



A STUDENT TESTING VISION FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

Michigan is embarking on a student testing system designed to increase academic achievement and produce the highest-skilled employees and entrepreneurs for Michigan's 21st Century success.

GOALS

This updated testing system will:

- Align with Michigan's high academic standards
- Help Michigan become a Top 10 education state in 10 years
- Reduce Overall Testing in Schools
- Provide a Road Map to Success for Students, Parents, & Teachers – Leading to Student Goal-Setting
- Provide Grade-Level Progress of Students for Parents and Teachers
- Respond to the Needs of Michigan's 21st Century Job Providers

STUDENT VISION

Using this new testing system will lead to classrooms that prepare students for success, as defined by them being:

- Curious
- Problem Solvers
- Able to Communicate Clearly and Effectively
- Work Both Independently and in Groups
- Able to Set and Achieve Goals
- Critical Thinkers

TESTING VISION

This new testing system being proposed would be sustained over 10 years and provide:

- A focus on growth and proficiency, with Benchmark Tests, including a writing component, given in fall and spring, with an optional winter assessment – to measure benchmark progress throughout the year
- The ability to provide immediate reporting to inform educators and parents
- A stronger, year-long student growth measure on which to base Teacher Evaluations
- The foundation of an easy-to-understand A-through-F School Accountability Grading System
- An age-appropriate Kindergarten English language arts (ELA) and math assessment in the spring.
- An age-appropriate Fall and Spring assessment for ELA and math in Grades 1-2
- Benchmark Tests in Grades 3-8, with a writing component
- Traditional M-STEP state test – once in elementary and once in middle school
- Individual, and team, problem-solving exercises (with writing) – once in elementary and once in middle school
- PSAT, SAT, and the Michigan Merit Exam (MME) for the upper grades