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on Student Assessment and Accountability

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# **GREAT JOB!** Congratulations on a SUCCESSFUL first year of M-STEP!

### MDE to Provide PSAT in Spring 2016

State law (388.1704) prescribes that the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) shall administer to all Michigan public school students a summative assessment for English language arts and mathematics in grades 9 and 10 in the 2015–2016 school year. In lieu of building new summative assessments for this purpose, MDE has decided to pursue a more streamlined solution – the use of the PSAT to meet the statutory requirement. Since we've heard that districts are currently looking to purchase the PSAT on their own, using the PSAT as the state summative assessment for grades 9 and 10 will potentially save districts money.

Therefore, as part of next year's transition to the College Board's SAT assessment for 11th grade, MDE has partnered with the College Board to provide PSAT assessments for 9th and 10th graders in public high schools. We are excited to be able to provide this opportunity, as these assessments will provide valuable preparation, practice, and information to prepare our high school students for success on the SAT portion of the Michigan Merit Examination.

The PSAT assessments provided by MDE will be administered in the spring. These tests, as well as the state-administered SAT and any supplementary training materials, will be provided free of charge for all Michigan high school students. This also will allow students to opt into the College Board's Khan Academy platform, which will provide them personalized remediation beginning as soon as their 9th grade year.

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With developments such as this, and the ongoing transition in assessments, the Spring 2016 testing windows and other details continue to be fine-tuned. Additional information will be provided to schools as soon as possible through the Spotlight and through College Board's Michigan website www.CollegeBoard. org/michigan. If you have questions regarding the PSAT, contact michiganpsat@collegeboard.org.

## **MI-Access Materials Return Deadline**

Schools who administered the MI-Access Functional Independence, Supported Independence, and/or Participation paper/pencil tests must ship test materials to Measurement, Inc., the scoring vendor, by June 5, 2015 in order to avoid late fees.

## M-STEP Grades 3, 6, and 11 Testing Windows Close Friday, June 5th!

Important Reminder: The grades 3, 6, and 11 test windows closes tomorrow, June 5, 2015. All M-STEP testing for grade 3, 6, and 11 must be completed by the end of the instructional day on Friday.

#### Grades 3, 6, and 11

**ONLINE:** Schools with online testers should remember to clear the TSM(s) at the end of the day the TSM(s) at the on Friday. The end of the day! Technology Director should have information on how to do this.



PAPER/PENCIL: Schools with paper/pencil testers must ship test materials to Measurement, Inc., the scoring vendor, by June 10, 2015 in order to avoid late fees. The following are needed in order to

return test materials and can be ordered from the Secure Site Additional Material Order window:

- School/Grade Header Sheets
- FedEx Airbills
- Scorable Return Labels
- Non-Scorable Return Labels
- Special Handling Envelope
- Class/Group ID Sheet (optional)

## MDE Adds KEA Summer Professional **Learning Site**

A new date and location for the 2015–2016 Fall Kindergarten Entry Assessment (KEA) professional learning event is highlighted below.

- June 30, 2015\*: Deadline for districts to register to participate in the Fall 2015 KEA in order for teachers to participate in July trainings
  - ► July 20/21: Taylor
  - ▶ July 23/24: Sault Ste. Marie
- July 31, 2015\*: Deadline for districts to register to participate in the Fall 2015 KEA in order for teachers to participate in August trainings
  - August 10/11: Lansing
  - August 12/13: Traverse City

\*Interested educators traveling more than 50 miles one way from their home who need hotel accommodations for their selected location must register for the professional learning event by the date below, otherwise MDE cannot guarantee lodging:

\*Register by June 8, 2015 (if lodging is needed for the July or August professional learning sessions)



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**Note:** Kindergarten teachers from districts who have registered to administer the KEA this fall are eligible for a stipend of \$250/day for the professional learning event. The last date to register for KEA participation is **August 15, 2015**. The district registration link is: <u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/H2DQS37</u>

Districts should note that although committed districts will be required to administer the KEA in the fall between September 8 – October 31, 2015, they also have the option to administer the KEA an additional two times throughout the year in order to best show growth across the KEA Widely Held Expectations.



