

Spotlight

on Student Assessment and Accountability

August 29, 2019

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2019 M-STEP, PSAT 8/9, and SAT Statewide Results Released

On Thursday, August 29, 2019, the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) publicly released school-, district-, and state-level results of the Spring 2019 Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress (M-STEP), the PSAT™ 8/9, and SAT® with Essay.

M-STEP Results for 2019 show modest student proficiency gains in:

- English language arts scores in grades 3, 4, and 6
- Mathematics scores in grades 3, 5, and 6

Social studies scores declined in all grades tested (5, 8, 11).


PSAT 8/9 scores for students in grade 8 show nearly 62 percent of students reaching proficiency or beyond in English language arts, and 41.4 percent of students showing proficiency in mathematics.

Note: These data set a new baseline for future comparison and cannot be compared with previous M-STEP scores in grade 8.

SAT with Essay scores in both Evidence-Based Reading and Writing (EBRW) and Math show declines this year.

- In English language arts, 55.3 percent of students reached proficiency (also college readiness as defined by the College Board), down from 57.8 percent in 2018.
- In mathematics, 36.3 percent of students reached proficiency (also college readiness as defined by the College Board), down from 36.9 percent in 2018.

To view the August 29 press release, visit the [MDE media release page](#) (www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-5373_6526_6551--,00.html). State assessment score reports and downloadable data files can be found at [MiSchoolData](#) (www.mischooldata.org). School-level reports can also be found on [Michigan's Parent Dashboard](#) (www.mischooldata.org/ParentDashboard).

Key:  Reminder (previously run article)

Spring 2019 Embargo Lifted

The embargo of M-STEP and MI-Access data has been lifted. Schools and districts may share appropriate school, district, and state aggregate-level data reports with school boards, parents, and the community.

As a reminder, reports and data files, including all student-level and unsuppressed aggregate data and reports, that could allow the identification of individual students are protected information under the [Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act](#) (FERPA).

The following aggregate data files including state-level data are available for download through the [Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability \(OEAA\) Secure Site](#) (www.michigan.gov/oeaa-secure) by selecting the **Reports** tab and then selecting **Student Test Scores**:

michigan.gov/oeaa-secure) by selecting the **Reports** tab and then selecting **Student Test Scores**:

- M-STEP
- MI-Access
- WIDA
- SAT with Essay
- PSAT 8/9 and PSAT 10
- Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmark Assessments

The following aggregate reports are available in the **Dynamic Score Reporting Site**, which can be accessed in the OEAA Secure Site by selecting the **Reports** tab, and then selecting **Dynamic Score Reports** from the drop-down menu:

M-STEP Aggregate Reports	Rostered List	School	District	State
Comprehensive Report			X	
Demographic Report		X	X	X
Expectation Analysis Report (social studies only)		X	X	X
Student Roster Report Proficiency Summary (Includes both aggregated and student-level reports)	X	X	X	X

PSAT 8/9 for Grade 8 and SAT with Essay Aggregate Reports	Rostered List	School	District	State
Demographic Report		X	X	X

MI-Access Aggregate Reports	Rostered List	School	District	State
Comprehensive Report			X	
Demographic Report		X	X	X
Expectation Analysis Report (FI only)		X	X	X

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MI-Access Aggregate Reports	Rostered List	School	District	State
Scoring Focus Analysis - P/SI only		X	X	X
Student Roster Report Proficiency Summary (Includes both aggregated and student-level reports)	X	X	X	X

Spring 2019 Early Literacy and Mathematics Aggregate Reports	School	District	State
Demographic Report	X	X	X
Change Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fall to Winter Fall to Spring 	X	X	X

Resources Available for Educators

The OEAA has made several resources available to help educators read and understand the reports, which are available on each assessment web page.

- [2019 Interpretive Guide to M-STEP Reports Training Video](#) and Webcast
- **Interpretive Guide to Reports** – includes detailed information about the data reported, appropriate uses of the data, and each report available
 - ♦ [Interpretive Guide to M-STEP Reports](#)
 - ♦ **Interpretive Guide to MI-Access Reports** (available early September)
 - ♦ [Interpretive Guide to Early Literacy and Mathematics Reports](#)
 - ♦ [Interpretive Guide to MME Reports](#)
 - ♦ **Michigan Grade 8 Testing Interpretive Guide to Reports** (available early September)
- **2019 Performance Level Scale Score Ranges**
 - ♦ [M-STEP Performance Level Scale Score Ranges](#)

- ♦ [MI-Access Performance Level and Score Ranges](#)
- ♦ [Grade 8 Performance Level Scale Score Ranges](#)
- ♦ [Grade 11 Performance Level Scale Score Ranges](#)

NEW for 2019

Assessment selection section for M-STEP, PSAT 8/9, and SAT with Essay: Users can now select which assessment reports to view: M-STEP, PSAT 8/9, or SAT with Essay. The site will default to the assessment selection based on which test cycle selection was made in the OEAA Secure Site. Once in the site, users can select either the M-STEP, PSAT 8/9, or SAT with Essay Reports.

