



# Michigan Online School

## Student Assessment Policy

The Michigan Online School Board shall, in compliance with law and rules of the State Board of Education, assess student achievement and needs in designated subject areas in order to determine the progress of students and to assist them in attaining achievement targets.

Each student will be assessed by Michigan Online School staff at enrolment into the District and annually or more frequently, as required by law. Procedures for assessments will include, but are not limited to, teacher observation, cumulative student records, and student performance data collected through standard testing programs and/or diagnostic assessment systems.

The Michigan Online School program of testing and assessment shall include:

- A. The Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress (M-STEP), the Michigan Merit Examination (MME) and MI-Access Alternate Assessments administered each year in accordance with the schedule established by statute and the Michigan Department of Education (MDE).

M-STEP includes summative assessments designed to measure student growth effectively for students. English language arts and mathematics will be assessed in Grades 6 – 8, science in Grade 7 and social studies in Grade 8. It also includes the Michigan Merit Examination in Grade 11, which consists of the SAT with essay, ACT WorkKeys and M-STEP summative in science and social studies.

All eleventh (11th) grade students shall participate in the Michigan Merit Examination (MME), unless excluded under the guidelines established by the MDE. If a student does not take the complete MME in Grade 11, Michigan Online School shall administer the complete MME to the student in Grade 12.

If a student chooses to retake the college entrance examination component of the MME, the student may do so through the provider of the college entrance examination and the cost of the retake is the responsibility of the student.

- B. A diagnostic assessment that measures student growth 3 times per year.
- C. All assessments within the curriculum (pre-tests, mastery tests, unit tests, final exams, etc.)

The Michigan Online School Board also requires that:

- A. tests be administered by persons who are qualified under state law and regulation;
- B. parents be informed of the testing program and of any special tests that are to be administered to their children;
- C. data regarding individual test scores be entered on the student's Education Development Plan;
- D. the results of the program of testing and assessment be made part of the public record.