

Spotlight

on Student Assessment and Accountability

June 28, 2018

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The Spotlight will be on vacation through the month of July.
Weekly editions will resume **August 9, 2018.**

Test Results Embargo Reminder

The Spring 2018 SAT, PSAT 10, PSAT 8/9, ACT WorkKeys, M-STEP, and MI-Access reports and data are EMBARGOED until the public release of Spring 2018 assessment results later this summer. Districts and schools will be notified through the Spotlight on Student Assessment and Accountability newsletter when the embargo has been lifted.

IMPORTANT – While individual student results may be shared with parents when they become available, it is NOT permissible to share any school-, district-, or state-level results with parents, the community, or other external parties until the embargo is lifted by the Michigan Department of Education (MDE). School Board meetings are considered open meetings; therefore, the sharing of embargoed assessment results at these meetings is not permissible until the embargo is lifted.

SAT test scores are available to educators starting this week. PSAT 10 and PSAT 8/9 test scores will be available the **week of July 9, 2018**. ACT WorkKeys school-level and student-level paper reports are scheduled for delivery to schools the **week of August 6 - 10, 2018**.

M-STEP and MI-Access Student Data Files will be available in the [OEAA Secure Site](http://www.michigan.gov/oeaa-secure) (www.michigan.gov/oeaa-secure) in late July or early August. These data will also be EMBARGOED until the public release of Spring 2018 assessment results later this summer.

Key:  Reminder (previously run article)

Spring 2018 Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmark Student Data Files

The downloadable **Spring 2018 Student Data Files** for the Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmark assessments are now available on the [MDE Secure Site](http://www.michigan.gov/oeaa-secure) (www.michigan.gov/oeaa-secure).

To download your school's student data files, go to the **Report** menu and select **Student Test Scores**. Then choose the desired Test Cycle and request the Report Type of **Student Data File**. Student data files contain only student-level data.

You will find the **Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmark Assessment Student Data File Format** under **Report Descriptions** on the Student Test Scores page.

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Student Test Scores

To access the M-STEP and MI-Access Preliminary Reports, click on the Dynamic Score Reports link to the right of the Report Type after you select Spring 2016 M-STEP or MI-Access from the Test Cycle drop down or go to the Dynamic Report page under the Reports menu at the top.

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Report Descriptions
[Student Data File Format Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmark Assessment \(modified on 6/2018\)](#)

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Updated DRC System Requirements

Data Recognition Corporation (DRC) [Supported System Requirements](#) for the Spring 2019 online testing are available on [eDIRECT](https://mi.drccdirect.com) (<https://mi.drccdirect.com>) under **Applications** → **General Information** → **Documents**.

The major change is that older operating systems are aging out. These include Mac OS X 10.10, iOS 10.3.x, and Chrome OS 65 and below. (Chrome OS 65 is not old yet, but it will be a year out of date when spring testing starts.) This also eliminates iPad 4th Generation devices that cannot run iOS 11.x. DRC will be adding a Windows 10 S client for INSIGHT to the Microsoft Store (free, but 10 S uses only Store apps) later this summer.

The 9.0 version of INSIGHT 2018-2019 will be available late in the day on **June 28, 2018**, as will the updated version of Central Office Services (COS). Testing Site Managers (TSMs) will not be getting a new version, so your existing installation will continue to work for 2018-2019.

Both Central Office and TSMs will be supported through Spring 2019. Schools can use Central Office for both WIDA and M-STEP this coming year. DRC does not expect to have response caching in Central Office by then, so schools wanting that functionality will continue to need a TSM.

Don't forget to respond to the following MDE surveys before they close:

- The [MI-Access survey](#)  **closes tomorrow – Friday, June 29, 2018** (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WH56PLB>)

We appreciate your feedback. Thank you!

Fall 2018 WIDA Workshop Registration is Open

The Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability (OEAA), the Office of Educational Supports (OES), and WIDA are offering four free workshops this fall that may be of interest to school improvement teams, building- and district-level administrators, Title III directors, English Learner (EL) educators, WIDA test coordinators, and content area teachers. The workshops are designed to aid educators in using student achievement results in meaningful and appropriate ways for instructional and school improvement purposes, as well as to provide in-depth training for administering the online and paper-based screener assessments. Space is limited, so early registration is recommended. Additional WIDA workshops will be announced later in the fall, so keep watching the Spotlight for more details.

Workshop 1: WIDA Screener Online Training

This workshop is designed for test administrators of the online WIDA Screener English language proficiency assessment in grades 1–12. During this training, participants will work collaboratively to strengthen their understanding of the administration of WIDA Screener Online. This includes learning to administer the online assessment to students. Attention will be given to developing inter-rater reliability when scoring the speaking and writing domains. Participants will utilize a multitude of practice items to be scored with the scoring scales. All participants must have computers or tablets and an internet connection to access sample items and the WIDA Assessment Management System (AMS).

A light continental breakfast and lunch will be provided.

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Date of Workshop: Monday, August 20, 2018, from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM (8:00 – 9:00 AM registration and breakfast)

Location: Kent ISD, 2930 Knapp Street NE, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49525

[Registration link](#)

Workshop 2: WIDA Screener Paper Training

This workshop is designed for test administrators of the paper-based WIDA Screener in grades 1–12. During this training, participants will work collaboratively to strengthen their understanding of how to administer the assessment. This includes test administration beginning with the entry task, and then continuing to Path A or Path B. Attention will be given to the administration and scoring of Speaking and Writing sections of the assessment using practice items.

