

MDE Assessment Updates



MERA Fall 2017



New requirements:



- Must reduce testing time for M-STEP to a total combined time of 3 hours for math and ELA on average
- Must issue and RFI/RFP for no fewer than three benchmark assessments tools for use in Michigan. (paid for by the state)

ELA Grades 3 – 8



- Removal of Performance Tasks at grades 5 and 8
- Removal of short Constructed Response items at grades 3, 4, 6, and 7
- Addition of Text-Dependent Analysis Item to all grades 3 – 8
 - Students read a passage
 - Literary passage or Informational passage
 - Approximately 500 words depending on grade level
 - Constructed Response Essay
 - Aligns to Claim 2, Target 4: write an informational text

ELA Grades 3 – 8



Example prompts:

- How does the setting of the story contribute to the development of the plot?

Mathematics Grades 3 – 8



- Removal of Performance Tasks at grades 3 – 8
- Addition of 2 – 4 machine-scored items (not CRs)
 - Aligns to Claim 2 and Claim 4
- One part = One test ticket



Spring 2018 Estimated Test Session Timings Grades 3–8

Subject	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
ELA Computer Adaptive	2:00	2:00	2:00	2:00	2:00	2:00
Math Computer Adaptive	1:30	1:30	1:30	2:00	2:00	2:00
Science Field Test	NA	NA	0:45	NA	NA	0:45
Social Studies Part 1	NA	NA	0:30	NA	NA	0:30
Social Studies Part 2	NA	NA	0:30	NA	NA	0:30
Estimated Total Hours for Spring 2018	3:30	3:30	5:15	4:00	4:00	5:45

Times have been reduced from last year's estimated total hours:

Estimated Total Hours for Spring 2017	4:00	5:40	7:40	4:30	6:30	8:30
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NOTE: Times are in **hours:minutes**. Example, 1:30 equals 1 hour 30 minutes.

Benchmark Assessments



- Requests for Proposals (RFP)
 - DTMB expects to post mid – November 2017
 - Create a pre-qualified list of vendors for Michigan schools to select from
 - ELA and Mathematics only
 - Online only
 - Effective Fall 2018
 - Frequency undetermined

Benchmark Assessments



- Characteristics
 - Highest Quality
 - Follows current best practices
 - Minimizes burden to schools
 - Timely reports
 - Conforms to the Standards of Educational and Psychological Testing

Changes for 2018-19



- Benchmark test begin based on 2017 RFP
 - Plan is to use in transparency dashboard, but not for high stakes purposes.
- 8th grade – Transition from M-STEP for ELA and Math to PSAT 8/9
 - Plan to still offer M-STEP as an optional assessment

Questions?



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