#### **Registration Now Open!**

The Michigan Department of Education and the Division of Accountability Services is pleased to offer registration for the 2015 DAS Fall Conferences for Assessment and Accountability. Come and join us for a day of presentations from DAS staff covering essential topics such as 2015 Accountability updates; Online Reporting; 2016 Assessments; Preparing for the SAT; and much more.

The conferences will be held on 4 different dates at 4 locations throughout the state. Please register for one of the following:

- August 20, 2015 Lansing Convention Center, Lansing, MI
- August 25, 2015 Crystal Mountain Resort, Thompsonville, MI

- August 27, 2015 Northern Michigan
   University, Marquette, MI
- September 1, 2015 Eagle Crest Resort, Ypsilanti, MI

After registering for one of the conferences, you will have the opportunity to indicate which breakout sessions you may want to attend by completing a short survey. This doesn't "lock" you into attending a specific breakout session, but gives us an idea of participant interest in a session topic, so that we may schedule the sessions appropriately.

For a complete list of sessions offered and to register for the conferences, please go to <u>http://www.gomiem.</u> <u>org/news/das-fall-conferences-assessment-and-</u> <u>accountability</u>. For more information, contact MIEM at 1-517-327-9261.

### Parent Survey for M-STEP

Spring 2015 was the first administration of the Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress (M-STEP). With the completion of the testing window, the Michigan Department of Education would like to invite feedback from parents of students in grades 3 – 8, and 11 who took the M-STEP. The short survey can be accessed at <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/spring2015M-STEPparentsurvey">https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/spring2015M-STEPparentsurvey</a>. Please complete and submit the survey no later than June 19, 2015.

To help us convey this information, we are asking schools and districts to include this message in your parent communications.

## M-STEP Surveys for ONLINE Testing

MDE is very interested in learning more from teachers, students, and administrators who were involved in the M-STEP ONLINE administration this spring. The information obtained from responses to these surveys will be used to inform and improve practices for the Spring 2016 M-STEP online administration.

The 2015 M-STEP Online Administration Survey can be accessed at: <u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/</u> <u>mstep-online-administration</u>. *This survey is for ONLINE administration only. If you administered the paper/pencil tests, you do not need to participate in this online survey. Please complete and submit the survey no later than Friday, June 12, 2015.* 

The Student Survey will require about 10 minutes to complete and can be found at: <u>https://www.</u> <u>surveymonkey.com/s/mstepstudentsurvey</u>. This survey is for students who tested ONLINE. Students who only took paper/pencil tests do not need to participate in this ONLINE survey.

Although in-class participation will improve response rates, it is possible for students to access the survey using the same link from their phone or home computer. We appreciate any support schools can provide to encourage student participation and we thank you in advance. *Please complete and submit the survey no later than Friday, June 12, 2015.* 

Friday, June 5, 2015, is the last chance for technology coordinators to give feedback if you were specifically involved in the *technology component of the M-STEP ONLINE preparation and administration*. This survey can be accessed at: <u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/M-STEPTechSurvey</u>.

### Verification of Enrollment for Accountability Purposes is Now Available

The Verification of Enrollment for Accountability Purposes is now available on the Secure Site through 5:00 PM, June 15, 2015 for Spring 2015 M-STEP and MI-Access. The student names and demographic information listed are pulled from the Michigan Student Data System (MSDS) and are showing as currently enrolled in the school and would be expected to test. This is the list of students that will be used for the schools accountability calculations and the demographics that will be used for assessment and accountability reporting. While it is anticipated that the MDE will not be identifying Priority and Focus Schools for the 2014–2015 school year, this information is still important for assessment participation compliance.

This is the last opportunity to review the enrollment and demographic information and submit changes in MSDS via a student record maintenance (SRM) file for assessment and accountability purposes. We will be updating the list nightly from MSDS, so if you submit an SRM, the changes will be reflected the following day on the Secure Site.

The Division of Accountability Services (DAS) will NOT be able to use the MSDS End of Year collection, so *it is important that any updates you want reflected in the accountability and assessments reporting is submitted in MSDS by 5:00 PM on June 15, 2015.* DAS will **only** be pulling the final student data from MSDS after 5:00 PM on June 15 and will **only** be using data with an **as of date** on or before June 5, 2015. *This is important to let your district MSDS person know.* 

At this time, the plan is have the *Verification of Answer Documents* available for *view only* starting June 10, **2015** so schools can start to identify possible issues with answer documents (both online and paper/pencil). Since we will not have all of the data available on June 10, we will not allow issues to be submitted for answer documents until June 17 – June 24, 2015 when more data will be available.

