

Spotlight

on Student Assessment and Accountability

June 27, 2019

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The Spotlight will be on vacation during the month of July. Weekly communications will resume in August.

Embargo Reminder

Score reports and data from the April School Day administrations of the SAT and the PSAT 8/9 for grade 8 have been released to educators on College Board's K-12 Reporting Portal. All test results are embargoed until the public release of Spring 2019 assessment results in late summer. Please ensure all staff with access to these assessment results in the College Board K-12 Reporting Portal are aware of the embargo.

Prior to the public release, results for the SAT and PSAT-related assessments may be shared with building and district staff to support their work with students, school improvement, and other internal efforts. However, 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 (MDE). 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.

Scores in the College Board portal are not official accountability results. In some cases, educators will receive student scores in the K-12 score reporting portal that are not reflected in the MDE score results.

Reasons for this include, but are not limited to:

- students being administered the SAT, PSAT 10, or PSAT 8/9 in an enrolled grade other than what is allowed for the April School Day testing
- students with unresolved score holds when the final score results are delivered to MDE that are later resolved by the College Board
- schools that do not submit a missing test issue during the MDE Answer Document Verification window

Spring 2019 Administration Surveys Close June 30, 2019



June 30, 2019 is the last day the 2019 M-STEP and MI-Access surveys are available.

Your input is an important tool for future planning and development of quality assessments, documentation, and testing practices for educators and students around Michigan. In the past, we have made significant changes to the assessments, training documentation, and administration practices based on suggestions from surveys.

Don't forget to share this article with staff in your building and district who participated in either the M-STEP or the MI-Access assessments this past spring.

- The [2019 M-STEP Administration Survey](#) will take 10 to 15 minutes to complete and will remain open through **June 30, 2019**. A link to the survey can also be found on the [M-STEP web page](#) (www.michigan.gov/mstep) under the **What's New** section.
- The [2019 MI-Access Administration Survey](#) will take about 10 minutes to complete and will remain open through **June 30, 2019**. A link to the survey can also be found on the [MI-Access web page](#) (www.michigan.gov/mi-access) under the **What's New** section.

Thank you in advance for your participation in our surveys. By sharing your experiences, you can help us to improve the experiences of educators and students throughout Michigan.

Fall 2019 WIDA Workshop Registration is Now Open

The Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability (OEAA), the Office of Field Services (OFS), and WIDA are offering two free workshops this fall that may be of interest to school improvement teams, building- and district-level administrators, Title III directors, English Learner (EL)

educators, WIDA test coordinators, and content area teachers. The workshops are designed to aid educators in using student achievement results in meaningful and appropriate ways for instructional and school improvement purposes, as well as to provide in-depth training for administering the Screener Online assessment. Space is limited, so early registration is recommended. Additional WIDA workshops will be announced later this summer, so keep watching the Spotlight for more details. Information on each of the WIDA trainings will be added to the [WIDA Trainings 2019](#) table, which can be accessed by clicking on the link under the **What's New** Section of the [WIDA web page](#) (www.michigan.gov/wida).

Workshop 1: WIDA Screener Online Training

This workshop is designed for test administrators of the online WIDA Screener English language proficiency assessment in grades 1 through 12. During this training, participants will work collaboratively to strengthen their understanding of the administration of the WIDA Screener Online. This includes learning to administer the online assessment to students. Attention will be given to developing inter-rater reliability when scoring the speaking and writing domains. Participants will utilize a multitude of practice items to be scored with the scoring scales. All participants must have computers or tablets and an internet connection to access sample items and the WIDA Assessment Management System (AMS).

A light continental breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Date of Workshop: Tuesday, August 20, 2019 from 9:00 AM to 4 PM (8:00 AM to 9:00 PM registration and breakfast)

Location: Michigan Department of Education
608 W. Allegan St., Lansing, MI 48933
Ottawa 3 Conference Room

Registration link (<https://wida-screener-online-ta-training.eventbrite.com>)

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Workshop 2: Leading Schools for Multilingual Learner Achievement

This is a two-day workshop for school principals and administrators who are responsible for making school improvement decisions.

The purpose of this workshop is for school leaders to reflect on their school's policies and systems in order to craft a personal leadership action plan that promotes equitable educational opportunities for multilingual learners. Specific topics addressed will include policy; instructional leadership; and collaborative relationships between students, teachers, families, and data teams that are necessary for multilingual learners to thrive. Participants will engage in interactive tasks related to equitable instruction for multilingual learners, discussions and reflections, video analysis, and action planning.

A light continental breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Date of Workshop: Tuesday and Wednesday, October 1 and 2, 2019 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM (8:00 AM to 9:00 PM registration and breakfast)

Location: Wayne Community College – Downriver Campus
21000 Northline Rd., Taylor MI 48180
EPAC 5 & 6

[Registration link](https://wida-leading-schools-el-achievement.eventbrite.com) (<https://wida-leading-schools-el-achievement.eventbrite.com>)

College Board Corner

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

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

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

Educator Score Release

Scores were made available to educators in the College Board Reporting Portal this week. Educators who have not previously used the College Board Reporting Portal can learn about running reports, understanding educator reports, printing student reports and labels, and granting access and assigning roles. An interactive walk through is available on the [K-12 Assessment Reporting Help web page](https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/educators/k-12/reporting-portal-help) (<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/educators/k-12/reporting-portal-help>).

