

# Spotlight

## on Student Assessment and Accountability

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### An Update From OEAA About Student Assessment.

This is an unprecedented time in our state, especially now that Governor Whitmer has ordered people in Michigan to “Stay Home and Stay Safe” until at least April 13, 2020. The Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability (OEAA) wants to emphasize that the health and safety of students, staff, and the community is top priority during this time.

For information about where things stand in terms of this spring’s assessments, see the Michigan Department of Education’s recent [press release](#). Briefly, the state has received approval from the U.S. Department of Education to waive assessment and accountability for the 2019-20 school year. We are still waiting for approval from the Michigan legislature to waive those components of state law that require assessment.

All OEAA staff are now working from home and are available if questions arise. You can send inquiries to the following email (this is our preference), or call the telephone number. We will respond as quickly as possible.

- email: [mde-oeaa@michigan.gov](mailto:mde-oeaa@michigan.gov)
- phone: 877-560-8378

Please be safe during this trying time. We will work to provide updates on “What now?” as quickly as we can.

### M-STEP Science Webinar To Be Rescheduled

The M-STEP science webinar scheduled for today, **March 26, 2020 at 4 p.m.** has been postponed indefinitely. Once rescheduled, the new date will be posted in the Spotlight.

## Michigan School Grades Reports Update

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) will make 2018-19 Michigan School Grades reports publicly available on [MI School Data](http://www.mischooldata.org) (www.mischooldata.org) later this month. The Michigan School Grades System is a NEW accountability system that was signed into law in late 2018. In this system, schools receive up to five letter grades and three ranking labels based on various school performance components. Schools do not receive an overall letter grade.

Results will be made available tentatively next week. At this time, the embargo on sharing these results has not been lifted.

We encourage you to review the informational guides and other helpful resources available for the [Michigan School Grades System](http://www.michigan.gov/mde-schoolgrades) (www.michigan.gov/mde-schoolgrades).

## FAME Project Accepting New Coach Applications for 2020-21



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) or the [FAME public page](https://famemichigan.org) (https://famemichigan.org)

The deadline to apply is **Friday, May 1, 2020**. If you have any questions, contact Kimberly Young, MDE/OEAA, at [youngk1@michigan.gov](mailto:youngk1@michigan.gov) or 517-241-7061.

## 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"> <li>1. Eligibility, MDE policies, and OEAA Secure Site Support</li> <li>2. SAT, PSAT 8/9, and PSAT 10 – College Board</li> <li>3. WorkKeys – ACT®</li> </ol>
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

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For accountability questions:

[mde-accountability@michigan.gov](mailto: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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