Demographic Groups: The new demographic groups available in 2019 are Foster Care: Yes/No and Military Connected: Yes/No. These filters are reported on the Demographic Reports.

Aggregate Reports no longer suppress data for aggregate groups less than 10. Be sure to follow FERPA requirements when viewing these reports.

ISD-level Aggregate Reports are no longer produced.

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MDE Resources Help Schools Communicate About Student Score Reports

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) has updated several tools for districts and schools to use to discuss and share their Spring 2019 M-STEP, PSAT 8/9, and MME results.

- The customizable [Communications Toolkit for FALL Data Release](#) for school leaders
- The video [How to Read 2019 Parent Reports for M-STEP, PSAT 8/9, and MME](#) visually walks viewers through the M-STEP/ MME parent reports (Available in the “Assessment” playlist on the [MDE YouTube page](#) [www.youtube.com/user/michdepted])
- [How to Read a Student Score Report for Grades 3–8](#)
- [How to Read a Student Score Report for Grade 11](#)

A PowerPoint presentation related to state assessment scores will also be made available on the Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability (OEAA) web page shortly after results are made public.

Transition from TSM to COS-SD – Tech Requirement for Fall Testing

Schools using the WIDA Screener Online or the Michigan Department of Education (MDE)-provided Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmark assessments in September are reminded that Testing Site Managers (TSMs) need to be upgraded to Central Office Services (COS) Service Devices. DRC support for TSMs has ended. See the [August 8, 2019, Spotlight](#) for further details.

Required Assessments for Newly Enrolling Students

The WIDA Screener or Kindergarten W-APT **must** be administered to any newly enrolling students who have

answered one "yes" to either of the two [Home Language Survey \(HLS\) questions](#). Why? Because the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) 2015 requires that schools identify potential English learners (ELs), or non-native English speakers, in a consistent manner, and then provide additional instructional services for students who are identified as ELs.

As outlined in the [Entrance and Exit Protocol](#), schools should include Michigan’s Home Language Survey questions in their enrollment process for parents/guardians of newly enrolling students to complete. Call the Special Populations Unit at 517-241-6974 with any questions related to the Entrance and Exit Protocol. The Home Language Survey and the EL Entrance and Exit Protocol can be found on the [WIDA web page](#) (www.michigan.gov/wida).

Scores for **all students** who took the WIDA Screener or Kindergarten W-APT, regardless of identification as an EL, must be entered into the [Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability \(OEAA\) Secure Site](#) (www.michigan.gov/oeea-secure). Educators are also reminded that they must keep a hard copy of these student’s scores in the student’s permanent record file or CA-60.

Educators must also be sure to communicate efficiently and regularly with their local pupil accounting colleagues to ensure that students who do meet the Entrance Protocol are identified correctly in the Michigan Student Data System (MSDS). **Neither** the Home Language Survey results nor a WIDA Screener or W-APT score that is entered into the OEAA Secure Site automatically identify a student as an EL in MSDS.

Additionally, educators seeking to ensure that recently arrived ELs (students who have been enrolled in U.S. schools for 12 months or less) are eligible for the one-time exemption from having to take the summative English language arts portion of state assessments **must** enter the WIDA screening scores in the OEAA Secure Site.

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WIDA Screener Basics

If you are a new English Learner (EL) Assessment Coordinator for the district and are now responsible for overseeing the WIDA assessments, you are strongly urged to start learning about the Kindergarten W-APT and the WIDA Screener by reading the [WIDA Screener & W-APT Michigan Policy Manual](#) found on the [WIDA web page](#) (www.michigan.gov/wida).

This document is designed to give you basic information about the WIDA assessments as well as help you think about how best to plan for important assessment-related activities.

