

Spotlight

on Student Assessment and Accountability

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WIDA Workshop: Writing with Multilingual Students in the Elementary Grades

The Michigan Department of Education's Office of Educational Services (OES), Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability (OEAA) and WIDA are offering a two-day workshop that will interest elementary teachers who want to improve the writing skills of their English learners. This workshop focuses on writing instruction that supports the use of the Teaching and Learning Cycle to empower multilingual writers, not only to produce successful academic writing, but more importantly, to communicate effectively for a variety of purposes and different audiences. We want students to know how to leverage writing as a powerful tool to understand the world, express themselves effectively, learn from one another, and argue for the things they believe in. This vision requires intentional, language-focused instruction and is strengthened when it occurs through authentic writing tasks in the content areas.

In this interactive workshop, we will explore a pedagogical approach that apprentices multilingual learners into writing in various academic genres. Specifically, we'll look at examples of this in science and consider how this approach develops multilingual learners' writing skills and their awareness of how language works in written form. This will allow them to become effective and informed writers, not only in science but across content areas.

WIDA facilitator: Melissa Paton


Date and time: November 13 – 14, 2019, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

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

Registration (<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/writing-with-multilingual-learners-in-the-elementary-grades-registration-64263636266>)

Want To Help Make WIDA Better?

WIDA is looking for a diverse set of educators to participate in upcoming assessment development events. Interested educators should complete a [short survey](http://go.wisc.edu/2sy0xa) (<http://go.wisc.edu/2sy0xa>). Based on your answers, WIDA may contact you about events such as writing test questions or participating on a Bias and Sensitivity Review Committee. Please consider participating so that Michigan's voice can be represented.

Key:  Reminder (previously run article)



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 6–January 31, 2020**.

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 18, 2019, 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!**



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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

School Establishment

Establishment is the process whereby the College Board knows which schools are administering the PSAT 8/9 for Grades 8 and 9, PSAT 10, and SAT with Essay, and is based on rules that are coordinated with the Michigan Department of Education.

Public schools and nonpublic schools are established through different processes.

- Most traditional public schools will be automatically established to participate.
- Nonpublic schools must indicate their intent to participate each year for each assessment. If a nonpublic school chooses to administer the SAT, all parts of the MME (ACT WorkKeys and M-STEP) must also be administered. If a nonpublic school chooses to administer the PSAT 8/9 for grade 8, the M-STEP science and social studies must also be administered.

District assessment coordinators, principals, and test coordinators of all nonpublic schools and the public schools that aren't automatically established will receive an email the week of October 21 with instructions for how to indicate your intent to participate. **Respond as soon as possible if you plan to administer the assessments.**

The Test Center Participation page in the OEAA Secure Site identifies which assessments your school is established to administer and will be updated daily as establishment activities occur. For information on accessing this page, visit the [Secure Site Training web page](http://www.michigan.gov/securesitetraining) (www.michigan.gov/securesitetraining).

- Establishment occurs on a rolling basis and will be reflected as establishment activities progress. **Allow for potential updates.**
- Contact the Michigan Educator Hotline at 866-870-3127 if establishment information is not correct by mid-December.
- Once the school provides the intent to participate, allow 1-2 weeks for this information to be refreshed in the OEAA Secure Site.

Starting in early November, verify the assessments your school has been established for in the OEAA Secure Site. If a school:

- has been automatically established and plans to administer the assessment, no action is needed
- does not meet the autoestablishment rules for a particular assessment, the school will need to indicate their intent to participate for that assessment
- has been automatically established and does not plan to administer the assessment, contact College Board immediately

Important Note: Schools must be established to participate separately for each College Board assessment they expect to administer in Spring 2020. For example, a traditional public high school should verify in the OEAA Secure Site Test Center Participation

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page that they are set up to participate in the SAT with Essay, the PSAT 10, and the PSAT 8/9 for grade 9. All public schools with 8th grade students should verify that they are established to participate in the PSAT 8/9 for grade 8.

Preparing for Spring 2020

Tasks you can be doing **now** to prepare your school for the spring administration of PSAT 8/9 for Grade 8 and 9, PSAT 10, and SAT with Essay:

- Register for a free implementation workshop. For information, refer to the [September 12](#) Spotlight.
- For those who cannot attend a face-to-face workshop, register for the [Implementation Webinar](https://tinyurl.com/2020MichiganImplementation) (https://tinyurl.com/2020MichiganImplementation) scheduled for **November 7 from 9:00–10:30 AM**. This will be a presentation of the same information presented at the workshops.
- SSD (Services for Students with Disabilities) coordinators can register for an [Accommodations and Supports Webinar](https://tinyurl.com/2020MichiganAccommodations) (https://tinyurl.com/2020MichiganAccommodations) scheduled for **December 5 from 1:00–2:30 PM**. This

webinar will assist new and returning SSD coordinators with the process of applying for accommodations through the SSD Online system. This will be especially helpful for new SSD coordinators. We will also review administering the SAT with Essay, PSAT 10, or PSAT 8/9 for grades 8 and 9 with accommodations and English Learner supports.

