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# M-STEP Resources



## What is M-STEP?

The Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress (M-STEP) is replacing the 44-year old Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP). Students in grade 3-8 & 11 will be assessed in an online format on Michigan curriculum standards in reading, mathematics, social studies and science. The Michigan standards for reading and mathematics are the [Common Core State Standards](#) for English language arts and mathematics. The Michigan standards for [social studies](#) and [science](#) are the grade level content expectations.

## How can I learn more about the tests and what they cover?

The state has created a number of resources to support educators and parents as we transition to the new assessment. Below are links for more information about each test.

- [English Language Arts](#) (Reading, Writing, and Listening), Grades 3-8 & 11
- [Mathematics](#), Grades 3-8 & 11
- [Science](#), Grades 4, 7 & 11
- [Social Studies](#), Grades 5, 8 & 11

## What do the math and ELA M-STEP tests look like?

The tests are no longer all selected response (multiple choice questions). Instead the tests now have three different parts with varied assessment types.

- **Computer Adaptive** (will be in place for 2016) this year the assessment will be fixed form instead of computer adaptive.
- **Classroom Activity** is meant to introduce students to the context of a Performance Task. Classroom Activities do not address content information; instead, they focus on vocabulary and key contextual topics. The Classroom Activity is designed to be an introduction and not an assessment.
- **Performance Task** contains collections of questions and activities that are coherently connected to a single theme or scenario. These activities are designed to measure capacities such as depth of understanding, writing and research skills, and complex analysis, which cannot be adequately assessed with traditional test questions.
- **Sample Tests:** The state has released a [preview test](#) for math and ELA. The state has also released sample [Classroom Activities and Performance Tasks](#) by grade level.