A light continental breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Date of Workshop: Tuesday, August 21, 2018, from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM (8:00 – 9:00 AM registration and breakfast)

Location: Kent ISD, 2930 Knapp Street NE, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49525

[Registration link](#)

Workshop 3: Leading Schools for Multilingual Learner Achievement

Educational leaders are key to improving academic language development and academic achievement for multilingual learners. The purpose of this workshop is for school leaders to reflect on their school's policies and systems in order to craft a personal leadership action plan that promotes equitable educational

opportunities for multilingual learners. Specific topics addressed will include policy; instructional leadership; and collaborative relationships between students, teachers, families and data teams that are necessary for language learners to thrive. Participants will engage in interactive tasks related to equitable instruction for multilingual learners, discussions and reflections, video analysis, and action planning. It is recommended that teams of 2-3 district- and building-level administrators from the same school or district attend this workshop together.

Lunch will be provided.

Dates of Workshop: Monday, October 8 AND Tuesday, October 9, 2018 (2-day workshop), from 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM

Location: Van Buren ISD, 490 South Paw Paw Street, Lawrence, MI 49064

[Registration link](#)

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Lunch will be provided.

Dates of Workshop: Thursday, October 11 AND Friday, October 12, 2018 (2-day workshop), from 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM

Location: Troy School District Services Building, 4420 Livernois Road, Troy, MI 48098

[Registration link](#)

If you have questions about these workshops, or need help with registration, please contact MDE-EL@michigan.gov, or call 877-560-8378, Option 8.

SAT Corner

Information on SAT™, PSAT 8/9™, and PSAT10™ provided by the College Board

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

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

Educator Score Release

Scores for the Michigan-provided 2018 administration of the SAT with Essay have now been released in the [College Board K-12 score portal](#). For information on obtaining access to the K-12 score portal, visit the [College Board Michigan web page](#) (www.collegeboard.org/michigan). Scores for the PSAT 10 and PSAT 8/9 for 9th graders will be available the week of **July 9, 2018**.

Scores are released based on school verification and appeals made during the Answer Document Verification window in the OEAA Secure Site. No changes can be made to the students who appear in the K-12 score portal now that

the Answer Document Verification window activities are complete.

Embargo Reminder

Please remember that all test results are **EMBARGOED** until notification from the Michigan Department of Education (MDE). The embargo will be lifted when school- and district-aggregated SAT results are made publicly available through the MISchoolData portal in late summer or early fall. Prior to public release, PSAT 8/9, PSAT 10, and SAT results may be shared with building and district staff to support their work with students, school improvement, and other internal efforts. However, it is NOT permissible to share any school-, district-, or state-level results with parents, the community, or other external parties until the embargo is lifted by the MDE. School Board meetings are considered open meetings; therefore, the sharing of embargoed assessment results at these meetings is not permissible until the embargo is lifted.

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The Question Analysis Report in the K-12 score portal has been temporarily turned off while we are making enhancements to the portal. This report will be available later this summer.

Counselor Workshops

Recently, Michigan counselors or other school personnel may have received an email about the College Board's Counselor Workshops, which traditionally take place in the fall. These workshops provide information about College Board assessments and programs from a **national** perspective. The Counselor Workshops for Michigan will be scheduled in **September of 2018**. To register for the national workshops, go to the [College Board website](http://www.collegeboard.org/cw) (www.collegeboard.org/cw).

For the past three years, the College Board Michigan field team has also presented Implementation Workshops on the same days as

the Counselor Workshops to provide information about the Michigan administration of the SAT Suite of Assessments as a part of Michigan Merit Examination (MME). This year, the College Board Michigan field team will schedule the Implementation workshops later. This will allow us to provide the most up-to-date and comprehensive information on the Michigan administration, including the most accurate information on the implementation of the PSAT 8/9 in 8th grade in the spring of 2019. Middle school educators should not sign up for the national Counselor Workshops – rather they should attend the Implementation Workshops that will be held later in the fall. High school staff should be represented at **both** kinds of workshops.

Registration links for the Implementation Workshops will be in Spotlight once the scheduling is completed.

Score Report Reminder

School-level and student-level paper reports are scheduled for delivery the week of August 6 - 10, 2018. Please refer to the [June 21, 2018 Spotlight Newsletter](http://www.michigan.gov/mde-spotlight) (www.michigan.gov/mde-spotlight) for more information about:

- what will be included in the reports shipment
- the score embargo
- National Career Readiness Certificates (NCRCs)
- MyWorkKeys.com

Have a GREAT summer and we'll see you in August!

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
9:30 AM – 6:00 PM ET
 - standard time: ext. 2800
 - accommodations: ext. 1788
3. email accommodations questions to ACTStateAccoms@act.org

Important Dates

June 2018

June – September 2018:

- **EL Exit Reporting** – see the **2017-18 English Learner (EL) Exit Reporting Reminders** article in the [June 14 edition of the Spotlight](#) (www.michigan.gov/mde-spotlight) for details and dates

July 2018

Week of July 8, 2018:

- **PSAT 10 and PSAT 8/9 for 9th grade** results released through the [College Board K-12 Score Portal](#)

August 2018

August 6–10, 2018:

- Receive printed **ACT WorkKeys** reports

August 20, 2018, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM:

- **MDE-WIDA Screener Online** Training
[Registration link](#)

August 21, 2018, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM:

- **MDE-WIDA Screener Paper** Training
[Registration link](#)

See you in August!



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