

Spotlight

on Student Assessment and Accountability

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Week of September 23, 2021

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Interpretative Guides to Reports Now Available

The 2021 M-STEP Interpretative Guide to Reports is now available on the [M-STEP web page](#) (www.michigan.gov/mstep) under the **What's New** and **Reporting** sections.

This guide will be updated as new reports become available, to provide additional information about these reports.

Data files currently available in the Office of Education Assessment and Accountability (OEAA Secure Site):

- Student Data File
- Aggregate Data File

M-STEP Reports currently available in the Dynamic Score Reporting Site:

| Report Type | Reports Available |
|--------------------------|---|
| Individual-level reports | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Individual Student Report• Parent Report• Student Overview Report• Student Roster |
| Aggregate reports | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Comprehensive Report• Demographic Report• *New* Demographic Subscore Report• *New* Expectation Analysis Report |

M-STEP Reports coming soon to the Dynamic Score Reporting Site:

| Report Type | Reports Available |
|--------------------------|---|
| Individual-level reports | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Student Growth and Proficiency Report |
| Aggregate reports | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Target Analysis Report |

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The 2021 Grade 8 Testing Interpretive Guide to Reports is available on the [PSAT web page](http://www.michigan.gov/psat) (www.michigan.gov/psat) under the Reporting Section. This guide provides information about PSAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing and Math results and M-STEP science and social studies results for students in Grade 8.

Interpretive Guides Coming Soon

- **Spring 2021 Interpretive Guide to MME (Michigan Merit Exam) Reports** will be available soon on the [MME web page](http://www.michigan.gov/mme) (www.michigan.gov/mme)
- **MI-Access Spring 2021 Interpretive Guide to Reports** coming soon - to the [MI-Access web page](http://www.michigan.gov/mi-access) (www.michigan.gov/mi-access) in the **What's New** and **Reporting** sections.

Aggregation Schema for Fall 2021 Benchmarks

The aggregation schema for reporting the aggregated Fall 2021 benchmark results will be available by the close of business Tuesday, September 28, on the [MDE Benchmark Assessment web page](https://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-22709_102327--,00.html) (https://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-22709_102327--,00.html); this is available for districts that plan to aggregate their own results. Districts also have the option of using the [Michigan Data Hub](https://www.midatahub.org) (<https://www.midatahub.org>) to submit benchmark results using last spring's process and having the Michigan Department of Education's research partners perform the aggregation.

The Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability is developing on a Fact Sheet/FAQ document that will provide additional information. We hope to have that document available by the end of next week.

Assessment Data and Reports Now Available through MiLearn

Educators, parents, and students in districts that are part of The Michigan Linked Educational Assessment Reporting Network (MiLearn) can now view 2021 assessment data and reports through the district's Student Information System (SIS). Users can log into their SIS, click the link for "State Assessment Data", and be authenticated into MiLearn.

These reports are available to users in the designated groups in MiLearn, depending on the district's MiLearn configuration.

Reports Available to Educators:

- M-STEP – Student Overview Report (including Grade 8 and MME)
- M-STEP – Student Roster (including Grade 8 and MME)
- WIDA ACCESS for ELLs – Student Detail Report
- WIDA ACCESS for ELLs – Student Roster Report
- WIDA ACCESS for ELLs – School Frequency Report
- WIDA Alternate ACCESS for ELLs – Student Detail Report
- WIDA Alternate ACCESS for ELLs – Student Roster Report
- WIDA Alternate ACCESS for ELLs – School Frequency Report
- MI-Access Supported Independence – Individual Student Report
- MI-Access Supported Independence – Student Roster Report
- MI-Access Participation – Individual Student Report

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- MI-Access Participation – Student Roster Report
- Mi-Access Functional Independence – Individual Student Report
- Mi-Access Functional Independence – Student Roster Report

Reports Available to Parents:

- M-STEP – Parent Report (including Grade 8 and MME)
- WIDA ACCESS for ELLs – Student Detail Report
- WIDA Alternate ACCESS for ELLs – Student Detail Report
- MI-Access Supported Independence – Individual Student Report
- MI-Access Participation – Individual Student Report
- Mi-Access Functional Independence Individual Student Report

Reports Available to Students:

- M-STEP – Parent Report (including Grade 8 and MME)
- WIDA ACCESS for ELLs – Student Detail Report
- WIDA Alternate ACCESS for ELLs – Student Detail Report

MiLearn is a free service provided by the Michigan Department of Education to local school districts. It allows parents, students, and educators to view state assessment results online through the district's SIS.

Your school can take advantage of this service if your district utilizes the Michigan Data Hub and the school uses one of the following Student Information Systems: PowerSchool, MISTAR-Q, Skyward, Synergy, or Infinite Campus.

More information about MiLearn can be found in the Welcome to [MiLearn document](https://www.midatahub.org/downloads/data_integration/welcome_to_milearn_v.14.pdf) (https://www.midatahub.org/downloads/data_integration/welcome_to_milearn_v.14.pdf) on the [Michigan Data Hub website](#).

Managing Your District's WIDA Secure Portal Accounts

The District English Learner (EL) Assessment Coordinator is able to do the following in the WIDA Secure Portal. These activities should be done on a regular basis to effectively manage users in the site.