You can find instructions on what to look for, explanations of the different screens, and how to resolve issues by clicking on the *Accountable Students & Test Verification–Spring 2015* link under the **Quick Reference** section at <u>www.michigan.gov/</u> <u>securesitetraining</u>.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact our call center at 877-560-8378 and press option 3 for assistance or email <u>baa@michigan.gov</u>.

### WIDA Verification of Answer Documents and Not Tested

Verification of Answer Documents is now available on the Secure Site through **5:00 PM June 9, 2015** for Spring 2015 WIDA. The Verification of Not Tested for Spring 2015 WIDA will also be available through **5:00 PM, June 23, 2015**.

*The Verification of Answer Documents* is the schools opportunity to verify that answer documents were received by the contractor and have been processed for scoring. This is the only opportunity to submit answer document issues, including missing test issues, and appeal prohibitive behavior and nonstandard accommodations for Spring 2015 WIDA.

The Verification of Not Tested is available for schools to submit a reason why a student did not take an assessment for review by the Division of Accountability staff for a possible exemption for accountability purposes and other federal reporting.

The Verification of Enrollment for Accountability Purposes is still available to view on the Accountable Students and Test Verification page. However, it is no longer being updated from the Michigan Student Data System (MSDS) since the previous deadline of April 29, 2015. It currently displays the student enrollment and demographics as of March 27, 2015 which will be used for assessment and accountability reporting. You can make updates to MSDS but DAS will not be pulling any additional updates from MSDS for Spring 2015 WIDA.

You can find instructions on what to look for, explanations of the different screens, and how to resolve issues by clicking on the *Accountable Students & Test Verification–Spring 2015* link under the **Quick Reference** section at <u>www.michigan.gov/</u> <u>securesitetraining</u>.

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#### Application to Participate in the Sending Scores Back Program for Shared Educational Entities (SEEs and S2E2s) Now Available!

If your ISD, consortium, or district operates or participates in a school or program that is exclusively for one of the following purposes:

- Alternative Education
- Early/Middle College
- · Gifted & Talented
- Special Education

Your ISD, consortium, or district may benefit by applying to participate in the **Sending Scores Back Program** for school accountability. Shared Educational Entities (SEEs) are entities that do not receive a Michigan School Accountability Scorecard (previously AYP), accreditation grade, or Top-to-Bottom school ranking for operating as a "good deed" school or program for special interest educational services. The Sending Scores Back Program is offered as a benefit for schools or programs offering these types of educational services, providing them additional flexibility in the reporting of traditional school accountability elements.

SEEs and Shared Specialized Educational Entities (S2E2s) that participated in the *Sending Scores Back Program* for the 2014–2015 school year will need to **reapply to maintain their status as a SEE or S2E2** in the *Sending Scores Back Program* for the 2015–2016 school year. Applications, which are a completely online process, are due by **Monday**, **August 24, 2015** at 5:00 PM.

For more information on the 2015–2016 Sending Scores Back Program Basic Overview, including the application and other informational resources regarding SEEs/S2E2s, please visit: <u>www.michigan.</u> <u>gov/sees</u>.

### District and School Accountability Date Windows and Reporting for the 2014–2015 School Year

For the 2014–2015 school year, accountability reporting will vary from what has typically been reported in prior years. In the past, the MDE has held a preliminary Scorecard window for appeals and then publicly reported both the Scorecard and Top-to-Bottom Rankings, along with Priority, Focus, and Reward School status in <u>www.mischooldata.org</u>. Pending the approval of Michigan's ESEA Flexibility application, the MDE will not be publicly reporting Scorecards or Top-to-Bottom Rankings for the 2014–2015 school year. Additionally, the MDE will not identify Priority, Focus, and Reward Schools for the 2014–2015 school year.

We intend to securely report draft Scorecards for the 2014–2015 school year so that schools and districts may securely review these data for diagnostic and informational purposes. We believe it is important that school and district authorized staff are able to review draft accountability results for the 2014–2015 school year. Doing so provides the opportunity for administrators to become familiar with any changes to securely reported results or formats due to the transition to and administration of the new assessment program. Schools and districts will have the opportunity for the 2014–2015 school year in the Secure Site.

