

2015 Testing Updates

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Goal for Spring 2015 Testing

- ▶ All Michigan students will transition to the new M-STEP assessment with a positive experience
- ▶ Most schools testing online
 - ▶ 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 happen in spring 2015?

- ▶ ELA: tested at each grades 3-8 and 11
- ▶ Mathematics: tested at each grades 3-8 and 11
- ▶ Science: tested at grades 4, 7 and 11
- ▶ Social studies: tested at grades 5, 8 and 11
- ▶ College Entrance test (required by law)—ACT in grade 11
- ▶ Work Skills assessment (required by law)—WorkKeys in Grade 11

Please see the spring 2015 Testing Schedule
for more information

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Spring_2015_Testing_Schedule_Update_464310_7.pdf

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 provided to schools and districts for informational purposes
 - ▶ No Priority, Focus or Reward labels for schools

Testing Time Explanation

- ▶ At the high school level, students are taking three types of assessments:
 - ▶ College entrance examination (ACT)
 - ▶ WorkKeys
 - ▶ M-STEP

Legislation Requires...

- ▶ An assessment that measures the *state standards* (as adopted by the State Board of Education)
- ▶ A *college entrance examination*
- ▶ A *work skills assessment*

A test to measure our state standards

- ▶ ACT does not measure Michigan's state standards
 - ▶ ACT is built to measure ACT's College Readiness Standards.
 - ▶ These are different than Michigan's standards.
 - ▶ There is insufficient *alignment* between our standards and ACT's standards for the ACT itself to meet our legislative requirements.
 - ▶ Therefore, to assess OUR STANDARDS, we have to use additional assessments

Steps to Reduce Testing Time

- ▶ Performance tasks are *optional* for the high school for 2015.
- ▶ In future years...
 - ▶ The MDE plans to collaborate with the College Board (SAT) to review alignment to Michigan standards and investigate if the SAT can be used for a greater portion of our 11th grade assessment in 2015-16.
 - ▶ This could lead to reduced testing time in 11th grade.