

Memo

To: Academy Leaders
From: Julie Hopper, Academic Assessment Specialist
cc: Chris Oshelski, Executive Director
Date: August 5, 2020
Re: 2020-2021 Testing Expectations

Greetings,

How are you? Breath in, breath out. Repeat!

Thank you for working so hard to complete your Return to Learn Plans. I know it has been an immense task. Please find time to take care of YOU. Remember, “You cannot pour from an empty cup.”

I sent a memo out in May outlining testing expectations for 2020-21. Here is an update. I want to begin with a statement that you have heard us as an authorizer say multiple times. “Kids are far more than test scores!” During this pandemic, we have grappled with what to do with testing requirements for the upcoming school year. We feel that the last thing any of us need to be focusing on is test scores; we want you to focus on taking care of yourselves, your students, your academy, and community. We are waiving all fall NWEA testing requirements. We will re-evaluate the situation to determine whether we will do the same for winter or spring NWEA testing requirements. Having said that, you may choose to test if you would like but just know that fall testing is optional and the choice is yours.

Please take a moment to complete the following Google Form regarding your testing and return to school intentions. <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1aJX8txQI6IMUMBS-oYLndZi9CvqYpnzr4Aj73lbyENo/edit?ts=5f28577a>

I would like the forms back no later than August 17, 2020.

As a reminder, for those of you that choose to conduct NWEA testing in the fall, the testing windows are as follows:

Fall: September 14 thru October 23
Winter: January 18 thru February 26
Spring: April 26 thru June 4

If you require a testing window modification, please make your request to me at jhopper@lssu.edu.

Regarding fall administration of the PSAT/SAT

As of today, the MDE expects schools to administer the PSAT 8/9/10, and SAT with essay in fall 2020. Test results will **not** count towards accountability. Please visit the following links to learn more.

https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Spotlight_7-30-20_697906_7.pdf

https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Michigan_Fall_vs_Spring_ADA_691944_7.pdf

2019-20 Grade	2020-21 Grade	Assessment	Test Dates/Window
8	9	PSAT 8/9	Choose any date between September 21– October 29
9	10	PSAT/NMSQT	October 14 and/or October 29
10	11	PSAT/NMSQT	October 14 and/or October 29
11	12	SAT with Essay	September 23 and/or October 14 and/or October 27

Dates updated July 30, 2020

Please reach out to me if I can be of further assistance (jhopper@lssu.edu or 906-635-2118) and thank you again for all that you have done and continue to do for the kiddos and families you serve. You are the best!