

Summary of Spring Assessments

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Spring Testing for 2015

- Brand New MEAP (do not use old MEAP Math and ELA Tests as prep materials)
- Common Core English and Math Standards will be assessed
- GLCEs and HSCSs will the standards assessed for Science and Social Studies
- It is assumed all schools will use the online version of the assessments
- Check for updates at www.Michigan.gov/baa

Test Item Types

- Multiple Choice
- Constructed Response of Varying Types
 - Technology Enhanced
 - Drag and Drop
 - Matching
 - Hot Spot
 - Select Text

Paper/Pencil Option

- It is assumed all schools will take the online version
 - There is no advantage to taking the Paper/Pencil version
 - There are advantages of taking the online version
- Schools opting for the Paper/Pencil version register at the Secured Site (window will open later this week and close November 7th)

ELA Will Cover Reading and Writing

- Done at every tested grade level (no separate writing test)
- Keyboarding Skills will “ramp up” as the student progresses through the grades
 - 3rd Grade level a minimum of keyboarding skills will be required
 - Students will be able to use:
 - Drag and Drop
 - Select Text
 - Other technology that assists writing

ACT & WorkKeys

- ACT will be a paper/pencil test
- Everyone will take it on March 3 with the Makeup Date of March 17th
- WorkKeys will be taken on March 4th with the Makeup Date of March 18

- Accommodations Testing Windows
 - ACT taken between March 3rd and 17th
 - WorkKeys between March 4th and March 18th

MI Access

- Will be taken during the grade level window
- No MEAP Access this year
- MI Access online testing will adjust to the student according to student answers because of online adaptability
 - Paper/pencil MI Access will not do this

Preparing for the Test

- Do not use old MEAP test
- Recommended:
 - Smarter Balanced Practice Tests
 - PARCC Practice Tests (other CCSS testing agency)
- Hope is for MDE to provide a “Practice Test” before the real test – “Dry Run”
- There will be “Practice Activities” available prior to the test that can be done with students multiple times
 - These will be very similar to what was provided on the Interim Test pilots
 - The hope is to provide a “Sandbox” to help students get practice with such things as “drag and drop” “highlighting” “hot spots” etc.
- Estimation of Time needed for testing:
 - ELA
 - Grades 3-8 = 4 hours
 - 11th Grade = 4.5 hours
 - Math
 - Grades 3-5 = 3 hours
 - Grades 6-8 = 3.5 hours
 - 11th Grade = 4 hours
 - Science
 - Grades 4, 7 & 11 = 1.5 hours
 - Social Studies
 - Grade 5 = 1.4 hours
 - Grade 8 & 11 = 1.5 hours

Question was asked about Transitioning Students (students moving into or out of the district during the test window)

- The hope is that the student’s online test can be tracked by using the USC codes and the students test can be accessed in the new school district