System Accounts Needed for WIDA Assessments

All EL Assessment Coordinators should have access to the following systems: the Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability (OEAA) Secure Site, WIDA AMS, and the WIDA Secure Portal. Review the relevant chapters of the [Assessment Coordinator Training Guide](#), which is found on each assessment's web page, for more information about gaining access to and using these systems.

Educators who are administering **and** scoring the W-APT or WIDA Screener must have a WIDA Secure Portal account. This account is required for educators to access the online training and quizzes that must be passed to validate that an educator can administer and score these assessments. A district's EL Assessment Coordinator can set up accounts for educators once they have their own access. All educators should review the [WIDA Screener & W-APT Michigan Policy Manual](#) found on the [WIDA web page](#) (www.michigan.gov/wida) for helpful information about administering these assessments.

Featured in the [June 13 Spotlight](#)

What is the formative assessment process and why is it critical to teaching and learning?

Have you had a chance to:

- read the article?
- check out the resources?
- reflect on one or more of the “Put Into Practice” suggestions?

Additional reading on formative assessment: [What conditions are necessary for successful implementation of formative assessment?](https://www.michiganassessmentconsortium.org/wp-content/uploads/2018_May_Conditions_Necessary_for_Implementation_0.pdf) (https://www.michiganassessmentconsortium.org/wp-content/uploads/2018_May_Conditions_Necessary_for_Implementation_0.pdf)

Formative

Interim

Summative

Focus On Assessment Literacy

Additional Fall 2019 WIDA Workshops and Webinars

The Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability (OEAA), the Office of Educational Supports (OES), and WIDA are offering free workshops and webinars 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. Space is limited, so early registration is recommended.

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The following trainings were announced in a previous Spotlight. Register for a training using the provided link.

Workshop: Leading Schools for Multilingual Learner Achievement

Note: This workshop is only for school principals and administrators who are responsible for school-level policies, leading school improvement planning and data analysis processes, and making decisions about programs and professional development.

Date of Workshop: Tuesday, October 1 and 2, 2019
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM (8:00 – 9:00 AM registration and breakfast)

Location: Wayne County Community College –
Downriver Campus, EPAC 5 & 6, 21000 Northline Rd,
Taylor, MI, 48180

[Registration link](https://wida-leading-schools-el-achievement.eventbrite.com) (https://wida-leading-schools-el-achievement.eventbrite.com)

Webinar: Screener Online Overview

Date of Webinar: Wednesday, September 11, 2019
10:00 – 11:00 AM

[Registration link](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wida-screener-overview-webinar-registration-68023725795) (https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wida-screener-overview-webinar-registration-68023725795)

The following four workshops are being offered in half-day sessions at two locations. You are encouraged to sign up for a full day of training, which includes two workshops, at the location most convenient for you. Register for a workshop using the provided link.

Workshop: WIDA ACCESS for ELLs Test Administration Online (2 dates/locations)

This training is designed for ACCESS for ELLs Grades 1-12 Online Test Administrators.

During this training, test administrators explore how the WIDA Standards and Assessment System connects to the ACCESS for ELLs Online. Participants will learn to

administer the online test to students. All participants must have computers or tablets and an internet connection to access sample items and the WIDA Assessment Management System.

A light continental breakfast will be provided.

Date and location #1:

Tuesday, December 3, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Library of Michigan, Lake Michigan Room
702 W. Kalamazoo St. Lansing, MI 48909

[Registration link](https://wida-access-online-ta-training-120319am.eventbrite.com) (https://wida-access-online-ta-training-120319am.eventbrite.com)

Date and location #2:

Wednesday, December 4, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Wayne County Community College Downriver Campus,
EPAC 5&6, 21000 Northline Road, Taylor, MI 48180

[Registration link](https://wida-access-online-ta-training-120419am.eventbrite.com) (https://wida-access-online-ta-training-120419am.eventbrite.com)

Workshop: WIDA Kindergarten ACCESS Test Administration Online (2 dates/locations)

This training is designed for Kindergarten ACCESS for ELLs Test Administrators.

During this training, test administrators will explore how the WIDA Standards and Assessment System connects to Kindergarten ACCESS for ELLs in its unique test design. Participants will learn to administer and score the Kindergarten assessment.

A light afternoon snack and beverage will be provided.

