



PARENT POWER HOUR

November 1, 2016

STANDARDIZED STATE AND DISTRICT TESTS

M-Step (Spring): State

- ELA 3-8 and 11th Grades
- Math 3-8 and 11th Grades
- Science 4,7 and 11th Grades
- Social Studies 5, 8 and 11th Grades

NWEA: District

- (Fall and Spring)
- Math, Language, and Reading Kindergarten Through 8th Grade

College Board: State

- PSAT 8/9 (Fall and Spring) 8th and 9th grade
- PSAT 10 (Fall and Spring) 10th grade
- PSAT 11 (Fall) 11th grade
- SAT (Spring) 11th grade
- ACT WorkKeys(Spring) 11th grade

DATA DRIVEN INSTRUCTION

Data Driven Instruction and Inquiry (DDI) is a precise and systematic approach to improving student learning throughout the year. The inquiry cycle of **data-driven instruction** includes assessment, analysis, and action and is a key framework for school-wide support of all student success.

<https://www.cli.org/blog/what-is-data-driven-instruction/>

More Than One Data Point

- Assessments are an overall snapshot
- A second data point, teachers and administrators can identify the specific challenges individual students or groups of students are facing.
 - More than one Standardized Test
 - Learning Environment/Culture
 - Classwork
 - Class Summative Assessments
 - Class Formative Assessments
 - Attendance
 - Behavior
 - Other Factors

STANDARDIZED STATE TEST DATES

M-STEP and SAT/ACT WorkKeys (Spring)

Grade Level	Content Areas Assessed	Testing Window
Grades 3 and 6	Mathematics and ELA	May 1 through May 26
Grades 4 and 7	Mathematics, ELA and Science	May 1 through May 26
Grades 5 and 8	Mathematics, ELA and Social Studies	April 10 through May 5
Grades 9 and 10	Pre SAT (PSAT)	February 21 through April 14 th
Grade 11 MME	Science and Social Studies (M-STEP)	April 10 through May 5
Grade 11 MME	SAT	March 11 through April 11
Grade 11 MME	WorkKeys	April 10 through May 26

WHAT ARE MICHIGAN STANDARDS?

- They are **learning goals** for mathematics, English language arts (ELA), science and social studies.
- They prepare students for college and careers
- They are educator-developed.
- They will help students compete nationally and globally
- They are not a curriculum or federal program



WHY MUST STUDENTS TAKE STATE ASSESSMENTS?

Once each year, all students take a high-quality state assessment. State assessments provide:

- An important snapshot of student achievement at state, district, and building levels.
- Valuable information to parents on their child's academic achievement.
- Important data for teachers, schools, and districts to help guide instruction.



WHY ARE STATE ASSESSMENTS IMPORTANT?

These assessments are required by both state and federal law in order to ensure all children are learning and receiving a high-quality education.

Time Students Spend on State Assessments:

- State assessments comprise less than one percent of student instructional time during a school year.
- All other assessments are determined at the local district or building level.



M-STEP



M-Step (Spring): State

What is it?

- Replaced the 44 year old MEAP state assessment with M-STEP in 2014-15 is designed to reflect rigorous state standards for all Michigan students.
- Making sure that Michigan students graduate career- and college-ready.
- To be strong competitors in today's global, knowledge-based economy
- M-STEP is in how students are demonstrating their knowledge....moved beyond bubble sheets
- Expect students to demonstrate critical thinking and problem-solving skills, showing their work in an age-appropriate way.
- Ensure that students have a deep understanding of content – not just memorized facts.

M-STEP



Test Results May Dip

- This year, and the next few years, will be a period of transition and progress for students, families, and educators.
- Our students are adjusting to a new form of tests.
- Expectations are higher, tests are more challenging, and even the way that tests are taken – online – is new to some students.
- Scores reflect a period of transition to new standards that are higher than ever before.
- Raising standards to the level of other states and nations, to remain globally competitive in today's knowledge economy.

Test Results

- Student performance will be described as one of four levels: not proficient, partially proficient, proficient, and advanced.
- The M-STEP is a very different state test than those administered prior to the Spring of 2015, therefore results should not be compared.

Understand the Results of Your Child's M-STEP Test Results

[M-STEP/MME Parent Report Video](#)

This video provides an easy to understand summary of the Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress (M-STEP) assessment and walks viewers through how to read and interpret student scores within the M-STEP and Michigan Merit Exam Parent Reports.

