

Spotlight

on Student Assessment and Accountability

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Week of August 19, 2021

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Embargoed Aggregated Assessment Data Coming Soon

In anticipation of the planned public release of Spring 2021 In anticipation of the planned public release of Spring 2021 assessment results on Tuesday, August 31, 2021, the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) and the Center for Educational Performance and Information (CEPI) will provide embargoed aggregated assessment data for districts to use for planning purposes. Districts will have the following embargoed data available for district review by the close of business on Tuesday, August 24:

System	Reports/Files
OEEA Secure Site	Downloadable Aggregate Data files for: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• M-STEP• SAT with Essay• PSAT 10• PSAT 8/9 for grade 9• PSAT 8/9 for grade 8• MI-Access
OEEA Dynamic Score Reporting Site	Demographic reports for: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• M-STEP• SAT with Essay• PSAT 8/9 for grade 8
MI School Data	Aggregate data for: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grades 3-8 State Testing (M-STEP, PSAT and MI-Access data)• High School State Testing (M-STEP and MI-Access data)• College Readiness (SAT data)

Reminder: Spring 2021 test results are **embargoed** until the public release of Spring 2021 assessment results on August 31, 2021.

While individual student results may be shared with parents at this time, 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.

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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.

Additional Spring 2021 Student Level Reports Available This Week

The following additional student level reports for PSAT™ 8/9, SAT® with Essay, and M-STEP are now available in the Dynamic Score Reporting Site, which is accessed through the OEAA Secure Site:

- PSAT 8/9 Individual Student Report (ISR)
- SAT with Essay Individual Student Report (ISR)
- PSAT 8/9 Student Roster
- SAT with Essay Student Roster
- M-STEP Student Overview including PSAT in grade 8 and SAT in grade 11
- M-STEP science reports now available:
 - » M-STEP Individual Student Report
 - » M-STEP Student Roster Report

Incomplete results are sometimes being returned when generating PDF files. The Michigan Department of Education and our reporting vendor are working to resolve this issue as soon as possible.

The COVID-19 pandemic created significant challenges to instruction during the 2020-21 school year. As a result, the data from the Spring 2021 PSAT 8/9, SAT with Essay, and the M-STEP assessments should be used with caution and in combination with other local assessment data (including benchmark assessment data) to confirm and interpret the results of individual students.

Reminder: Spring 2021 test results are **embargoed** until the public release of Spring 2021 assessment results currently planned for August 31, 2021.

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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. 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.

No Embargo for WIDA ACCESS for ELLs & WIDA Alternate ACCESS for ELLs Scores

Unlike other spring state assessment data, the summative Spring 2021 WIDA assessment scores are not embargoed. The scores and reports are now available and ready to be used by districts for their appropriate purposes.

2020-2021 Graduation Rate Appeals Window

The Center for Educational Performance and Information (CEPI) has opened the 2020-2021 Graduation Rate Appeals Window in the Michigan Student Data System (MSDS). Appealable Graduation Rates were published in the Graduation and Dropout (GAD) application on August 2, 2021.

CEPI sent communication to all schools and districts; however, we are following up on that communication to stress the importance of ensuring graduation rate data are carefully reviewed and that any necessary corrections are made now.

Graduation rates are an important part of accountability calculations. If you have not already done so, take advantage of the opportunity to review and potentially appeal your graduation rate data for the 2020-2021 school year. During the appeals window, you can report end-of-summer graduates, submit cohort year changes, update exit status, and request unique identification code (UIC) linking.

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Graduation rates can only be appealed during the graduate rate appeals window in the MSDS through September 15, 2021.

It is imperative that you review your graduation rate data during the appeals window; these data will impact 2021-2022 accountability results. While we are fully committed to ensuring accurate data in graduation rate reporting, we must also meet certain reporting deadlines that do not allow us to change data after the graduation rate appeals window has closed. Take time to review these data now to ensure your school and district graduation rates are accurate.

