


# Spotlight

## on Student Assessment and Accountability

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### Fall 2020 High School Testing Information Now Available

Information about the Fall 2020 school day testing provided by the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is now available on the [MME](http://www.michigan.gov/mme) ([www.michigan.gov/mme](http://www.michigan.gov/mme)) and [PSAT](http://www.michigan.gov/psast) ([www.michigan.gov/psast](http://www.michigan.gov/psast)) web pages. The [Fall 2020 School Day Testing for MDE-Provided SAT with Essay, PSAT/NMSQT, and PSAT 8/9](#) can be found under the **What's New** section of both web pages.


This document confirms the assessments that are to be administered to students in grades 9-12 in the fall of this year. A table with dates for each assessment is available, along with information on accommodations, systems that will be used to support this testing, parental consent for the Student Search Service, and additional information to help in the planning for Fall 2020 testing. This is a living document and will be updated as additional information is known.

### WIDA ACCESS for ELLs Verification Windows and Reporting Schedule

English Learner Assessment Coordinators should review the following schedule of remaining activities for the Spring 2020 WIDA ACCESS for ELLs and WIDA Alternate ACCESS for ELLs administration.

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) will have two rounds of releasing score reports, but there will be only one opportunity for schools to review and submit issues through Answer Document Verification in the OEAA Secure Site. Schools will also have an opportunity to view the Accountable

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Students and Not Tested report and to submit changes in the Michigan Student Data System (MSDS) for reporting. As a reminder, there is no accountability reporting for 2019/2020 school year.

As noted, summative WIDA testing materials will fall into two categories:

- **Round 1:** materials received at DRC by May 6
- **Round 2:** materials received at DRC by August 7

If you have not yet returned your summative WIDA ACCESS for ELLs and WIDA Alternate ACCESS for ELLs materials, make plans to do so by **August 7, 2020**, while keeping in accordance with Executive Order 2020-35, which has closed schools for the academic year. Directions for returning materials can be found in the [April 9, 2020 Spotlight](#). The dates for the release of reports and submitting of issues are as follows.

- **Accountable Students and Student Demographics in OEAA Secure Site** – includes all English learner students in grades K-12
  - » Monday, May 18 – Friday, June 26, 2020
- **Test Verification (Answer Documents Received) in OEAA Secure Site** – includes all electronic and paper/pencil answer documents received or expected to be received
  - » Tuesday, June 23 – Friday, June 26, 2020
- **Student Data File available in OEAA Secure Site** – only Round 1 materials
  - » Early August
- **Reports posted to WIDA AMS** – only Round 1 materials
  - » Tuesday, August 4, 2020

- **Final Material Return Deadline** - Round 2
  - » Friday, August 7, 2020
- **Student Data File available in OEAA Secure Site** – includes Round 1 and Round 2 materials
  - » Mid-September
- **Reports posted to WIDA AMS** – includes Round 1 and Round 2 materials
  - » Mid-September
- **Hard copy reports for Round 1 and 2** – arrive in districts
  - » Friday, October 16, 2020

## WIDA ACCESS and WIDA Alternate ACCESS for ELLs Answer Documents Received

Districts and schools will have the opportunity to view the Answer Documents Received for the Spring 2020 WIDA ACCESS and WIDA Alternate ACCESS and to report issues for possible resolution on the OEAA Secure Site **June 23 – June 26, 2020**.

Spring 2020 English learner assessment results will not be used for accountability reporting purposes; therefore schools will not submit a reason why a student did not test as in previous years. Schools will need to verify only that tests that have been taken, either online or by paper/pencil are accounted for and that there are no outstanding issues that might need resolution.

Instructions for the Answer Documents Received and Not Tested function can be found on the [Secure Site Training web page](http://www.michigan.gov/secaresitetraining) (www.michigan.gov/secaresitetraining).

## WIDA ACCESS and WIDA Alternate ACCESS for ELLs Student Demographics for Reporting

The Accountable Students and Demographics page for English learners in grades K-12 on the OEAA Secure Site will open on May 18, 2020. The student demographic information will be used on the WIDA ACCESS and WIDA Alternate ACCESS for ELLs reports only. Spring 2020 English learner assessment results will not be used for accountability reporting purposes. The page will display the school's current enrollment for students identified as the English learners along with their demographic information from the Michigan Student Data System (MSDS). Schools should verify the enrollment of English learners listed and the student demographics. If updates need to be made in MSDS, work with your district MSDS person to make updates by midnight on **June 26, 2020**.

The Accountable Students and Demographic page will be updated daily, so it will continue to update as student record maintenance (SRM) files are submitted and certified in MSDS through midnight on **June 26, 2020**.

It is important to let your district MSDS person know to update enrollment records, student demographics, and especially student EL status changes in MSDS by midnight, **June 26, 2020**, with a student record maintenance (SRM) file **using an "as of" date on or before March 20, 2020**, to ensure the student's scores are not invalidated. If you are not sure who the district MSDS authorized user is, you can find their name and contact information on the District and School Contact page of the OEAA Secure Site.

Instructions for the Accountable Students and Demographics function can be found on the [Secure Site Training web page](http://www.michigan.gov/secaresitetraining) (www.michigan.gov/secaresitetraining).

## Accessing the Recordings of Formative Assessment in Online Learning Environments Webinars

Recordings and resources from the first two webinars are now available on the [Michigan Assessment Consortium website](http://www.michiganassessmentconsortium.org) (www.michiganassessmentconsortium.org).

**April 23, 2020** – [Using the formative assessment process to enhance student learning in an online environment: Getting started](#)

**May 6, 2020** – [Formative Feedback: Navigating the complexity of engaging student thinking](#)

You will find the recording, handouts, and supplemental resources on each event page. The webinars have been highlighting the work of and examples from the Michigan Great Lakes Virtual Academy (MGLVA) and FAME coaches Lindsey Howe and Jay Scheuer. Jay and Lindsey share experiences, strategies, and technology tools that support their instruction, curriculum, and assessment decisions.

**Session #3** is scheduled for **June 16, 2020, from 1:00–2:30 p.m. ET**. It is tentatively titled, *Creating and Implementing Online Learning Lessons with Student Engagement in Mind*. Event description, participant expectations, and registration will be available soon on the [Michigan Assessment Consortium event website](http://www.michiganassessmentconsortium.org/events) (www.michiganassessmentconsortium.org/events).



## FAME Project New Coach Applications Deadline is Friday, May 15

**FAME** The Formative Assessment for Michigan Educators (FAME) project is entering its 13th year and is now seeking interested educators who would like to lead a local learning team of teachers to explore, implement, and reflect on the formative assessment process in their classrooms. FAME coaches are not expected to be the local expert on the formative assessment process—rather FAME coaches are learners along with their learning team.

More information on the FAME project and access to the online [2020-21 New FAME Coach application](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NewCoachApp) (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NewCoachApp>) is available on the [MDE Formative Assessment Process page](http://www.michigan.gov/formativeassessment) ([www.michigan.gov/formativeassessment](http://www.michigan.gov/formativeassessment)) or the [FAME public page](https://famemichigan.org) (<https://famemichigan.org>)

The deadline to apply is **Friday, May 15, 2020**. If you have any questions, contact Kim Young, MDE/OEAA, at [youngk1@michigan.gov](mailto:youngk1@michigan.gov) or 517-241-7061.