The table below is a simplified timeline for the availability of accountability reporting and procedures relating to the 2014–2015 school year.

| Accountability Process/Topic   | Date Window Availability     |
|--|------------------------------|
| WIDA Verification of Not Tested  | June 2 – June 23 at 5:00 PM  |
| M-STEP/MI-Access Verification of Enrollment                              | June 2 – June 15 at 5:00 PM  |
| M-STEP/MI-Access Verification of Not Tested                              | *June 17 – July 8 at 5:00 PM |
| Publication of School at risk for Participation<br>Noncompliance         | *June                        |
| Draft Scorecard Review & Appeals   | *September/October           |
| *Anticipated dates and times listed for the availability of this window. |                              |



# Class/Group Codes

Class/Group Codes are a way districts and schools can designate user-defined reporting groups of students. These four-digit codes can be assigned to students from the Secure Site. Please see sections 8.2 Update Individual Student Records and 8.3 Mass Updates in the Secure Site Procedure and User Manual for information on how to assign Class/Group Codes. • **Preliminary Reports:** Class/Group Codes that are in the Secure Site will be reflected in the Preliminary Reports when the reports first become available. Updates made after the initial release of Preliminary Reports will not be reflected in the Preliminary Reports.

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• Final Reports: Schools have until the end of the *Accountable Students and Test Verification* window on June 15, 2015 to enter Class/Group Codes for Final Reports.

Reports will not use eDIRECT test session information. eDIRECT test sessions are solely for the purpose of grouping students for test administration and are unrelated to reporting. If a school or district wants to create a user-defined grouping of students for reporting purposes, then a Class/Group Code must be used. For example, a school might want to group all students in a particular class or students who are participating in a special program together for reporting purposes.

## 4 1% MI-Access Proficiency Cap Applications Available!

The 1% MI-Access Proficiency Cap Exception applications are available until **Tuesday, June 30, 2015 at 5:00 PM**. Applications are completely electronic and are available through the Secure Site. Districts that already have an approved 1% exception application from the 2012–2013 or 2013–2014 school years need not reapply, as approved applications are active for three Preliminary Scorecard Appeal cycles. It is the intent of the MDE that there be no consequences based on assessment data for 2014–2015, with the exception of those schools that choose not to participate in all required assessments. Scorecards will still be calculated and reported to schools and districts only as a diagnostic tool.

A helpful resource has been created to provide you

- detailed information on the 1% cap;
- how the 1% cap is calculated;
- how to access the MI-Access Proficiency Cap Exception Application; and
- sample responses to the questions on the 1% exception application.

This resource can be found at the following link: <u>http://</u> www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/MI-Access\_Cap\_ Exception\_Information\_459065\_7.ppt.

The 1% MI-Access Proficiency Cap Exception application can be found on the Secure Site: <u>https://baa.state.mi.us/BAASecure/Login.aspx</u>. Once you have logged in to the Secure Site, go to the Scorecard menu and choose 1% Cap Waiver to submit/review 1% cap exception waiver applications.

1% MI-Access Proficiency Cap Exception applications are due by **Tuesday, June 30, 2015 at 5:00 PM**.

# SAT Corner

Information provided by the College Board

# Khan Academy Practice Opportunities

In this installment of the Spotlight's SAT Corner, we'd like to provide more detailed information about the College Board's partnership with Khan Academy and the practice opportunities now available to Michigan students. College Board and Khan Academy are also committed to creating an active role for educators in using the Official SAT Practice on <u>www.KhanAcademy.org</u>. However, for the initial launch, the resources are focused on empowering student access and success. College Board will work with Michigan educators to provide guidance on how to use these practice results in the classrooms.

Official SAT Practice on <u>SATPractice.org</u> launched this week. Students can now access:

- Detailed information about the redesigned SAT, including thousands of practice questions written in partnership with the same developers creating the new exam, explanations of each section of the test, and guidance on interpreting test scores.
- Interactive questions, video lessons, and reference articles to help students practice and review the skills that research shows are essential for college readiness and that are tested on the SAT in both Math and Evidence-Based Reading and Writing.
- Short diagnostic quizzes in both Math and Evidence-Based Reading and Writing to help students identify the skills they should focus on.
- Personalized practice recommendations, directly tied to specific skills on the test, to make the biggest impact on student performance and overall college readiness.