Scores were released based on school verification and appeals made during the Answer Document Verification window on the OEAA Secure Site. No changes can be made for students in the K–12 score reporting portal, since the Answer Document Verification window closed on May 29, 2019.

Scores in the College Board portal are not official accountability results. In some cases, educators will receive student scores in the K-12 score reporting portal that are not reflected in the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) score results.

Reasons for this include, but are not limited to:

- students being administered the SAT, PSAT 10, or PSAT 8/9 in an enrolled grade other than what is allowed for the April School Day testing
- students with unresolved score holds when the

final score results are delivered to MDE that are later resolved by the College Board

Once test scores are available to educators, remember that all test results are **EMBARGOED** until notification from the MDE. The embargo will be lifted when school- and district-aggregated test results are made publicly available through the [MISchoolData](#) portal in late summer or early fall.

Prior to public release, results for the SAT, PSAT 10, and PSAT 8/9 may be shared with building and district staff to support their work with students, school improvement, and other internal efforts. However, 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 MDE. 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.

Getting Ready for 2020 – Save the Date for Fall Implementation Workshops

Implementation workshops are free and provide information about the Michigan-provided SAT with Essay, PSAT 10, and PSAT 8/9 for grades 8 and 9 administrations for Spring 2020. Attendance at a workshop is important for building administrators and building test coordinators. Learn about the latest enhancements and changes for the spring administration, preparing for and administering the College Board exams, spring implementation timelines, and professional development offerings to prepare you for Spring 2020.

The College Board is partnering with MCAN (Michigan *(Continued on next page)*)

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College Access Network) to provide SCECHs to registered participants. Links to register will be available when Spotlight resumes in August.

Date	Location	City
10/1/2019	Genesee ISD	Flint
10/1/2019	Macomb ISD	Clinton Township
10/2/2019	Wayne County Community College	Wayne
10/7/2019	Oakland ISD	Waterford
10/8/2019	Menominee ISD	Menominee
10/10/2019	Kalamazoo RESA	Portage
10/11/2019	Ingham ISD	Lansing
10/11/2019	Jackson ISD	Jackson
10/11/2019	St. Joseph ISD	Centreville
10/24/2019	Clare-Gladwin RESD	Clare
10/24/2019	Delta Schoolcraft ISD	Escanaba
10/25/2019	Copper Country ISD	Hancock
10/28/2019	Kent ISD	Grand Rapids
10/29/2019	Marquette-Alger ISD	Marquette
10/30/2019	Eastern UP ISD	Sault Ste. Marie
10/30/2019	Traverse Bay Area ISD	Traverse City
11/1/2019	Alpena-Montmorency-Alcona ESD	Alpena

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ACT WorkKeys Score Reports and National Career Readiness Certificates®

School and student-level paper reports will be mailed to the test coordinator and are due to arrive no later than **August 9, 2019**. Refer to the [June 20, 2019 Spotlight Newsletter](#) (www.michigan.gov/mde-spotlight) for more information about the reports you'll receive, the ACT WorkKeys National Career Readiness Certificates®, and student's access to myworkkeys.com.

REMINDER - The Spring 2019 ACT WorkKeys reports and data are **EMBARGOED** until the public release of the Spring 2019 assessment results later this summer. Districts and schools will be notified through the Spotlight on Student Assessment and Accountability Newsletter when the embargo has been lifted.

IMPORTANT – While individual student results may be shared with parents when they become available, 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 MDE. 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.

Contacting ACT

If you have questions, you may:

1. contact ACT via the [Contact Us web page](http://www.act.org/aap/state/contact.html) (www.act.org/aap/state/contact.html)
2. call ACT at 800-553-6244, 9:30 AM – 6:00 PM ET
 - standard time: ext. 2800
 - accommodations: ext. 1788

Important Dates

July-August 2019

Act WorkKeys

July 16, 2019:

- Students access **ACT WorkKeys** scores and National Career Readiness Certificates

August 7, 2019:

- Individual Student Reports, Student Roster Reports, School Frequency Reports, and District Frequency Reports arrive in districts for **WIDA Access for ELLs** and **Alternate Access for ELLs**

August 9, 2019:

- Receive **ACT WorkKeys** score reports

August 20, 2019 from 9:00 AM to 4 PM:

- **Workshop 1: WIDA Screener Online Training**
Location: Michigan Department of Education, 608 W. Allegan St., Lansing, MI 48933
Ottawa 3 Conference Room
[Registration link](https://wida-screener-online-training.eventbrite.com) (https://wida-screener-online-training.eventbrite.com)

September 2019

September 9 – October 4, 2019

- **Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmark Assessments (K-2)** Fall Testing Window

October 2019

Tuesday and Wednesday, October 1 and 2, 2019 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM:

- **Workshop 2: Leading Schools for Multilingual Learner Achievement**
Location: Wayne Community College – Downriver Campus, 21000 Northline Rd., Taylor MI 48180
EPAC 5 & 6
[Registration link](https://wida-leading-schools-el-achievement.eventbrite.com) (https://wida-leading-schools-el-achievement.eventbrite.com)

Contacts

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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), Test Management System (TSM), eDIRECT, 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 WIDA AMS, INSIGHT, Central Office Services (COS), and Test Management System (TSM)
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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