



# Michigan Merit Exam

Unlocking the Future for Students



# What is the Michigan Merit Examination (MME)?

- ◆ Signed into law to replace the Michigan Education Assessment Program (MEAP) at the high school level
- ◆ Requires that 11<sup>th</sup> grade students take the new state assessment in March
- ◆ Participation is a district requirement for graduation



# What is the MME?

The Michigan Merit Examination is divided into three parts:

- ◆ ACT plus writing—
  - English, Reading, Science, Math, Writing
- ◆ Work Keys —
  - Applied Math, Reading for Information
- ◆ Michigan Items —
  - Social Studies, Science, Supplemental Math



# ACT

- ◆ The ACT is a national college admission examination.
- ◆ ACT results are accepted by virtually all U.S. colleges and universities.
- ◆ The ACT component of MME may be used by colleges for admission.



# Work Keys

- ◆ Work Keys is a job skills assessment system from ACT that measures "real-world" skills that employers believe are critical to job success.
- ◆ It identifies gaps between student skills and employment needs.



# Michigan Items

- ◆ The ACT and Work Keys do not assess enough of the Michigan Curriculum standards to meet federal requirements.
- ◆ Therefore, some additional testing will be required.
- ◆ This part of the MME is similar to the MEAP high school test.



# Changes in Testing

- ◆ MME is a timed test
- ◆ Very strict testing conditions required by ACT
- ◆ Two score reports will be provided. One standard ACT report and one MME report
- ◆ Fewer chances to be reassessed
- ◆ Reassessment requires the entire MME to be completed again



# Who takes the MME?

- ◆ 11<sup>th</sup> grade students in Michigan will take the MME.



# Why is the MME important?

- ◆ School Report Card grades are based, in part, on MME results
- ◆ Students learn how prepared they are for education & careers after high school
- ◆ Students may qualify for up to \$4,000 in the form of merit grants (Michigan Promise Grant) to be used at state universities, community colleges, or technical institutes in Michigan



# Benefits of MME

- ◆ A free ACT & 1 free retake, if needed
- ◆ Qualifying score on ACT can be used for college admission
- ◆ Qualifying score can bring recruitment & scholarship offers
- ◆ Can be used to qualify for the new Michigan Promise Grant



# When is MME?

- ◆ MME replaces the MEAP for 11<sup>th</sup> graders, beginning March 2007
- ◆ Michigan juniors take the MME in 2007 on March 13<sup>th</sup> –15<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Make-up days March 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>



# How will the Lapeer School District administer the MME?

11<sup>th</sup> grade students from East, West & Community will test a full day on March 13<sup>th</sup> at East. They will attend AM testing sessions only at West on March 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> & will go home for the remainder of the school day.

<b>DATE</b>	<b>ASSESSMENT</b>	<b>BUILDING</b>	<b>STUDENTS NOT ATTENDING SCHOOL</b>
<b>March 13, 2007 (Tuesday)</b>	<b>ACT plus Writing</b>	<b>East High School</b>	<b>East High School Students grades 8-10 &amp; 12 (full day off)</b>
<b>March 14, 2007 (Wednesday)</b>	<b>Work Keys &amp; Michigan Math</b>	<b>West High School</b>	<b>West Students attend PM only grades 8-10 &amp; 12</b>
<b>March 15, 2007 (Thursday)</b>	<b>Michigan Science &amp; Social Studies</b>	<b>West High School</b>	<b>West Students attend PM only grades 8-10 &amp; 12</b>



# Questions & Answers