- Four official full-length practice tests written by the College Board, so students can see detailed results of their work and Khan Academy can direct them to the most appropriate materials.
- Instant feedback on their answers so that students are always learning and seeing their progress.
- Study tips and suggestions for test day.

In the coming months, the College Board and Khan Academy will continue to enhance these practice tools based on feedback from students, parents, and educators, by adding new features. Read more about the partnership with Khan Academy, and how it will support Michigan students and educators, in this <u>interview</u> with Cyndie Schmeiser, College Board Chief of Assessment.

In future installments of the Spotlight, we'll provide updates on the new Khan Academy resources, as well as other SAT practice resources that Michigan students and educators can benefit from.

## **Key Content Changes**

In previous installments of the SAT Corner, we outlined <u>eight key changes</u> to the redesigned SAT– and highlighted *Relevant Words in Context*, *Essay Analyzing a Source*, and *Math that Matters Most*. Today we'd like to focus on another one of the key changes: *Command of Evidence*.

#### **Command of Evidence**

When students take the Evidence-Based Reading and Writing sections of the exams and the Essay section of the redesigned SAT, they'll be asked to demonstrate their ability to interpret, synthesize,

and use evidence found in a wide range of sources. These sources include informational graphics, such as tables, charts, and graphs, as well as multiparagraph passages in the areas of literature and literary nonfiction, the humanities, science, history, and social studies, and on topics about work and careers.

For every passage or pair of passages students read on the <u>Reading Test</u>, at least one question asks them to decide which part of the text best supports the answer to the previous question. In other cases, students will be asked to integrate the information conveyed through words and graphics in order to find the best answer to a question.

Questions on the <u>Writing and Language Test</u> will also focus on command of evidence. Students will be asked, for example, to analyze sequences of sentences or paragraphs to make sure they are logical. In other questions, students will be asked to interpret graphics and to edit a portion of the accompanying passage so that it clearly and accurately conveys the information in the graphics.

The SAT Essay will also require students to demonstrate command of evidence. Students will analyze a provided source text to determine how the author builds an argument to persuade an audience through the use of evidence, reasoning, and/or stylistic and persuasive devices. They will be asked to write a cogent and clear analysis supported by critical reasoning and evidence drawn from the source.

#### Full links from document:

SATPractice.org: www.KhanAcademy.org

#### Cyndie Schmeiser interview:

http://www.publicnewsservice.org/2015-06-02/ education/free-sat-test-prep-now-available-formichigan-students/a46528-1

**Eight Key Changes:** <u>https://collegereadiness.</u> collegeboard.org/sat-suite-assessments/examchanges/key-content-changes

**Reading Test:** <u>https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.</u> <u>org/sat-suite-assessments/practice/reading</u>

Writing and Language Tests: <u>https://</u> collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat-suiteassessments/practice/writing-language

The SAT Essay: <u>https://collegereadiness.</u> collegeboard.org/sat-suite-assessments/practice/ essay

# **Important Dates**

## **Approaching Deadlines!**

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#### **M-STEP**

#### • June 5, 2015:

- M-STEP testing window ends Friday. Schools with online testers should remember to clear the TSM(s) at the end of the day on Friday. The Technology Director should have information on how to do this.
  - Deadline for eDIRECT availability for District and Building Coordinators to manage test sessions, set individual student supports and accommodations, and print test tickets.

**Note:** The ability to export student test status to an excel spreadsheet will remain open. This excel file can be helpful during the *Accountable Students and Test Verification* windows.

- June 5, 2015: Deadline for M-STEP ONLINE technology survey at <u>https://www.surveymonkey.</u> <u>com/s/M-STEPTechSurvey</u>
- June 10, 2015: Wednesday is the last day to ship grades 3 and 6 paper/pencil test materials to the scoring vendor, Measurement, Inc., *without penalty*. See the paper/pencil materials shipping dates table in the *Spring 2015 Testing Schedule* located at <u>www.michigan.gov/baa</u>.

Make sure you have the necessary materials to ensure shipments can be made by the deadline.

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 June 9, 2015: Deadline for Verification of Answer Documents on the Secure Site for Spring 2015
 WIDA. Tuesday is the last day you can submit answer document issues, including missing test issues, and appeal prohibitive behavior and nonstandard accommodations for Spring 2015 WIDA.