Reading Results: Grades 3-8

[http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/How to Read Score Report Grades 3-8 531963 7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/How_to_Read_Score_Report_Grades_3-8_531963_7.pdf)

Reading Results: Grade 11

[http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/How to Read Score Report Grade 11 Final 531964 7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/How_to_Read_Score_Report_Grade_11_Final_531964_7.pdf)

Michigan Department Of Education: http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-22709_70117---,00.html

Resources:

- [M-STEP: What can students expect? Video](#)
- <http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-5233---,00.html>
- [http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/A_parents_guide to Spring 2016 M-STEP Presentation Final 503280 7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/A_parents_guide_to_Spring_2016_M-STEP_Presentation_Final_503280_7.pdf)

THE MIDLAND ACADEMY TEST RESOURCE SITE

Step 1: Go to TMA Website

Step 2: Click on Students

Step 3: Click on Test Resource Site

Step 4: Click on G+ Log In

Step 4: Click on Midland Academy Account

<https://midlandacademy.com/>

SAT

SAT Test Facts

The redesigned SAT is composed of **three sections**, which follow the same order in every test book.

- **Evidence-Based Reading and Writing:**, includes a Reading Test and a Writing and Language Test. Each test is composed of multiparagraph passages and multiple-choice questions. Time allotted: 65 minutes for Reading and 35 minutes for Writing and Language
- **Math:** Includes multiple-choice and student-produced response questions based on the math that college-bound students typically learn during their first three years of high school. Divided into two portions; one that permits calculator use, and one that does not. Time allotted: 25 minutes for Math Test – No Calculator; 55 minutes for Math Test – Calculator
- **Optional Essay** (in separate booklet): Asks students to frame an argument in response to a source text. Time allotted: 50 minutes

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Resources

- <https://www.universityparent.com/topics/tips-for-parents/some-sat-basics/#.WBec5yOrKM8&gsc.tab=0>
- <http://www.princetonreview.com/college/sat-information>
- <https://www.teenlife.com/blogs/5-facts-every-parent-should-know-about-sat>

SAT Scores

- [What is a good SAT Score](#)
- <http://blog.prepscholar.com/what-is-a-good-sat-score-a-bad-sat-score-an-excellent-sat-score>

SAT Practice

- <https://www.khanacademy.org/sat>
- <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sample-questions>
- <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/practice/full-length-practice-tests>
- <http://www.princetonreview.com/college-advice/sat-practice-questions#!tab2>

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PSAT: PREPARATION FOR SAT

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Used For:

- State mandated
- College Prep
- Monitor students growth
- School Improvement Plan: Curriculum and instruction

Resources

- <https://www.kaptest.com/psat/kaplan-psat-prep/all-about-the-psat>
- <http://www.usnews.com/education/blogs/college-admissions-playbook/2013/09/23/3-reasons-your-psat-score-matters>
- http://www.schoolguides.com/reasons_to_take_the_psat.html

PSAT Scores

- <http://www.kaptest.com/study/psat/whats-a-good-psat-score/>

PSAT Practice

- <https://www.khanacademy.org/sat>
- <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10/practice>
- <https://www.khanacademy.org/test-prep/sat/new-sat-tips-planning/new-sat-how-to-prep/a/full-length-psat-nmsqt>

NWEA TEST DATES

Spring testing for Kindergarten through 8th Grade
April 17-May 25



NWEA

- NWEA is a District Summative Assessment that is mandated by our charter Central Michigan University. **MAP Assessment** will take place for all students from Kindergarten through 8th Grade.
- **MAP**, or the Measure of Academic Progress, is a computerized adaptive test which helps teachers, parents, and administrators improve learning for all students and make informed decisions to promote a child's academic growth.
- **NWEA MAP** is an informative tool to monitor student academic progress. The assessment is used to develop, monitor and evaluate our School Improvement Plan (SIP).
- **NWEA MAP** Fall assessments were finished and we will begin our spring testing March through May.

What is NWEA MAP? Video

<https://www.nwea.org/assessments/map/>

Parent Resources: Video

<https://www.nwea.org/assessments/resources-for-parents/>

Practice:

<http://warmup.nwea.org/>



PROS AND CONS OF STANDARDIZED TESTING?

Pros

- Standardized testing holds teachers and schools accountable.
- Standardized testing allows students located in various schools, districts, and even states to be compared. Without standardized testing, this comparison would not be possible.
- Standardized testing is typically accompanied by a set of established standards or instructional framework which provide teachers with guidance for what and when something needs to be taught.
- Standardized tests are objective in nature. Classroom grades given by a teacher can be subjective in nature.
- Standardized tests provide accurate comparisons between sub-groups. These sub-groups can include data on ethnicity, socioeconomic status, special needs, etc.

PROS AND CONS OF STANDARDIZED TESTING?

Cons

- Standardized testing evaluates a student's performance on one particular day and does not take into account external factors.
- Standardized testing causes many teachers to only "teach to the tests". This practice can hinder a student's overall learning potential. (TMA teaches the standards)
- Standardized testing only evaluates the individual performance of the student instead of the overall growth of that student over the course of the year. **Proficient vs growth.**
- Standardized testing can create a lot of stress for both educators and students. Good teachers evaluated on test outcomes could be out of their control. Students scores matter in Higher education.

Questions and Comments