mde/services/student-assessment/benchmark-assessments) (<https://www.michigan.gov/mde/services/student-assessment/benchmark-assessments>) laws.

The test administration window for the Fall 2022 Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmark Assessments for students in kindergarten, first, and second grades is August 22 – October 28, 2022. These benchmark assessments are available online.

For the fall administration, there are several options for pre-identification:

- [MSDS Copy function](https://www.michigan.gov/mde/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/OEAA/Secure-Site-Training/MSDS_Copy.pdf) (https://www.michigan.gov/mde/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/OEAA/Secure-Site-Training/MSDS_Copy.pdf) in the [Secure Site](http://www.michigan.gov/oeaa-secure) (<http://www.michigan.gov/oeaa-secure>) can be used to copy student data from the Michigan Student Data System (MSDS) into the OEAA Secure Site for pre-identification.

This process does not involve your district's MSDS person. **Important note:** When using this function, you will need to search by the student's grade in the 2021-22 school year and place them in the appropriate grade for the 2022-23 school year. You cannot use this function for incoming kindergarten students since they will not yet be enrolled in MSDS in your school for the 2022-23 school year.

- Students can be loaded to the OEAA Secure Site in either .csv (comma separated values) or .txt (text only) formatting.

You can use the [Pre-ID File Format](https://baa.state.mi.us/BAASecure/pdfs/Pre-Id_File_Layout.pdf) (https://baa.state.mi.us/BAASecure/pdfs/Pre-Id_File_Layout.pdf) document on the login page of the Secure Site.

You may need to enlist the help of your district's MSDS person for this process.

- Students can be pre-identified one student at a time using the [Student Search](https://www.michigan.gov/mde/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/Year/2020/01/29/Student_Search_One_Student_at_a_Time.pdf) (https://www.michigan.gov/mde/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/Year/2020/01/29/Student_Search_One_Student_at_a_Time.pdf) function on the Secure Site.

This process is quick but may not be practical when pre-identifying large groups of students.

Beginning **August 5**, any students pre-identified in the Secure Site must be added to a test session in the DRC INSIGHT Portal. All students participating in the assessment must be pre-identified on the OEAA Secure Site to be copied into the DRC INSIGHT Portal to manage the online testing.

Instructions and more information about each of these pre-identification methods and for creating online test sessions can be found on the [Secure Site Training web page](http://www.michigan.gov/seuresitetraining) (<http://www.michigan.gov/seuresitetraining>) under the Pre-Identification of Students section.

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School Index Access Metrics: REP Reporting Reminder

The [Michigan School Index System](http://www.michigan.gov/mde-schoolindex) (<http://www.michigan.gov/mde-schoolindex>) uses information from the [Registry for Educational Personnel \(REP\)](https://www.michigan.gov/cepi/pk-12/rep) (<https://www.michigan.gov/cepi/pk-12/rep>) to calculate schools' index values. Specifically, REP data is used to calculate the School Index's K-8 Access to Arts/Physical Education and K-8 Access to Librarians/Media Specialists components.

Schools and Districts should submit accurate REP information by June 30, 2022, to ensure worry-free accountability results for these measures later this fall. The [Accountability Best Practices: Data Reporting Guide for Trouble-free Accountability Data](https://www.michigan.gov/mde/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/OEAA/Accountability/General/Accountability-Best-Practices-Guide.pdf), pp. 21-22, (<https://www.michigan.gov/mde/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/OEAA/Accountability/General/Accountability-Best-Practices-Guide.pdf>) details the specific fields and collections used from the REP by the School Index System.

More information about the Michigan School Index System, including how the K-8 access metrics are calculated, can be found in the [Michigan School Index Guide](https://www.michigan.gov/mde/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/OEAA/Accountability/Index/MI_School_Index_System_Guide.pdf) p. 14, (https://www.michigan.gov/mde/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/OEAA/Accountability/Index/MI_School_Index_System_Guide.pdf) and [Michigan School Index System Business Rules](https://www.michigan.gov/mde/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/Year/2019/12/01/MI_School_Index_Business_Rules.pdf), pp. 29-32, (https://www.michigan.gov/mde/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/Year/2019/12/01/MI_School_Index_Business_Rules.pdf.)