## June 2015

#### M-STEP

- Now June 12, 2015: M-STEP ONLINE administration survey is open at: <u>https://www.</u> surveymonkey.com/s/mstep-online-administration
- Now June 12, 2015: M-STEP ONLINE student survey is open at: <u>https://www.surveymonkey.</u> <u>com/s/mstepstudentsurvey</u>

#### M-STEP / MI-Access

- June 15, 2015: Deadline for the *Accountable Students* window for schools to enter Class/Group Codes for Final Reports.
- June 10 June 16, 2015: Verification of Answer Documents available for view only, until more data is available, so schools can start to identify possible issues with answer documents (both online and paper/pencil).
- June 17 June 24, 2015: Verification of Answer Documents available for submitting issues for answer documents. You can find instructions on what to look for, explanations of the different screens, and how to resolve issues by clicking on the Accountable Students & Test Verification— Spring 2015 link under the Quick Reference section at www.michigan.gov/securesitetraining.

# **Important Dates**

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#### <u>MME</u>

• Week of June 22, 2015: ACT High School and District Reports arrive in schools

#### MI-Access

 June 30, 2015: Deadline for submitting 1% MI-Access Proficiency Cap Exception applications. Applications are completely electronic and are available through the Secure Site. Districts that already have an approved 1% exception application from the 2012–2013 or 2013–2014 school years need not re-apply.

#### **WIDA**

 Now – June 23, 2015: Verification of Not Tested for Spring 2015 WIDA. Schools can submit a reason why a student did not take an assessment for review by the Division of Accountability services staff for a possible exemption for accountability purposes and other federal reporting.  Now – August 15, 2015: The Pre-K Cycle for the WIDA ACCESS Placement Test (W-APT) is now open in the MDE Secure Site. This cycle is reserved for students who are enrolling in Kindergarten for the 2015–2016 school year. Pre-K students only need the Speaking and Listening domains administered.

Scores for all students taking the W-APT must be entered into the MDE Secure Site regardless of how well they score. *Please see the article on page 5 of the* <u>May 28, 2015 Spotlight</u> *on the Student Assessment web page at* <u>www.michigan.</u> <u>gov/baa</u> for more information.

► To access previous Spotlight editions, go to <u>http://</u> www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-22709\_31168-280911--,00.html

# **Recently Asked Questions**

# Why aren't all of my students and their data showing on the preliminary reports?

Currently only M-STEP data is reported. Grades are added on a staggared basis based on the testing window. Grades 5 and 8 are currently available and grades 4 and 7 will be available tomorrow, June 5, 2015. Grades 3, 6, and 11 will be available the week of June 22nd. MI-Access students, all grades, will be available the week of June 15th.

**Note:** The preliminary reports are for online testing only. Students who took the paper/pencil tests, home-schooled students, and students with invalid tests will not appear on these reports.

Students who tested online will appear on the preliminary reports in each content area **as their raw score data is completed for that content area**:

 Since social studies and science tests contained multiple choice (MC) items only, most students will appear on the social studies and science reports in the applicable grade-level.

ELA and mathematics tests contained technology- enhanced and constructed-response items in addition to MC items. Since scoring is still in progress for some of these items, a student's raw score data record may not be complete yet in these content areas. Students will continue to be added to the report as their raw score data record for each content area is complete. As more data is completed, more students will appear in the report.

Updates to the preliminary reporting status will be provided in future Spotlights as raw score data for online testing within each grade level is completed.

For information on how to access the preliminary report data, please see *Accessing the Preliminary Report Data* document on the M-STEP web page at <u>www.michigan.gov/mstep</u> under *What's New*, or click on the following link: <u>www.mi.gov/documents/mde/</u> <u>Preliminary\_Report\_Information\_490146\_7.pdf</u>.

**Please note:** You will have an opportunity to verify that all answer documents have been received starting June 10, 2015 (See the article *Verification of Enrollment for Accountability Purposes is Now Available* on page 4 of this Spotlight).

#### Have Other Questions?

For assessment questions, please email BAA@michigan.gov.

For accountability questions, please email <u>MDE-Accountability@michigan.gov</u>.

For phone assistance with assessment or accountability issues, call 877-560-8378 and select the appropriate menu option.