



SEMINOLE ACADEMY

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Due to the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, the U.S. Department of Education (USDE) announced it would offer states flexibility to federal requirements for the 2020-21 school accountability and student assessments. The State of Michigan submitted a state waiver at the end of January and are waiting to receive a response from the USDE. The State of Michigan has advised districts and schools to continue to plan to administer Spring 2021 state assessments.

As we await further guidance from the USDE and the State of Michigan, we wanted to share what we know about spring 2021 state assessments. We will continue to communicate with you as we move forward and have heard from MDE and USED regarding our state waiver.

| Grade Level | Assessment | Content Area |
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| 3 - 7 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress (M-STEP)<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The M-STEP will be given online and will measure student knowledge of Michigan's high academic standards | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Grade 5 will also take the Science & Social Studies assessments |
| 8 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Pre-SAT (PSAT) - Preparation for the SAT college entrance exam given to high school juniors● M-STEP | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● PSAT - English Language Arts (ELA) & Mathematics● M-STEP – Science and Social Studies |
| 9 & 10 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Pre-SAT (PSAT)<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Continued practice for SAT college entrance exam | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● PSAT - English Language Arts (ELA) & Mathematics |
| 11 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Michigan Merit Exam (MME)<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Free SAT college entrance exam○ M-Step○ WorkKeys | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● SAT - ELA and Mathematics● M-STEP - Science and Social Studies● WorkKeys - work skills assessment |



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Here are some additional resources for further information about state assessments

- [Education Assessment – What It Is, What It Means, and What It Offers](#)
- [What Parents Should Know About Assessments](#)
- [Student Testing – What Parents Can Do to Help Students Prepare](#)

State Assessments Provide

- An important snapshot of student achievement at a state, district and building level
 - Valuable information to parents and teachers on their student's academic achievement
 - Important data for schools and districts to evaluate curriculum and programming effectiveness
 - Comparable performance and growth trends over time at the state, district, and building levels
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Testing during the COVID-19 pandemic

At this time the State of Michigan has advised schools to plan to assess as many students as possible, and as safely as possible, while following local and state COVID-19-related directives. The spring state assessments are required to be given in-person, but testing will only occur if state and local health orders and district policies for COVID-19 allow students and staff to safely be in school buildings. Like so many other things this year, our protocols for conducting spring state assessments will look different in order to protect the health and safety of our students and teachers.

Here are some steps we have taken to keep students and staff safe during the tests:

- We added additional health safety procedures during the test including, limiting the sharing of materials, cleaning materials when possible, ensuring adequate spacing between students, increasing ventilation, and ensuring students and staff wash their hands or use hand sanitizer before and after the test.
 - The dates during which the test can be given have been extended by the Michigan Department of Education, which gives us more flexibility to schedule the tests when it is safe for students and staff, allow for additional social distancing, and provides more time to make plans for the best health safety practices.
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We will continue to monitor health data for our community and will make any other changes to our spring state assessment plans necessary to keep our students, families, and staff safe. Students will test following social distancing requirements and additional precautions will be in place, such as keeping materials sanitized.



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Below is a general testing schedule for this spring, however we will shared specific testing dates for your child as we get closer to April.

| Spring 2021 Testing Schedule for Summative Assessments | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Assessment | Week of | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 1/27-1-29 | 2/1-2/5 | 2/8-2/12 | 2/15-2/19 | 2/22-2/26 | 3/1-3/5 | 3/8-3/12 | 3/15-3/19 | 3/22-3/26 | 3/29-4/2 | 4/5-4/9 | 4/12-4/16 | 4/19-4/23 | 4/26-4/30 | 5/3-5/7 | 5/10-5/14 | 5/17-5/21 | 5/24-5/28 | |
| M-STEP Grades 5, 8, 11 | | | | | | | | | | | | 4 weeks | | | | | | | |
| M-STEP Grades 3, 4, 6, 7 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 4 weeks | | | | | | |
| MI-Access Alternate Assessments | | | | | | | | | | | | 7 weeks | | | | | | | |
| College Entrance: SAT w/Essay* | | | | | | | | | | | | 4/13 only | Makeup 4/27- 4/29 | | | | Makeup Contingency 5/18 | | |
| Accommodated Testing Window | | | | | | | | | | | | 4/13 – 4/26 | Makeup 4/27- 4/29 | | | | Makeup Contingency 5/18-5/20 | | |
| Work Skills: ACT WorkKeys | | | | | | | | | | | | 4/14 only | Makeup 4/28 | Makeup Contingency 5/5 | | | | | |
| Accommodated Testing Window | | | | | | | | | | | | 4/14 – 4/27 | Makeup 4/28-5/4 | Makeup Contingency 5/5-5/11 | | | | | |
| PSAT 8/9 (grade 8)* | | | | | | | | | | | | 4/13 only Primary 4/14-16 | Makeup 4/27-5/7 | | | | | | |
| Accommodated Testing Window | | | | | | | | | | | | 4/13 – 5/7 | | | | | | | |
| PSAT 8/9 (gr 9) PSAT 10** | | | | | | | | | | | | Primary 4/13-16 | Makeup 4/27- 5/7 | | | | | | |
| Accommodated Testing Window | | | | | | | | | | | | 4/13 – 5/7 | | | | | | | |
| WIDA ACCESS & WIDA Alternate ACCESS for ELLs | Extended: January 27 - April 9, 2021 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>* Schools must administer the PSAT 8/9 for 8th grade on April 13, 2021. The Primary window of 4/14-4/16 is available for students who were absent on 4/13 (unless students are approved with accommodations that designate them to test in the accommodated testing window).</p> <p>** Schools must administer the PSAT 8/9 for 9th grade and PSAT 10 on April 13, 14, 15, or 16, 2021 (unless students are approved with accommodations that designate them to test in the accommodated testing window).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Schools can choose which date works best for them as the initial test day.The same grade must test on the same day at the same time.Schools can administer multiple grades in one day, but grades must be in separate administration sessions (grade 9 students must be tested separate from grade 8 students). <p>NOTE: Paper/Pencil test dates for the M-STEP ELA, mathematics, science, and social studies assessments will occur on designated dates within the testing windows.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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