

# Memo



**To:** Academy Leaders  
**From:** Julie Hopper, Academic Assessment Specialist J.H.  
**cc:** Chris Oshelski, Executive Director  
**Date:** May 26, 2020  
**Re:** 2020-2021 Testing Windows and PSAT/SAT Expectations

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Dear Academy Leaders,

Thank you for all of your hard work. We are proud to be your authorizer!

In the grand scheme of things, testing should be the last thing on your mind; however, I have received questions regarding the testing windows for 2020-2021.

There are so many "unknowns" at this time from what type of educational platform will be used to budgets and funding. During this time of uncertainty, we have decided to give you as much guidance regarding testing windows as we can. We have decided to set NWEA testing windows, to ensure consistency, however, understand there may be modifications necessary based on your Academy schedule.

I am including spacing guidelines for establishing testing windows since some of you may begin the 2020-2021 school year prior to Labor Day while some of you may not. Keep in mind, NWEA recommends a period of 9 weeks between testing periods to adequately measure growth.

The LSSU testing windows are based on the academic year beginning on September 8, 2020 and are as follows:

FALL: September 14 thru October 23

WINTER: January 18 thru February 26

SPRING: April 26 thru June 4

If you are in need of a testing window modification email your request to [jhopper@lssu.edu](mailto:jhopper@lssu.edu).

In the event you do require modifications, please use the following as a guide for establishing your testing windows.

\*Please begin fall testing the second week of the 2020-21 academic year and run for 6 weeks.

\*Please begin winter testing the second week back from your winter break and run for 6 weeks.

\*Please ensure spring testing occurs 8-9 weeks after the close of your winter testing and runs until the end of the school year.

Another issue I would like to address is Accountability.

All accountability, including the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading Law requirements, have been waived for 2019-20.

Regarding testing requirements:

1. The MDE expects schools to administer the PSAT 8, PSAT 9, PSAT 10 and SAT with Essay in fall 2020. You must choose ONE of two dates, September 23<sup>rd</sup> OR October 14<sup>th</sup>. Note: This will not count towards Accountability. I have included a link with more information.

[https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Fall\\_2020\\_School\\_Day\\_Testing\\_for\\_MDE\\_Provide\\_d\\_Assessments\\_690609\\_7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Fall_2020_School_Day_Testing_for_MDE_Provide_d_Assessments_690609_7.pdf)

2. Spring 2021 MSTEP/PSAT/SAT Schedule will be as follows (as far as I know):

| Assessment       | Date               | Makeup Date                |
|------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| SAT with Essay   | April 13           | April 27, 2021             |
| PSAT 10          | April 13,14, or 15 | April 14-16 or April 27-28 |
| PSAT 9           | April 13,14, or 15 | April 14-16 or April 27-28 |
| PSAT 8           | April 13           | April 14-16 or April 27-28 |
| MSTEP 5, 8, 11   | April 12 to May 7  | --                         |
| MSTEP 3, 4, 6, 7 | May 3 to May 28    | --                         |
| Mi Access        | April 12 to May 28 | --                         |

Once again, thank you for all that you do for your students, staff, and community.

Feel free to reach out if I can be of service.