- Create accounts for new educators who will be test administrators
- Deactivate accounts of educators who are no longer in the district or are no longer involved in WIDA test administration
- Review and monitor required WIDA assessment certifications

For additional help on how to keep up with these activities, look for directions when you are logged into your WIDA Secure Portal account. Go to the 'Get Help' link in the top left-hand corner of the page. If you need additional help, contact the WIDA Client Services Center by phone at 866-276-7735 or by email at help@wida.us.

WIDA ACCESS Checklists Available

The Spring 2022 WIDA ACCESS for ELLs Online and Paper Checklists are now available at www.michigan.gov/wida. These checklists are must-have resources for EL Assessment Coordinators, Test Administrators, and Technology Coordinators. They include all the required steps to prepare for, administer, and conduct post-testing assessment activities.

Accessing Previous WIDA Test Scores

All WIDA assessment scores for students can be accessed through the Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability (OEAA) Secure Site if the school has been identified as a student's Primary Educational Providing Entity (PEPE) in the Michigan Student Data System (MSDS). Pupil accounting staff do not need to wait until a MSDS General Collection (count day) to identify the school as the student's PEPE; they can submit a Student Record Maintenance File (SRM) at any time. More information can be found in the [Accessing New Student's State Assessment Scores document](#) on the [Secure Site Training Page](#) (https://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-22709_57003---,00.html).

Off-Site Requests Now Open for W-APT and WIDA Screener

If your school or district is planning to administer the Kindergarten W-APT and/or the WIDA Screener assessments at off-site locations, you must complete an Off-Site Test Administration Request(s) through the Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability (OEAA).

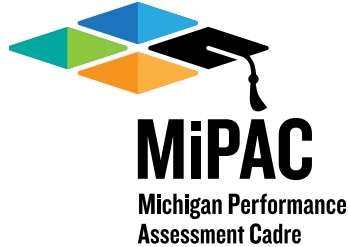
The link to be followed to complete requests is found on the [WIDA web page](#) (www.michigan.gov/wida).



Reminders

Performance Assessment Cadre of Experts Development Opportunity - Starting Soon

Time is running out to join MiPAC! Come and help us develop performance assessments aligned to Michigan's academic standards and model competencies in mathematics and English language arts (ELA) in grades 3-8.



Participants are expected to attend and contribute to approximately 50 hours of job-embedded facilitated professional learning and assessment development over the 2021-22 academic year.

Virtual sessions will last approximately two hours every 2-3 weeks beginning at the end of October.

If you are interested in participating, submit your resume in an email to mde-oeaa@michigan.gov, using the subject line "Performance Assessment Cadre of Experts."

You will have opportunities to:

- learn about the Michigan model competencies for mathematics and ELA
- develop performance assessments and rubrics
- collaborate with colleagues from other districts
- (pending) earn up to 50 SCECH credits; Stipends will also be available based on time and completed products

Preferred candidates for the Performance Assessment Cadre of Experts:

- have experience teaching in mathematics or ELA, in at least one of these grade spans: grades 3-5, and grades 6-8
- have experience with/understanding of Michigan academic standards
- work 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

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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

WHAT'S NEW

Fall Testing Manuals Now Available

Fall 2021 Testing Manuals are posted on the Michigan Department of Education's [MME web page](http://www.michigan.gov/mme) (www.michigan.gov/mme) and on the [PSAT web page](http://www.michigan.gov/psat) (www.michigan.gov/psat).

Test coordinators must read the manuals carefully, as testing policies in the fall and spring (for state accountability testing) are different, especially with regard to testing students with accommodations. We highly recommend coordinators take the online training courses for each assessment; the training can be accessed at www.collegeboard.org/ptat.

Note: Completion of training for Fall 2021 testing does not count towards training for Spring 2022 testing.

REMINDERS

Ensure that students are administered the appropriate Fall 2021 assessment. Students in Grade 9 must only take the PSAT 8/9; those in Grades 10 and 11 must take the PSAT/NMSQT; and Grade 12 students must take the SAT for the administration to be paid for by the Michigan Department of Education. Fifth-year seniors are not eligible to test in Fall 2021.

Test Book Material Delivery

- Test books for the October 13 SAT administration will be delivered October 7-11.
- Test books for the October 13 PSAT/NMSQT administration will be delivered October 4-6.
- Delivery of test books for the PSAT 8/9 will be determined based on test date chosen in the College Board test ordering site.

Important Dates

September 2021

Early Literacy and Mathematics

Now – October 29, 2021

- Pre-Identification of students in the OEAA Secure Site by 5:00 pm for **Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmark Assessments (K-2)**

Early Literacy and Mathematics

Now – October 29, 2021

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

October 2021

WIDA

October 18 - November 23, 2021

- **Online Waiver Window** - request waiver to administer pencil/paper by 5:00 p.m. on November 23 for **WIDA ACCESS - PP**

December 2021

December 1, 2021 at 10:00 am

- Winter/Spring 2022 Technology Coordinator Training Zoom webinar

[Join the webinar](#)

Contacts

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 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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