


Spotlight

on Student Assessment and Accountability

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1% Cap Justification Feedback Guidance to ISDs

This past winter, the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) had outlined in-person workshops to be held around the state designed to assist Intermediate School Districts (ISDs) with reviewing the 1% Cap justification forms submitted in Catamaran earlier this year. ISDs are expected to provide feedback to local districts and public school academies regarding the justification forms each district completed this past winter based on 2109 data. The workshops were designed to provide a framework, as well as specific instructions and strategies, for providing feedback.

Given the school building closures due to the COVID-19 pandemic, these workshops have been combined into a recorded session that will be posted within Catamaran in the coming weeks. Once the session has been posted, MDE will host some dedicated virtual question-and-answer virtual meetings, so ISDs can receive technical assistance. The presentation will also give contact information for key MDE personnel who can provide further assistance.

Watch for next week's Spotlight on Student Assessment and Accountability for more information. A communication will also be sent via the Catamaran constant contact email listserv.

Key:  Reminder (previously run article)

For Assessment and Accountability Questions:

Assessment email: mde-oeaa@michigan.gov

Accountability email: mde-accountability@michigan.gov

Call Center: 877-560-8378

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Notes on Student Assessment

- No spring assessments for M-STEP, MI-Access, and ACT WorkKeys
- Completed WIDA assessments will be scored – refer to the article on WIDA materials return in the [April 9 Spotlight](http://www.michigan.gov/mde-spotlight) (www.michigan.gov/mde-spotlight)
- Fall administration of SAT, PSAT 8/9, and PSAT 10 – details being worked on and will be communicated once finalized

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. You can send inquiries to

- **email:** mde-oeaa@michigan.gov
- **phone:** 877-560-8378

Please be safe during this trying time. Watch for further updates in the Spotlight as they become available.



FAME Project New Coach Applications Deadline Extended to May 15



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 has been extended to **Friday, May 15, 2020**. If you have any questions, contact Kim Young, MDE/OEAA, at youngk1@michigan.gov or 517-241-7061.

College Board Corner

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



SAT Suite Question Bank

College Board has launched the SAT Suite Question Bank (SSQB) to help educators understand the SAT Suite and make

connections to classroom instruction. The question bank lets educators access over 3,500 questions from the SAT, PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10, and PSAT 8/9 assessments.

A login or College Board account is not needed to access the publicly available [SSQB](https://satsuitequestionbank.collegeboard.org) (<https://satsuitequestionbank.collegeboard.org>).

Teachers can find questions that align with skills taught in class and use them in multiple ways. Questions can be sorted by subscores, cross-test scores, and content dimensions. For additional information about the SSQB, and helpful resources, start by reading the [SSQB help page](https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/educators/k-12/sat-suite-question-bank) (<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/educators/k-12/sat-suite-question-bank>). A full list of frequently asked questions can be found on the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) [MME](http://www.michigan.gov/mme) (www.michigan.gov/mme) or [PSAT](http://www.michigan.gov/psat) (www.michigan.gov/psat) web pages.

Creating a Question Set

Creating a question set is easy: just search by assessment, test, subscore, or cross-test score. Filter your search results and select up to 20 questions to export to a PDF to print or save.

You can filter your results by level of difficulty, primary dimension, passage text complexity, and calculator use.

You can print questions with or without answers and explanations. The following information is listed in a header at the beginning of each question:

- Question ID
- Subscores and cross-test scores
- Level of difficulty
- Primary, secondary, and tertiary content dimensions
- Passage text complexity (Reading and Writing and Language)
- Calculator use (Math)

You have the option of printing/saving without the header details to make it easier to use questions to support your instruction.

Use the [Teacher Implementation Guide](#) for information about the assessments such as subscores, cross-test scores, and content dimensions. Go to the College Board [K-12 Educators page](https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/educators/k-12) (<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/educators/k-12>), select **Teacher Implementation Guide**, and download the complete guide.

Standards Alignment

The K–12 Reporting Portal maps state standards to SAT Suite subscores. We will post a document of the alignment of Michigan state standards to the SAT Suite subscores on the MDE websites in the next few weeks.

Call Center: 877-560-8378 (select appropriate option) for assistance with assessment or accountability issues