



LIGHTHOUSE CONNECTIONS ACADEMY STATE TESTING NEWSLETTER

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WIDA ACCESS TEST

MARCH 3, 2025 - APRIL 4, 2025

Lighthouse Connections Academy will plan to see our English Language Learner students for mandatory in-person WIDA ACCESS testing.

SPRING SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENTS

APRIL 7 - 25, 2025

This is the mandatory Michigan State Assessment window for **grades 3-11** and 12th graders who did not complete Michigan Merit Exams (MME).

- TESTING DAYS WILL TAKE PLACE ON TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, AND THURSDAYS
- STUDENTS MUST BE PRESENT IN-PERSON AT THEIR ASSIGNED TESTING LOCATION
- PLEASE AVOID SCHEDULING VACATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS DURING THIS TIMEFRAME
- ATTEND YOUR STATE TESTING TOWN HALL!



REGISTRATION DATA VIEW



AVAILABLE ON JANUARY 6, 2025 FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 3-11

Caretakers must complete the **LCA - State Testing Registration Data View**. A direct link to your student's Registration Data View will appear in your Caretaker To-Do List! Please review the registration data view for your student's test location, dates, and times. Complete the confirmation fields by **Monday, March 3, 2025**.

IS YOUR STUDENT DRIVING THEMSELVES TO TESTING?

You must complete the Student Driving to Sanctioned Events Data View

IS YOUR ADDRESS MORE THAN 60 MILES AWAY FROM YOUR ASSIGNED TESTING LOCATION?

Please complete our Venue Request Form by March 3, 2025.





ADMINISTERED ASSESSMENTS

“WHAT TEST WILL MY STUDENT TAKE?”

- M-STEP
- PSAT 8/9
- PSAT 10
- ACT WorkKeys
- SAT with Essay
- MI-Access
- WIDA ACCESS for ELLs
- WIDA Alternate ACCESS for ELLs



COLLEGE BOARD ACCOMMODATIONS

College Board is the creator of the PSAT 8, PSAT 9, PSAT 10 and SAT with Essay. If your student has ha taken any of these exams previously with accommodations and are scheduled to take another this year, please be sure to convey to your Case Manager any questions or concerns you may have about the accommodations available to ensure the best possible testing experience as some options have changed.

[College Board Accommodations Brochure for Parents](#)

What Parents Should Know About Assessments: [Valuable Resources](#)



ADMINISTERED ASSESSMENTS

CONTINUED...

MICHIGAN MERIT EXAM (MME)

11th Graders will be scheduled for State Testing to take the Michigan Merit Exam (MME) which is actually a series of three exams.

If you are a 12th Grade student who did not attend or complete the three components of the Michigan Merit Exam (MME), a Google Form will be sent to you which must be completed and returned by January 17, 2025 in order to confirm your attendance for this required state testing.

M-STEP Practice Tests

WIDA ACCESS TEST

Students who speak another language in the home and are English language learners will take the WIDA exam in Spring, 2025. Please plan on attending in-person at a location within 60 miles of the student's home address. This will usually be a different location than the State Testing site.

The student is expected to take both the WIDA exam in March 2025 and State Testing in April 2025 if offered for their particular grade level.

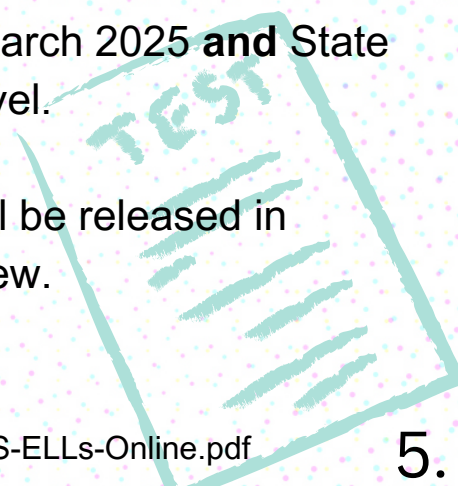
WIDA test dates, times, and locations for each student will be released in January 2025 and accessed in the WIDA Testing Data View.