Both webinars will be recorded and posted on the [MME](http://www.michigan.gov/mme) (www.michigan.gov/mme) and [PSAT](http://www.michigan.gov/psat) (www.michigan.gov/psat) web pages approximately one week after the webinar is completed. All registrants will receive an email with a PDF of the presentation and a link to the recording. Therefore, if you cannot attend during the live session, it is suggested to still register to get these resources emailed to you.

- Ensure SSD coordinators have access to SSD Online. For information, refer to the [September 12](#) Spotlight.
- Update EEM with test coordinator information. For information, refer to the [September 12](#) Spotlight.

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Upcoming Manage Participation

The ACT WorkKeys assessment is one of three required components of the Michigan Merit Exam (MME) for grade 11 and required grade 12 students. All public schools are required to administer the full Michigan Merit Examination (MME), which consists of the ACT WorkKeys, SAT, and M-STEP science and social studies assessments. If a nonpublic school chooses to administer any one of the three MME components, they will be expected to administer all three components to their students.

The first step in the ACT WorkKeys assessment is to indicate your school's participation status and to select your preferred materials receipt dates. This is called the Manage Participation process and must be completed between **November 4** and **November 29, 2019**. The process will take approximately five minutes.

All schools, public and nonpublic, must confirm in PearsonAccess^{next} that they are participating in order to receive test materials and administer the WorkKeys assessment.

Instructions on completing the Manage Participation process will be emailed to the District Assessment Coordinators and the WorkKeys Test Coordinators listed in the [Educational Entity Master \(EEM\)](http://www.michigan.gov/eem) (www.michigan.gov/eem) the week of **October 28, 2019**.

ACT will email the PearsonAccess^{next} login information only to the WorkKeys Test Coordinators listed in the EEM for both public and nonpublic schools. If the WorkKeys Test Coordinator does not receive this email by **November 5, 2019**, contact ACT at the web page or phone number listed below.

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

Important Dates

October 2019

SAT and PSAT

Now – November 1, 2019

- Implementation Workshops for **SAT with Essay, PSAT 10, and PSAT 8/9** – [Workshop Registration](http://www.collegeboard.org/michiganworkshops) (www.collegeboard.org/michiganworkshops)

M-STEP, MI-Access, and WIDA

October 21 – November 26, 2019

- **M-STEP, MI-Access FI, and WIDA** Online Testing Waiver request window

November 2019

ACT WorkKeys

November 4 – 29, 2019

- **ACT WorkKeys** Manage Participation Window

SAT and PSAT

November 7, 2019

- Implementation Webinar for **SAT with Essay, PSAT 10, and PSAT 8/9** – [Webinar Registration](https://tinyurl.com/2020MichiganImplementation) (https://tinyurl.com/2020MichiganImplementation)

December 2019

December 4, 2019, 10:00 AM

- **DRC Technology Coordinator Webinar** – [Zoom Access to webinar](https://datarecognitioncorp.zoom.us/j/831651825) (https://datarecognitioncorp.zoom.us/j/831651825)

SAT and PSAT

December 5, 2019, 1:00 – 2:30 PM

- Accommodations and Supports Webinar for **SAT with Essay, PSAT 10, and PSAT 8/9**
[Webinar Registration](https://tinyurl.com/2020MichiganAccommodations) (https://tinyurl.com/2020MichiganAccommodations)

WIDA

December 3, 2019, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

- **WIDA ACCESS for ELLs Test Administration Online Workshop 1** – Library of Michigan, Lake Michigan Room, 702 W. Kalamazoo St. Lansing, MI 48909
[Registration link](https://wida-access-online-training-120319am.eventbrite.com) (https://wida-access-online-training-120319am.eventbrite.com)

December 3, 2019, 1:00 – 4:00 PM

- **WIDA Kindergarten ACCESS Test Administration Workshop 2** – Library of Michigan, Lake Michigan Room, 702 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing, MI 48909
[Registration link](https://wida-k-access-online-training-120319pm.eventbrite.com) (https://wida-k-access-online-training-120319pm.eventbrite.com)

December 4, 2019, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

- **WIDA ACCESS for ELLs Test Administration Online Workshop 3** – Wayne County Community College Downriver Campus, EPAC 5&6, 21000 Northline Road, Taylor, MI 48180
[Registration link](https://wida-access-online-training-120419am.eventbrite.com) (https://wida-access-online-training-120419am.eventbrite.com)

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December 4, 2019, 1:00 – 4:00 PM

- **WIDA Kindergarten ACCESS Test Administration Workshop 4** – 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)

December 18, 2019, 10:00 – 11:30 AM

- **WIDA Alternate ACCESS Overview Webinar**
[Registration link](https://wida-alternate-access-overview-121819-1000-1130.eventbrite.com) (https://wida-alternate-access-overview-121819-1000-1130.eventbrite.com)

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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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