These resources and more can be found on the Michigan Department of Education School Accountability site: www.michigan.gov/mde-accountability.

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Reminders

Spring 2022 MI-Access Post-Administration Survey

The Michigan Department of Education would like to thank you for your part in the Spring 2022 MI-Access assessment administration. We ask you to take a moment to provide your feedback in this post-administration survey.

Your input is a vital part of future planning and development of quality assessments, documentation, and testing practices for educators and students across Michigan. We would like to hear from the testing staff in your district or school who had a role in the MI-Access test administration. Please share this article with staff who participated in the MI-Access assessments this past spring.

The [Spring 2022 MI-Access Post-Administration](https://bit.ly/3zCLff3) (https://bit.ly/3zCLff3) will take 10 to 15 minutes to complete and will remain **open through Friday, July 15, 2022**. A link to the survey can also be found on the [MI-Access web page](http://www.michigan.gov/mi-access) (www.michigan.gov/mi-access) under the **What's New** section.

Thank you in advance for your participation in this survey.

We Want Your Feedback! Test Monitoring Application Usage Survey

The Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability (OEAA) provided the use of the Test Monitoring Application (TMA) for the M-STEP and MI-Access Functional Independence (FI) Spring 2022 assessments. The TMA allowed test administrators to monitor student progress on the assessments during the test administration.

To further develop the use of this application and provide enhancements, the OEAA is asking for feedback from assessment coordinators and test administrators who used the TMA on the M-STEP and/or MI-Access FI assessments. The [Test Monitoring Application Usage Survey](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9MGP93Q) (https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9MGP93Q) is **open through June 30, 2022**.

Spring 2022 Benchmark Assessment and Mode of Instruction Reporting

With the official end of the 2021-22 academic year rapidly approaching, districts should have submitted their spring benchmark assessment results for Curriculum Associates i-Ready, NWEA Map, Renaissance Star, and the two free benchmark assessments offered by DRC (the Smarter Balanced Interim and the Michigan Department of Education Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmark assessments). These data along with Mode of Instruction (MOI) information may be submitted through the Michigan DataHub (MiDataHub).

 **Please share this article with your district Technology Director.**

[Read the Full Article Here](https://www.michigan.gov/mde/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/OEAA/Spotlight-Newsletter/Spotlight-6-9-22.pdf)

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Kindergarten W-APT Discontinued After June 30

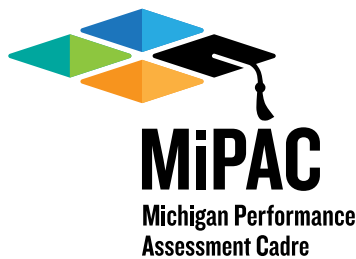
As of June 30, 2022, the Kindergarten W-APT is being retired and will no longer be available in the WIDA Secure Portal. After this date, educators must use the new Kindergarten WIDA Screener to screen students enrolling in kindergarten.

[Read the Full Article Here](https://www.michigan.gov/mde/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/OEAA/Spotlight-Newsletter/Spotlight-4-14-22.pdf)

(<https://www.michigan.gov/mde/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/OEAA/Spotlight-Newsletter/Spotlight-4-14-22.pdf>)

Development Opportunity: Michigan Performance Assessment Cadre of Experts (MiPAC) - Cohort III

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) and the Michigan Assessment Consortium (MAC) seek education professionals to serve on the Michigan Performance Assessment Cadre of Experts (MiPAC), Cohort III. MiPAC develops performance assessments aligned to Michigan's model competencies in mathematics and English language arts in grades 3-8.



Grades 3-5 mathematics teachers are particularly encouraged to apply.

