



Dear Parent(s)/ Guardian(s),

After Spring Break, students in grades 3rd - 11th will take Michigan's Department of Education state assessment. State standardized assessments are required under both state and federal law to ensure all children are learning and receiving a high-quality education.

The **M-STEP (Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress)** is the online 21st Century test designed to gauge how well students are mastering state standards. M-STEP and MiAccess are given to students in grades 3-7th in ELA and Math. Students in grades 5th, 8th and 11th will take Science and Social Studies. For more information about M-STEP, visit [www.mi.gov/mstep](http://www.mi.gov/mstep).

The **MME ( Michigan Merit Exam)** is comprised of a suite of tests for students the **11th-grade** students only

- **M-STEP** assessments in science and social studies.
- **SAT with Essay** measures student knowledge of state standards in English language arts and mathematics.
- **ACT WorkKeys** work skills measurement.

The **PSAT (PreSAT)** measures student knowledge of state standards in English language arts and Mathematics. PSAT is given to students in grades 8, 9, and 10.

**MI-Access** is given each spring to students whose Individualized Education Program (IEP) team has determined that general assessments, even with accommodations, are not appropriate for the student.

If you should have any questions about the Michigan Department of Education state assessment, please don't hesitate to contact me via email at [williamsp@pontiacacademy.org](mailto:williamsp@pontiacacademy.org) For questions about **MiAccess**, please contact Mrs. Chapman, Special Education Director, at [champmans@pontiacacademy.org](mailto:champmans@pontiacacademy.org).

Sincerely,

Pamela Williams  
Director of Curriculum and Assessment

### M-STEP

April 9 - May 2, 2019

5th - Math , ELA,  
Science and Social Studies  
8th - Science / Social Studies  
11th - Science / Social Studies

April 29 - May 24, 2019  
3rd, 4th, 6th, 7th- Math and ELA

### MiAccess

April 9 - May 2, 2019

### PSAT, SAT /ACT WorkKeys

Monday, April 8, 2019  
Pre-test Administration

**Tuesday, April 9, 2019**

SAT -11th grade  
PSAT - 8th and 10th grade  
NO SCHOOL for 9th and 12th

**Wednesday, April 10, 2019**

ACT WorkKeys -11th grade  
PSAT - 9th grade  
NO SCHOOL for 10th and 12th

**Thursday/Friday**

Regular school day

