Middle School State Testing

This spring, students in grades 6 through 8 will take part in the Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress (M-STEP). The M-STEP is an online test and is required by the Michigan Department of Education.

**New for this year, students in grade 8 will take the PSAT 8 test in place of the M-STEP ELA and Math tests.** This test is similar to the PSAT and SAT tests that students take in high school and will provide schools and families with information regarding student progress towards college and career readiness. Because this is a timed and highly structured test, it is very important that all grade 8 students are in attendance for testing on Tuesday, April 9.

The table below lists the specific subjects tested and testing windows for each grade level. More detailed testing schedules will be shared by each building.

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| Tuesday, April 9, 2019 | PSAT testing for grade 8 students  
(No testing and late arrival for students in grades 6 and 7) | Grade 8 students attend all day  
Late start for students in grades 6 and 7 (refer to buildings for arrival times) |
| Wednesday, April 10, 2019 | M-STEP science and social studies testing for grade 8 students  
(Make-up testing through May 3rd) | All students attend all day                                  |
| April 29 – May 10, 2019 | M-STEP ELA and math testing for grade 6 and 7 students  
(Make-up testing through May 24) | All students attend all day                                  |

It is important that students are prepared to take the state assessments. If possible, please avoid removing students from school on the primary testing days. It is also critical that students get plenty of sleep before testing, arrive at school on time, and eat a healthy breakfast.

The M-STEP and PSAT tests are curriculum-based exams, and the best preparation for students is to attend school regularly and complete classwork and homework to the best of their abilities. Although teachers will spend some time familiarizing students with the item types and format of the test, we believe teaching our curriculum is the primary method to ensure student success.

For additional information on the M-STEP or PSAT tests, visit the following:

www.michigan.gov/mstep  
www.michigan.gov/psat