

Spotlight

on Student Assessment and Accountability

August 13, 2020

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WIDA In-Person Screening Considerations

Educators in districts that are opting to do in-person WIDA screening for students who are potential English Learners can review the [OEAA In-Person WIDA Screening Considerations](#) document recently posted to the [WIDA web page](#) (www.michigan.gov/wida). The Michigan Department of Education will also soon be releasing information related to screening students who are participating in distance learning opportunities. Look for more information in future Spotlight editions.

College Board Corner

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

Fall 2020 Deadlines for August 25, 2020

Tuesday, August 25 is the deadline for:

- accommodation requests and to request 50% extended time for English language learners for the October 14 SAT School Day administration and both PSAT/NMSQT administrations

The accommodation deadline is to ensure adequate time for review of any requests that might require documentation review. The majority of accommodations (those not requiring documentation review) will be approved through the school-verification process within a few days.

- ordering standard and accommodated test materials for the September 23 SAT with Essay
- requesting ancillary materials for off-site testing (see the [August 6 Spotlight](#) for more information)

Winter PSAT/NMSQT

College Board recently announced a winter administration for the PSAT/NMSQT. Details about a test date and whether the Michigan Department of Education will provide this administration to schools will be available soon.

Updating Orders in the Test Ordering Site (TOS)

SAT with Essay

Orders can be placed for both the September 23 and/or October 14 administrations, as needed, and updated any time prior to the applicable ordering deadline.

Schools will be able to place an order for the October 27 administration up to two days after the primary administration.

- **Schools testing on September 23:** Order materials for October 27 from September 23-25
- **Schools testing on October 14:** Order materials for October 27 from October 14-16
- **Schools testing on both September 23 and October 14:** Order materials during either of the makeup windows

For schools not testing on September 23 or October 14, and will only be administering the SAT with Essay on October 27, 2020:

- Place an order for **one standard test book** in the College Board test ordering site for either the September 23 or October 14 administration by the applicable ordering deadline.

This order for one standard test book will ensure that you are able to access the makeup ordering window once it opens in the College Board test ordering site (see dates above).

- It is preferable for schools to submit the makeup order in the September makeup ordering window, if possible.
- Customer Service will follow up in 1-2 weeks with next steps.

PSAT/NMSQT

- Schools can now place orders for multiple PSAT/NMSQT dates in the College Board test ordering site (October 14 or October 29).

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- If you had an order for October 28 PSAT/NMSQT, it has automatically been changed to October 29.
- Update orders any time prior to the September 16 ordering deadline, as necessary.

PSAT 8/9

- Update orders any time prior to the date on which test materials ship (approximately one week prior to the scheduled test date).
- Schools planning to administer the digital PSAT 8/9, can visit the [College Board digital testing portal](https://digitaltesting.collegeboard.org) (<https://digitaltesting.collegeboard.org>) for test day planning and digital preparedness resources.

Fall Testing Options

The health and safety of educators and students is the first concern; therefore, to help schools to deal with the challenges of returning to school in the fall, College Board has announced options for Fall 2020 testing.

More information is available in the [Support for Schools](#) document from College Board; how these options impact Michigan schools is explained in the [August 6 Spotlight](#).

The [Fall 2020 School Day Testing for MDE-Provided SAT with Essay, PSAT/NMSQT, and PSAT 8/9](#) document has been updated and is posted to the [MDE MME](#) (www.michigan.gov/mme) and [MDE PSAT](#) (www.michigan.gov/psat) web pages.

This document now includes additional information about flexible scheduling of test dates and start times, off-site testing, material ordering, training, and the use of personal protection equipment.

Fall Testing Manuals

Manuals for the Fall 2020 SAT with Essay, PSAT/NMSQT, and paper PSAT 8/9 are posted on the [MME](http://www.michigan.gov/mme) (www.michigan.gov/mme) and [PSAT](http://www.michigan.gov/psat) (www.michigan.gov/psat) web pages for reference. The manual for administering the digital PSAT 8/9 is not yet available. Printed manuals will arrive with your preadministration and/or test material shipments. These manuals will **only** be used for Fall 2020 testing. Michigan-specific manuals will be provided for testing in Spring 2021.

Fall Training

Training for SAT coordinators is required for Fall 2020 testing, as the policies and procedures are different for fall and spring testing. Training for PSAT/NMSQT and paper PSAT 8/9 is provided and recommended; coordinators are required to read the Coordinator Manual. Training for the digital PSAT 8/9 is required to become familiar with the Cambium Assessment, Incorporated (CAI) testing platform. Coordinators will receive an email notification that training is available approximately 4-6 weeks prior to the assessment date, depending on the order date. Training can also be accessed by going to the [College Board website](http://www.collegeboard.org/ptat) (www.collegeboard.org/ptat) once orders have been placed.

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Important Dates

Approaching Deadlines!

August 25, 2020

- Materials Ordering window **DEADLINE** for **SAT with Essay** standard and nonstandard materials (for September 23 test date)

August 25, 2020

- **SAT with Essay and PSAT NMSQT DEADLINE** for Accommodations Requests (for the **October** Test dates)

Early Literacy and Mathematics

Now – October 2, 2020

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

August 31 – October 2, 2020

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

July/August 2020

SAT and PSAT

Now – September 16, 2020

- Materials Ordering window for standard and nonstandard materials for:
 - » **SAT with Essay**
(for October 14 Primary test date and for the Accommodations window)
 - » **PSAT NMSQT**
(for October 14 and October 29 Primary test dates)
 - » **PSAT 8/9** (Primary test date window and Accommodations test window)

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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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