Working in grade-level teams, participants are expected to attend and contribute approximately 50 hours of job-embedded facilitated professional learning and assessment development over the 2022-23 academic year.

Refer to the full article to learn more about preferred candidate qualifications, benefits of participation, and how to apply for candidacy consideration.

[Read the Full Article Here](https://www.michigan.gov/mde/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/OEAA/Spotlight-Newsletter/Spotlight-5-12-22.pdf)

(<https://www.michigan.gov/mde/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/OEAA/Spotlight-Newsletter/Spotlight-5-12-22.pdf>)

Coming in August: Building a Better Assessment Future Conference

The [Building a Better Assessment Future](https://bit.ly/MAC-BBAF2022) conference (bit.ly/MAC-BBAF2022) will feature opportunities for participants to envision and plan assessment systems that support rigorous standards, ambitious teaching, and higher levels of student learning. Participants will hear from experts, reflect on current practices, and work in collaboration toward a better assessment future.

The conference is Wednesday, August 3 and Thursday, August 4, 2022 at the [Kellogg Center](https://kelloggcenter.com/) (<https://kelloggcenter.com/>) on the campus of Michigan State University.

To learn more and register, visit the [event website](https://bit.ly/MAC-BBAF2022) (bit.ly/MAC-BBAF2022).

[Read the Full Article Here](https://www.michigan.gov/mde/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/OEAA/Spotlight-Newsletter/Spotlight-5-19-22.pdf)

(<https://www.michigan.gov/mde/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/OEAA/Spotlight-Newsletter/Spotlight-5-19-22.pdf>)

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

Paper Score Reports

Printed paper score reports for PSAT 8/9 and PSAT 10 will not be shipped to schools this summer. Educators can print copies of their students' reports as needed from the [College Board K-12 reporting portal](http://k12reports.collegeboard.org) (<http://k12reports.collegeboard.org>).

To print paper score reports:

1. Log into the College Board K-12 reporting portal.
2. Run a detailed roster report.
3. Choose the **Score Reports/Labels Printing** tab.
4. Check the box next to the name of each student whose score report you want to print.
5. Click **Score Reports** from **Selected**.

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Important Dates

July 2022

Spotlight Newsletter - Summer Break

July 1-31, 2022

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

July 11 - October 27, 2022 by 5:00 p.m.

DRC Training Webinar for Technology Coordinators: Fall 2022 Early Literacy/Benchmark Assessments/WIDA

Wednesday, July 27, 2022, 10-11 a.m.

- Training for the 2022-23 Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmark Assessments (ELMBA), WIDA Screener, and WIDA ACCESS for ELLS
- [Join the webinar](https://datarecognitioncorp.zoom.us/j/87325159420) (https://datarecognitioncorp.zoom.us/j/87325159420)
- A recording of the webinar and associated resources will be posted the following day in the [DRC INSIGHT Portal](https://mi.drccedirect.com) (https://mi.drccedirect.com)

August 2022

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Thursday, August 4, 2022

DRC Training Webinar for District and Building Coordinators: Fall 2022 Early Literacy/Benchmark Assessments

Thursday, August 13, 2022, 10-11 a.m.

- Training for new or returning district and building coordinators
- [Join the webinar](https://datarecognitioncorp.zoom.us/j/81540318202) (https://datarecognitioncorp.zoom.us/j/81540318202)
- A recording of the webinar and associated resources will be posted the following day in the [DRC INSIGHT Portal](https://mi.drccedirect.com) (https://mi.drccedirect.com)

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

August 22 - October 28, 2022

Contacts

For assistance with assessment or accountability issues:

Assessment and Accountability Call Center

877-560-8378 (select appropriate option)

| Options | Topics |
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| 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 Workskills 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 WIDAAMS, 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

For assistance with WIDA Screener, W-APT, and the WIDA Secure Portal questions:

(for questions not covered in options 3 and 5 in the table above)

WIDA Client Services

866-276-7735

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