



Students First
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April 6, 2021

Dear Dearborn families of 3rd-5th grade students,

State testing will begin next week. The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) submitted a request to waive testing administration and accountability this year due to COVID-19. MDE has been notified that the request was denied and schools are required to take the M-Step test this spring.

Although State standardized assessments do not measure everything important about a student, it is one data indicator, among many others, about how much a student knows in terms of our state's content standards in that grade level. We encourage all families to make sure their children are present for testing.

The M-STEP assessments will be administered within the following testing windows.

	M-STEP ELA	M-STEP Math	M-STEP Science	M-STEP Social Science
3rd Grade	April 26 - June 4			
4th Grade	April 26 - June 4			
5th Grade	April 12-May 21			

More detailed information regarding assessments schedules will be sent to families from their home school principals. All testing will follow Dearborn's safety protocols..

If you have any questions please contact your school administrator.

Sincerely,

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