WIDA test practice for students:

<https://wida.wisc.edu/assess/access/preparing-students>

<https://wida.wisc.edu/assess/access/preparing-students/practice>

<https://wida.wisc.edu/sites/default/files/resource/Preparing-Students-ACCESS-ELLs-Online.pdf>





UPCOMING TOWN HALLS

HOSTED BY YOUR PRINCIPAL!



ELEMENTARY

March 11, 2025 at 5:30 PM

MIDDLE SCHOOL

March 12, 2025 at 6:00 PM

HIGH SCHOOL

March 13, 2025 at 6:00 PM



UPCOMING TOWN HALLS

SPECIAL POPULATIONS!



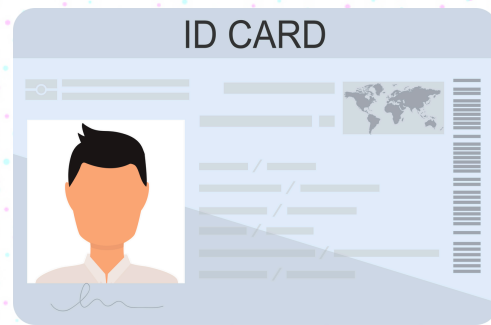
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STUDENT IDS



11 GRADERS / 12 GRADERS

We're excited to announce that we will be making Student ID cards for students during Second Semester! Please remember to take a photo and send it to your teachers in time! **Friday, February 14th at 4pm is the deadline for your photo submission!**

You must bring your LCA Student ID card or you may use a government issued ID card to be admitted into your MME testing.



ACCEPTABLE IDS FOR STATE TESTING

- Be a valid (unexpired) photo ID that is government-issued or issued by the school
- Be an original, physical document (not photocopied or electronic).
- **Bear your full, legal name exactly as it appears on your admission ticket.**
- Bear a recent recognizable photograph that matches your appearance on test day
- Be in good condition, with clearly legible English language text and photograph.



REMINDERS

RESOURCES AND TIPS



- [M-STEP Parent Guide to Scores](#)
- [Guide to Parent Reports](#)
- [Help Your Student Prepare for Testing](#)
- [2024/2025 Test Day Tips](#)

ADDRESS CHANGES

If you have moved since school started, please update your address in the Pearson Online Classroom and inform your Homeroom or POD teacher. Students will be assigned into State Testing sites within the month of December. **State Testing location information will be released to families in January 2025.**

HAS YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION CHANGED? PLEASE UPDATE IT!

We want to make sure we have your most current information in our system. Please make any additions needed to help us keep your Family's contact information up to date for our communications. This update will also ensure we have the most accurate information for your listing in our family.

You can make these changes by using your CareTaker login information! Go to your Data Views and look for the Data view titled, "**Update User Contact Information.**"



FAQS

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

“WHAT DAYS WILL MY STUDENT(S) TEST?”

Testing days will take place on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. You can locate your specific test date, time, and location on your LCA State Testing Registration Data View.

“DOES MY STUDENT HAVE TO ATTEND IN-PERSON?”

Students must be present and attend in-person at their assigned testing location.

“DOES MY STUDENT HAVE TO BRING A PHOTO ID?”

11th Grade students must bring a valid (unexpired) photo ID that is government-issued or issued by LCA.

“HOW CAN I SUPPORT MY STUDENT DURING STATE TESTING?”

Caretakers play a crucial role in helping students prepare for testing. A positive and supportive approach can reduce test anxiety and boost confidence.

“WHAT RESOURCES WILL MY STUDENT AND I HAVE TO PREPARE FOR STATE TESTING?”

Test prep sessions will begin soon! Please encourage your student to attend and complete their own work. Caretakers are also encouraged to attend our Town Hall meetings.

QUESTIONS? CONNECT WITH US!

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Principal Tolbert
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HIGH SCHOOL

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STUDENTS CAN VISIT IXL.COM TO PREPARE FOR STATE TESTING!



“DO NOT STRESS...
DO YOUR BEST!”