For the most up-to-date information on the appeals window, please visit the [CEPI MSDS Graduation and Dropout Information web page](#). This webpage includes numerous user support materials, including a user guide, frequently asked questions, and a summary of district action needed. If you have any questions, send an email message to CEPI customer support at CEPI@michigan.gov. Include your name, telephone number (including area code and extension), and school/district name along with your message.

Updates to M-STEP Spring 2022 Test Administration Window

The Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability (OEAA) is excited to announce changes to the 2022 M-STEP test administration window that will allow for increased flexibility for schools and districts. The updated Spring 2022 Testing Schedule for Summative Assessments is available on the [Assessment Calendars web page](#).

When the OEAA began online testing in 2015, we created a larger segmented set of testing windows, intended to balance technology infrastructure needs and create year-to-year comparability. Now, six years later, technology conditions and internet bandwidth have greatly improved, and we have decreased the overall footprint of testing windows. The OEAA believes these changes will maximize district flexibility

in administering M-STEP assessments in a manner best suited to the needs of local schools and districts.

The six-week online testing window applies to all grades and content areas with the exception of grade 3 English language arts (ELA). The grade 3 ELA test has a four-week administration window, to facilitate the identification of and communication with and about students impacted by Michigan's Read by Grade 3 law.

The four-week paper/pencil testing window applies to all grades and content areas.

What's New?	
Online Testing	Grades 3 (mathematics only), 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11 have one six-week administration window: April 11 through May 20, 2022.
	Grade 3 (English language arts only) has a four-week administration window: April 11 through May 6, 2022.
Paper/Pencil Testing	All grades and content areas will have one four-week administration window: April 11 through May 6, 2022.

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Reminder: SAT with Essay and PSAT Primary Test Dates Changing in Spring 2022

Based on feedback from the field that the Tuesday after most schools return from Spring Break is an inconvenient day for testing, the primary test dates for SAT with Essay, PSAT 8/9, and PSAT 10 are moving from Tuesday to Wednesday. This will provide schools an additional day to prepare for the administration of these assessments. As a result, the initial test day for ACT WorkKeys will now be on Thursday. For Spring 2022 these primary assessment dates are:

- SAT with Essay and PSAT 8/9 in grade 8: Wednesday, April 13, 2022
- ACT WorkKeys: Thursday, April 14, 2022
- PSAT 8/9 in grade 9 and PSAT 10: Wednesday, April 13 – Tuesday, April 19, 2022
- Additional primary testing days for PSAT 8/9 in grade 8: Wednesday, April 13, 2022

The complete Spring 2022 assessment calendar is posted on the [Assessment Calendar](#) web page.

Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmark Fall 2021 Test Window

The window will be open from August 23 – October 29, 2021. All students participating in this assessment must be pre-identified on the Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability (OEAA) Secure Site. Information about pre-identification methods can be found on the [Secure Site Training](#) web page (www.michigan.gov/secaresitetraining) under the Pre-Identification of Students section.

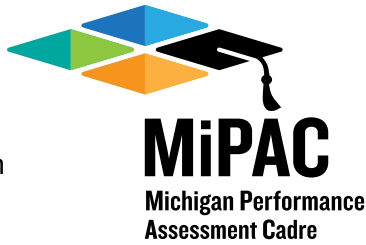
The [Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmark Test Administration Manual](#) and [Online Test Directions](#) can be found on the [Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmark Assessment](#) web page (www.michigan.gov/earlylitandmath).



Reminder

MiPAC Cohort 2 Participation Opportunity

Are you interested in learning how to develop and implement performance assessments in your district/school? Join the Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability (OEAA) as we work with the Michigan Assessment Consortium to develop performance assessments that are aligned to Michigan's academic standards and model essential skills in mathematics and English language arts (ELA) in grades 3-8.



Preferred candidates for the Michigan Performance Assessment Cadre (MiPAC):

- have experience teaching mathematics or English language arts (ELA) in grades 3-5 and/or grades 6-8
- have experience with/understanding of Michigan academic standards
- are employed in either general or special education

Educators with experience outside of general education or who work with students with disabilities are enthusiastically encouraged to apply.