Date and location #1:

Tuesday, December 3, 1:00 – 4:00 PM
Library of Michigan, Lake Michigan Room
702 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing, MI 48909

[Registration link](https://wida-k-access-online-ta-training-120319pm.eventbrite.com) (https://wida-k-access-online-ta-training-120319pm.eventbrite.com)

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Date and location #2:

Wednesday, December 4, 1:00 – 4:00 PM
Wayne County Community College Downriver Campus,
EPAC 5&6, 21000 Northline Road, Taylor, MI, 48180

[Registration link](https://wida-k-access-online-training-120419pm.eventbrite.com) (https://wida-k-access-online-training-120419pm.eventbrite.com)

Webinar: Alternate ACCESS Overview Webinar

This is a great introductory overview of the WIDA Alternate ACCESS and will benefit new WIDA test coordinators. This webinar will provide participants with an overview of the Alternate ACCESS for ELLs assessment to support understanding and implementation.

Once you are registered, you will be sent directions on how to attend the webinar.

Date of Webinar: Wednesday, December 18, 2019,
10:00 – 11:30 AM

[Registration link](https://wida-alternate-access-overview-121819-1000-1130.eventbrite.com) (https://wida-alternate-access-overview-121819-1000-1130.eventbrite.com)



College Board Corner

Information on SAT®, PSAT™ 8/9, and PSAT™ 10 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

Getting Ready for 2020 – Save the Date for Fall Implementation Workshops

Implementation workshops are free and provide information about the Michigan-provided SAT with Essay, PSAT 10, and PSAT 8/9 for grades 8 and 9 in the spring of 2020. The workshop is important for building administrators and building test coordinators. Learn about the latest enhancements and changes for the spring administration, preparing for and administering the College Board exams, spring implementation timelines, and about our professional development offerings to prepare you for Spring 2020.

Schools that will administer the PSAT 8/9 for grade 8 are HIGHLY encouraged to attend.

The College Board is partnering with MCAN (Michigan College Access Network) to provide SCECHs to registered participants.

[Workshop Registration](http://www.collegeboard.org/michiganworkshops) (www.collegeboard.org/michiganworkshops)

Date	Location	City
10/1/2019	Genesee ISD	Flint
10/1/2019	Macomb ISD	Clinton Township
10/2/2019	Wayne County Community College	Wayne
10/7/2019	Oakland ISD	Waterford
10/8/2019	Menominee ISD	Menominee
10/10/2019	Kalamazoo RESA	Portage
10/11/2019	Ingham ISD	Lansing
10/11/2019	Jackson ISD	Jackson
10/11/2019	St. Joseph ISD	Centreville
10/24/2019	Clare-Gladwin RESD	Clare
10/24/2019	Delta Schoolcraft ISD	Escanaba
10/25/2019	Copper Country ISD	Hancock
10/28/2019	Kent ISD	Grand Rapids
10/29/2019	Marquette-Alger ISD	Marquette
10/30/2019	Eastern UP ISD	Sault Ste. Marie
10/30/2019	Traverse Bay Area ISD	Traverse City
11/1/2019	Alpena-Montmorency-Alcona ESD	Alpena

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Important Dates

August 2019

Now – September 11, 2019

- **Graduation Rate Appeals** window

Now – September 11, 2019 at 11:59 PM

- **MSDS Student Record Maintenance (SRM) Collection** – English Learner (EL) Exits must be reported and certified in the SRM using an [As of Date] between July 1 and August 31, 2019 AND an [EL/LEP Exit Date] on or before June 30, 2019

Early Literacy and Mathematics

Now – October 3, 2019

- Pre-identification of students on the OEAA Secure Site for the fall **Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmark Assessments (K-2)**

September 2019

Early Literacy and Mathematics

September 9 – October 4, 2019

- **Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmark Assessments (K-2)** Fall Testing Window

WIDA

September 11, 2019, 10:00 to 11:00 AM

- **Screener Online Overview Webinar** – introductory overview of the WIDA Screener Online which will benefit new WIDA test coordinators

[Registration link](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wida-screener-overview-webinar-registration-68023725795) (https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wida-screener-overview-webinar-registration-68023725795)

October 2019

WIDA

Tuesday and Wednesday, October 1 and 2, 2019, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM:

- **Workshop 2: Leading Schools for Multilingual Learner Achievement**

Location: Wayne Community College – Downriver Campus, 21000 Northline Rd., Taylor MI 48180 EPAC 5 & 6

[Registration link](https://wida-leading-schools-el-achievement.eventbrite.com) (https://wida-leading-schools-el-achievement.eventbrite.com)

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For assistance with assessment or accountability issues:

Assessment and Accountability Call Center

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 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 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

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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