



OEAA Update

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2009 MDE Assessment & Accountability Conferences

Registration is now open for the 2009 MDE Educational Assessment & Accountability Conferences. Just go to **www.gomiem.org**. Conference dates and sites are listed below. Please mark your calendars and watch for more details in the coming months.

- August 25 – Marquette, Northern Michigan University
- September 21 – Grand Rapids, DeVos Place
- September 28 – Novi, Rock Financial Showplace

Share Your Story at MDE Conferences

Has your class, school or district experienced significant improvement in MEAP or MME scores over the last five years? We'd like YOU to share your success story at the 2009 MDE Educational Assessment & Accountability Conferences (see above for dates and locations). A modest stipend is available, if allowed by your labor contract. The OEAA will reimburse you for travel expenses to the nearest conference site. The OEAA will also reimburse your district for substitute teacher costs incurred because of your participation.

If you are interested, please email a short description (not to exceed 100 words) of what you would like to share at a conference site. Email it to the appropriate OEAA assessment consultant listed below:

- Reading: Wendy Gould GouldW@michigan.gov
- Writing: Wendy Gould GouldW@michigan.gov

- Math: Kyle Ward WardK2@michigan.gov
- Science: Rodger Epp EppR@michigan.gov
- Social Studies: Ruth Isaia IsaiaR@michigan.gov

The deadline to apply is July 15. Your application must be emailed, not faxed or mailed. All who apply by July 15 will be contacted by OEAA staff before August 1. You may attend one or more of the sessions at a conference site. From all who apply, the OEAA will attempt to obtain a representative cross-section of districts by location, enrollment size, grades and subjects. Due to budget constraints and session time limits, not everyone who applies for this opportunity will be invited to share their success story.

MEAP Fall 2009 Estimated Testing Times

The table below indicates *estimated* testing times for Fall 2009 MEAP assessments:

<i>Subject Area</i>	<i>Grade(s)</i>	<i>Part</i>	<i>Estimated Time</i>
Reading - Session 1 (Initial test date: 10/13/09)	3 – 8	1	60 minutes
		2	40 minutes
Reading - Session 2 (Initial test date: 10/15/09)	3 – 8	3	70 minutes
Writing (Initial test date: 10/22/09)	4 and 7 only	1	20 minutes
		2	35 - 50 minutes
Mathematics (Initial Test Date: 10/20/09)	3	Parts 1 & 2 (non calculator)	Part 1=35 minutes Part 2=35 minutes
	4	Part 1 (Note: Calculators are NOT allowed on Part 1 of the Grade 4–8 mathematics tests.)	Part 1=50 minutes Part 2=25 minutes
	5		Part 1=55 minutes Part 2=25 minutes
	6		Part 1=45 minutes Part 2=35 minutes
	7		Part 1=50 minutes Part 2=35 minutes
	8		Part 2 (Calculators may be used on Part 2 of the Grade 4–8 mathematics tests.)
Science (Initial Test Date: 10/22/09)	5	Part 1 Part 2	50 minutes 50 minutes
	8	Part 1 Part 2	50 minutes 50 minutes
Social Studies (Initial Test Date: 10/22/09)	6	Part 1 Part 2	40 minutes 40 minutes
	9	Part 1 Part 2	40 minutes 40 minutes

MEAP Fall 2009 Pre-ID

Recently it was announced that only grades 4 and 7 will be administered the writing assessment for MEAP beginning Fall 2009. The OEAA Secure Site (www.michigan.gov/oeaa-secure) has not been updated yet to reflect this change and you will notice that all grade

levels will be selected on the Pre-Identified Student Report for reading and writing (ELA). Users do not have the ability select only reading or only writing when pre-identifying students. Users should only unselect ELA if the student is not taking EITHER the reading or writing during the MEAP assessment (some students may be taking MI-Access or MEAP-Access).

Students that are marked for writing in a grade level in which writing is no longer assessed will not be sent a writing assessment and will not be expected to take a writing assessment. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the OEAA at oeaa@michigan.gov or 877-560-8378.

MEAP Fall 2009 Make-Up Dates

The Fall 2009 MEAP schedule (revised 4-8-09) provides multiple make-up dates for each subject area test. Because of this flexibility, schools will NOT need to submit a request to the OEAA to utilize make-up test dates as was required in previous years. Schools are permitted to administer the grade/subject area test on a make-up test date using the original test form assigned to them. There is no specific "Form 11 Make-up test."

To view or print the revised MEAP schedule, please visit www.michigan.gov/meap, then click on "MEAP Schedule (Fall 2009 through Fall 2013), Revised 4-8-09" near the bottom of the page.

