



Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress (M-STEP)

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Dear Parents,

This spring, the State of Michigan is replacing the 44-year-old Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) with a summative assessment called the Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress (M-STEP). In prior school years, the MEAP assessments were administered in October. This school year, the testing window for the new M-STEP assessments is April 14th - June 5th (please see schedule below).

Students in grades 6 - 8 will take the English language arts and the mathematics assessments, which will include both open-ended response and multiple choice questions. The science test will be administered to 7th graders and the social studies test will be given to 8th graders. The science and social studies assessments will only include multiple choice questions. Please see M-STEP assessment schedule below:

Grade 8 M-STEP Testing Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
April 13 ELA Class Activity	April 14 ELA day 1	April 15 ELA Day 2	April 16 Make-up ELA	April 17 Make-up ELA
April 20 Math Class Activity	April 21 Math Day 1	April 22 Math Day 2	April 23 Social Studies	April 24 Make-up

Grade 7 M-STEP Testing Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
April 27 ELA Class Activity	April 28 ELA day 1	April 29 ELA Day 2	April 30 Make-up ELA	May 1 Make-up ELA
May 4 Math Class Activity	May 5 Math Day 1	May 6 Math Day 2	May 7 Science	May 8 Make-up

Grade 6 M-STEP Testing Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
May 18 ELA Class Activity	May 19 ELA day 1	May 20 ELA Day 2	May 21 Make-up ELA	May 22 Make-up ELA
May 25 Memorial Day	May 26 Math Class Activity	May 27 Math Day 1	May 28 Math Day 2	May 29 Make-up
June 1 Make-up	June 2 Make-up	June 3 Make-up	June 4 Make-up	June 5 Make-up

*Shaded areas are testing dates for students.

Please review with your child the following test-taking tips.

Before the Test:

- *Develop a positive attitude. Tell yourself, "I will do my best on this test."
- *Get a good night's sleep the night before the test.
- *Get up early enough to avoid hurrying to get ready for school.
- *Eat a healthy breakfast.

During the Test:

- *Relax and stay calm.
- *Listen carefully to the directions the teacher gives.
- *Ask questions if you don't understand what to do.
- *Read each question carefully. Find the key words. Try to figure out what the question is really asking.
- *Read the entire question and look at all the answer choices.
- *Use strategies you learned in class to figure out the answer
- *Take your time picking the best answer.
- *Go back and recheck your answers.

Sincerely,
Mr. Andrew Denison, Principal
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