A transition to...

M-Step
Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress

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Transition Overview

• Transition to Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress (M-STEP)
  • Transition summative assessments from Fall to Spring administration for all grades
  • Transition from paper/pencil to online test delivery mode
  • Transition to assessments aligned with Michigan’s standards in all content areas
  • Transition to online reporting and access to student data
Goals for Spring 2015 Testing

• All Michigan students will transition to the new M-STEP assessment with a positive experience

• Most schools will transition to online testing
  • Schools get used to scheduling for online testing
  • Online testing provides opportunity for more rapid feedback

• Move from fall testing to spring testing
  • Now students will be tested on content learned during the current school year as opposed to the previous school year
What will be administered in Spring 2015?

• English Language Arts: tested at each grade 3-8, and grade 11
• Mathematics: tested at each grade 3-8, and grade 11
• Science: tested at grades 4, 7, and 11
• Social studies: tested at grades 5, 8, and 11
• College Entrance test (required by law): tested at grade 11
  *ACT Plus Writing*
• Work Skills assessment (required by law): tested at grade 11
  *WorkKeys*

*Please see the Spring 2015 Testing Schedule for more information*

Accountability Implications

• It is the intent of the MDE **not** to use the results of the 2015 M-STEP assessment to make high-stakes accountability determinations.

• Data will be provided to schools and districts for informational purposes

• No Priority, Focus, or Reward labels for schools
M-STEP English Language Arts (ELA)

• Assessed at every grade level 3-8, and 11

• Includes reading, writing, and listening items at every grade level
  • Headphones, earphones, or earbuds required

• Smarter Balanced content, plus Michigan developed field test items

• 3 Components: Online Assessment, Classroom Activity, Performance Task
M-STEP Mathematics

• Assessed at every grade level 3-8, and 11

• Measures concepts and procedures, problem solving, modeling and data analysis, and communicating reasoning

• Smarter Balanced content, plus Michigan developed field test items

• Includes multiple choice (selected response), technology enhanced (TE) items, short answer and extended response constructed response (CR) items
  • Gridded response for paper/pencil testing in lieu of TE items

• 3 Components: Online Assessment, Classroom Activity, Performance Task
Classroom Activity and associated Performance Task

- Required for students in grades 3-8
- Not required for students in grade 11
  - Due to concerns about amount of time required to test in grade 11
  - No accountability penalty in terms of participation or scoring for high schools that choose not to administer the Classroom Activity and associated Performance Task in Spring 2015
  - College entrance test and Work skills assessments are required by law
- The Classroom Activity **must** be administered before the Performance Task
  - provides a framework for the Performance Task
  - Can’t have one without the other!
M-STEP Science and Social Studies

Assessed once at each level

• Elementary
  ➢ Science – Grade 4
  ➢ Social Studies – Grade 5

• Middle School
  ➢ Science – Grade 7
  ➢ Social Studies – Grade 8

• High School
  ➢ Science and Social Studies – Grade 11

• Elementary and Middle School
  ➢ Each subject has 2 parts
  ➢ Approximately 50 minutes per part
  ➢ Traditional multiple choice

• High School
  ➢ Each subject has 1 part
  ➢ Approximately 50 minutes per subject
  ➢ Traditional multiple choice

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Considerations in establishing test administration window

• Provide schools with maximum flexibility in scheduling

• Maximize instructional time prior to testing

• Avoid traditional spring break weeks

• Complete bulk of testing prior to Memorial Day

• Reduce the online testing load that might occur at any one time

• Maximize statewide comparability by grade level – 3 week window

• Provide grade 11 an additional 5 weeks – 8 week window to provide flexibility in scheduling around AP and IB testing
Spring 2015 Testing Schedule for Summative Assessments

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Online testing has the flexibility of testing any time during the testing window designated for each grade level. Paper and pencil tests must be administered on the dates specified for each content area in the window designated for each grade level.

*ACT Plus Writing and WorkKeys have been extended for one year. The initial testing dates for Spring 2015 are March 3rd for ACT and March 4th for WorkKeys. The makeup dates are March 17th for ACT and March 18th for WorkKeys. The accommodations testing window is March 3 – 17 for ACT and March 4 – 18 for WorkKeys.
Preparing for the M-STEP

- Day-to-day classroom instruction aligned to content standards, including depth of knowledge, academic vocabulary, and performance tasks
- Familiarity with testing devices, item types/interactions, online delivery engine tools, navigation, and functionality (look and feel)
- Sample Classroom Activities and Performance Tasks for teacher familiarity
- Spring 2015 Preview & Sample Item Sets – Technology Enhanced (TE) item types, online navigation, and tool functionality – *classroom led for younger students*
- Familiarity with student accessibility tools and supports available
  - Universal, designated supports, and accommodations
Resources

- Spotlight on Student Assessment and Accountability
- Weekly – Thursday release
- Three sections
  - What’s New
  - Quick Links
  - Reminders
  - Recently Asked Questions

Spotlight on Student Assessment and Accountability

What’s New
Week of September 29, 2014

Quick Links
- Paper-Pencil Administration of Student Assessments Request
- Kindergarten Entry Assessment (KEA) Support
- ACT College Entrance and Work Skills—News to Know this Week
- English Learners (EL) Records Retention and Transfer
- WIDA Professional Development Workshops and Trainings
- Secure Site Training Materials

Reminders

Recently Asked Questions

Have Other Questions?
For assessment questions, please email SSA@michigan.gov.
For accountability questions, please email MDE-Accountability@michigan.gov.
For online assistance with assessment or accountability issues, call 517-487-4375 and select the appropriate menu option.
Important One-Stop Shop
MDE Assessment & Accountability Web Page

MDE Assessment & Accountability Web Page
http://www.mi.gov/baa

Example:
M-STEP Transition Readiness Timeline
http://www.michigan.gov/documents/md
e/Spring_2015_Transition_Readiness_Timeline_479081_7.pdf

- Provides you with step-by-step information on what you should be doing to get ready for spring testing
Resources

• **M-STEP Spring 2015 Michigan Assessment Transition document**
  • Test session components, timing and sequence, for both online and paper/pencil administrations

• **Spring 2015 Testing Schedule**
  • Online test window
  • Paper/pencil specific administration dates

• **Spring 2015 Transition Readiness Timeline**
  • Action steps to prepare – Technology, Instruction, Assessment, and Accountability – in two week segments

• **Sample Classroom Activities and Performance Tasks**
  • Content and grade level specific

• **Coming Soon : Online training modules for tech and assessment coordinators**
Questions as we transition?
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