MEAP-Access

The MEAP-Access assessment was approved by the Michigan State Board of Education (SBE) on March 17, 2009. The U.S. Department of Education issued regulations regarding Alternate Assessments based on Modified Achievement Standards (AA-MAS). The regulations permit a state, as part of its assessment and accountability system under Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Act, to adopt such standards and to develop an assessment aligned with modified academic achievement standards.

The MEAP-Access measures Grades 3-8 grade level content expectations (GLCEs) for reading/writing and mathematics. This fall the MEAP-Access assessment will be a fully operational test that will address the assessment needs for students that the MI-Access Functional Independence and MEAP assessments (even with accommodations) are not appropriate.

Districts should begin the pre-identification process and count entries. The eligibility criteria is listed on the MEAP-Access webpage at www.michigan.gov/meap-access. Student counts must be entered in the OEAA secure site by July 30, 2009. Pre-Identification will continue through September 17, 2009. IEP Teams are responsible for verifying that every student participating in MEAP-Access meets each component specified in the MEAP-Access Eligibility Criteria and Guidelines for Participation. This document can be found at www.michigan.gov/meap-access. Students who do not have documentation certifying they meet all eligibility criteria are not eligible to participate in MEAP-Access.

MEAP-Access has been a collaborative effort of the MDE and other stakeholders including, the offices of Special Education and Early Intervention Services, Office of School Improvement, other state departments, district educators, and assessments experts.

MEAP-Access will be administered during the MEAP fall 2009 test window. For further information and updates please refer to the OEAA webpage at www.michigan.gov/meap-access.

MI-Access Fall 2009 Assessment

The OEAA secure site is now open for the Fall 2009 MI-Access student counts entry through July 30, 2009 (www.michigan.gov/oeaa-secure). Students selected for MI-Access must have a current IEP in order to be eligible. Pre-identification of students will continue through September 17, 2009

The MI-Access window for this fall will be from October 12 through November 20, 2009. If you have any questions, please call 877-560-8378 or e-mail oeaa@michigan.gov.

ELPA Screener Materials Return

Districts may keep unused ELPA Initial Screening materials with the exception of Level I and Level III materials. Changes are being made that will require a reprinting of these materials for the following school year. New Level I and Level III materials will be available on or about June 22. Districts may begin ordering new materials on June 8 using an online order form available at www.michigan.gov/elpa. Districts are asked to send back old Level I and Level III materials as well as all used ELPA materials—even those materials from previous years—to the OEAA now.

Electronic UPS return shipping labels may be requested by sending an email to oeaa@mi.gov. Please include your shipping address in the body of your email. If you have questions regarding the return of ELPA materials, please contact the ELPA staff at oeaa@mi.gov or call 877-560-8378.

ELPA Sunshine Cycle Changes

The Sunshine Cycle is being changed to include all levels of the ELPA. The Sunshine cycle will now follow the Snowflake Cycle and will remain open until the Leaf Cycle begins each fall. ELPA Coordinators may assign the Sunshine Cycle to students who must be screened to determine eligibility for ELL services during the summer, from June 22 until August 15. Beginning in 2010, coordinators will be able to assign the Sunshine Cycle to students after the Spring ELPA Cycle has ended.

NAEP 2010 Administration Notification has been sent

Early notification has been mailed and emailed to all schools in the 2010 sample. These schools will shortly begin receiving their assigned testing dates. The sampled schools will be part of a national sample that assesses U.S. History, Civics, and Geography at grades 4, 8, and 12. The assessments will take place between Jan. 25, and March 5, 2010. Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions please contact Dr. Paul Stemmer at stemmerp@mi.gov.

MEAP Odds & Ends

Some things about MEAP that you may not have realized...

1. The 2009 MEAP will be use a two-column page format to improve readability. Previous versions of MEAP used a one-column page format.
2. MEAP items are written by Michigan teachers!
3. Items are reviewed by a Bias/Sensitivity Committee and a Content Review Committee (comprised of Michigan teachers!) at least TWICE before they appear on an operational test.
4. Field test items are scored but do not affect a student's performance level. In other words, they DO NOT COUNT.

5. All items are field-tested on a large population to see how the students perform before they are included on an operational assessment.
6. The testing times provided in the *MEAP Assessment Administrator Manual* are “approximate” times. MEAP assessments are UNTIMED; some children require more time than others.
7. Excessive test practice (“cramming”) prior to testing can NEGATIVELY impact student performance and INCREASE student anxiety.
8. Bed sheets are great for covering up displays, charts, bulletin board materials, etc. that might provide students with an unfair advantage while taking an assessment. (And as you know, to reduce the possibility of providing an unfair advantage to any student taking an assessment, all displays, charts, bulletin board materials, etc. should be covered or removed from the testing room.)