For more information, see the full article in the [August 12, 2021 Spotlight](#).

If you are interested in participating, submit your resume in an email to mde-oeaa@michigan.gov, using the subject line "MiPAC Resume".

CB College Board Corner

Information on SAT®, PSAT™ 8/9, and PSAT™ 10 provided by the College Board

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

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

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Fall 2021 Dates and Deadlines

- All Fall 2021 assessments must be ordered in the [College Board Test Ordering Site](http://ordering.collegeboard.org) (<http://ordering.collegeboard.org>). **Do not order assessments for Spring 2022 in the Test Ordering Site.**
 - PSAT 8/9 can be administered digitally or in the paper/pencil mode. PSAT/NMSQT and SAT are paper-based only assessments.
 - Cohorts of students can be flexibly scheduled for testing on any of the available test dates for PSAT 8/9 and SAT School Day.
 - Schools can choose two of the three designated testing dates to administer PSAT/NMSQT. If schools want to offer the Saturday option, they must also offer one of the other weekday options.
 - Students in grades 10 and 11 can take the PSAT/NMSQT in the same testing room, if necessary.
 - Schools can start testing earlier and/or later in the day than usual and split their students into different testing groups on a single day.
- All testing must start before the first group to test completes testing. In other words, no group of students can begin testing after another group has completed the test.
- All SAT test books must be returned to the College Board.
 - PSAT/NMSQT test books administered on Saturday, October 16 must be returned to College Board.
 - All other test books can be securely stored and returned to students when scores are released.
 - College Board does not approve accommodations for PSAT 8/9 in the fall. Desired accommodations can be ordered and administered, as needed, by the school. Approvals are required in SSD Online for testing in Spring 2022.
 - The test dates and windows listed below are the only available options for the Michigan-provided fall assessments. For more information on each assessment:
 - » [SAT School Day](https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/k12-educators/sat-school-day/timeline) (<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/k12-educators/sat-school-day/timeline>)
 - » [PSAT/NMSQT](https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10/k12-educators) (<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10/k12-educators>)
 - » [PSAT 8/9](https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-8-9/k12-educators/dates) (<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-8-9/k12-educators/dates>)

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Assessment	Test Dates/Windows	Important Dates
PSAT 8/9 for Grade 9	Window opens September 20. Testing must be concluded by October 29	Order test books: No later than four weeks prior to your chosen test date
PSAT/NMSQT for Grades 10 and 11	Wednesday, October 13 Saturday, October 16* Tuesday, October 26	Request accommodations: August 24 Order test books: September 15
SAT for Grade 12	Wednesday, October 13 Thursday, October 28	Request accommodations: August 24 Order test books: September 15
* Schools that provide Saturday testing must also provide a week day testing option.		

REMINDERS

Fall 2021 Testing

Recent legislation signed by Governor Whitmer contains language that requires districts to make the PSAT 8/9 for Grade 9, PSAT/NMSQT for Grades 10 and 11, and SAT for Grade 12 available in Fall 2021.

- Students who were unable to take the assessment in Spring 2021 are eligible to take the applicable fall assessment.
- Students who took a College Board assessment in Spring 2021 and request to take the test again are eligible to take the applicable fall assessment.
- Students may participate but they are not required to take Fall 2021 assessments.
- Results from Fall 2021 assessments will not be included in accountability reporting.
- The SAT Essay is not available in Fall 2021.
- Schools must order assessments in the College Board test ordering site for Fall 2021 testing.

Grade in Spring 2021	Grade in Fall 2021	Applicable Fall Assessment
8	9	PSAT 8/9
9	10	PSAT/NMSQT
10	11	PSAT/NMSQT
11	12	SAT

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Important Dates

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13

August 2021

Early Literacy and Mathematics

Now – October 28, 2021

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

Early Literacy and Mathematics

August 23 – October 29, 2021

- **Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmark
Assessments (K-2)** Fall 2020 testing window

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Contacts

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Assessment and Accountability Call Center

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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 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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