

Preparing for State Assessment in 2006/2007

As educators prepare for state assessment in the upcoming school year, the following tables may be of assistance. Table 1 includes the fall and spring assessment windows for MI-Access. Table 2 includes the fall and spring assessment windows for the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP), the English Language Proficiency Assessment (ELPA), and the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). Table 3 includes the MEAP and the Michigan Merit Examination (MME) spring assessment windows, which will be used if the MME is approved by the U.S. Education Department (USED) by November 1, 2006. Table 4 shows the spring 2007 assessment dates for the MEAP if the MME is NOT approved by the November deadline. And, the fifth table indicates the content areas that are assessed at each grade level in the Michigan Educational Assessment System (MEAS).

Table 1 Fall 2006/Spring 2007 MI-Access Assessment Windows	
Fall 2006	Spring 2007
October 9 - November 17	February 19 - April 6

Table 2 Fall 2006/Spring 2007 Assessment Windows for MEAP, MI-Access, ELPA, and NAEP			
	MEAP Window	ELPA Window	NAEP Window
Fall 2006	Fall Grades 3-9 October 9 – October 27 Fall High School Grade 12 (all as needed) October 23 - November 3 (retest)		
Spring 2007	SEE TABLE 4 (The dates in Table 4 are the dates the MEAP will be administered if USED approval of the MME is NOT received by November 1, 2006.)	Grades K-12 April 2 - April 27	Mathematics and Reading (Grades 4 and 8) January 30 - March 9 Writing (Grades 8 and 12) January 30 - March 9

If USED approval of the MME is received by November 1, 2006, the MEAP and the MME assessment dates will be those shown in Table 3. If not, the Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability (OEAA) will continue administration of the MEAP and postpone initial MME administration. The MEAP assessment window dates in that situation will be those shown in Table 4.

Table 3
Spring 2007 MEAP and MME Assessment Schedule

Window	Dates	Assessments Administered	Students Tested	
Spring 2007	MEAP			
	Mon., March 12 through Fri., March 30	Reading, Writing (ELA) Mathematics Science Social Studies	Grade 12 as needed	
	MME			
	<i>Operational Assessments</i>			
	Tues., March 13	ACT Plus Writing®	All Grade 11	
	Wed., March 14	WorkKeys® (Applied Mathematics, Reading for Information, and Michigan Mathematics)		
	<i>School may select ONE testing day (but not on a weekend):</i> Wed., March 14 through Wed., March 21	Michigan Science Michigan Social Studies		
	<i>Make-up Assessments</i>			
	Tues., March 27	ACT Plus Writing®		
	Wed., March 28	WorkKeys® (Applied Mathematics, Reading for Information, and Michigan Mathematics)		
<i>School may select ONE testing day (but not on a weekend):</i> Wed., March 28 through Wed., April 4	Michigan Science Michigan Social Studies			

Table 4
Spring 2007 MEAP Assessment Windows
 (if USED approval of the MME is NOT received by November 1, 2006)

Dates	Assessments Administered	Students Tested
Cycle 1: March 12 – March 23 or Cycle 2: March 19 – March 30 or Cycle 3: March 26 – April 6	ELA (Reading and Writing) Mathematics Science Social Studies	All grade 11 plus grade 12* as needed
* To qualify for the Michigan Merit Award or to improve scores for any subject.		

**Table 5
Grades and Content Areas Assessed at the State Level**

Content Areas	Grades							
	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	11th
English Language Arts	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
Mathematics	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
Science			X			X		X
Social Studies				X			X	X

At this time, there are no state-level alternate assessments for science or social studies. Therefore, Individualized Education Program Teams will need to determine how their students will be assessed in these content areas.