



Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress (M-STEP)

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Dear Parents,

This spring, students will be taking the Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress (M-STEP). The testing window for administering these tests begins Monday, April 11th. This year, students will be taking this test on-line as opposed to the traditional paper/pencil method.

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 11	April 12 ELA – Day 1	April 13 ELA – Day 2	April 14 ELA – Day 3	April 15
April 18	April 19 Math – Day 1	April 20 Math – Day 2	April 21 Social Studies	April 22

Please note the 8th graders who attend DCMST and DHS will report to Bryant for M-Step testing

Grade 6 M-STEP Testing Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
April 25	April 26 ELA – Day 1	April 27 ELA – Day 2	April 28	April 29
May 2	May 3 Math – Day 1	May 4 Math – Day 2	May 5	May 6

Grade 7 M-STEP Testing Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
May 9	May 10 ELA – Day 1	May 11 ELA – Day 2	May 12	May 13
May 16	May 17 Math – Day 1	May 18 Math – Day 2	May 19 Science	May 20

*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.

Sincerely,
Mr. Andrew Denison, Principal
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