

MILAN MIDDLE SCHOOL
 920 NORTH ST., MILAN, MI 48160

8TH GRADE: SPRING TESTING FOR VIRTUAL STUDENTS

State and federal laws require summative assessments for students each spring. Students in the 8th grade are required to take the PSAT 8/9 (on-site at MMS 4/16), the M-STEP (on-site at MMS 4/16), and the NWEA (at home). Please read the following important information about M-STEP and PSAT. The 8th grade team will communicate information about [NWEA](#) testing.

TESTING CALENDAR

Dates	Test	Location	Times
Monday 4/12	Regular Schedule	Home	Normal Times
Tuesday 4/13	MP3 Accommodated Testers ONLY:* PSAT 8/9 All Virtual Students: AM: Asynchronous PM: Shortened Zooms Schedule	MMS *More information to follow	Testers Arrival: 7:30am Dismissal: 11:30am Classes in PM: (schedule given in PowerTime)
Wednesday 4/14	MP3 Accommodated Testers ONLY:* PSAT 8/9 All Virtual Students: AM: Asynchronous PM: Shortened Zooms Schedule	MMS *More information to follow	
Thursday 4/15	Regular Schedule	Home	Normal Times
Friday 4/16	<u>AM:</u> All Virtual Students except Above: PSAT 8/9 <u>PM:</u> All Virtual Students: M-STEP	MMS PE Gym	Both Tests: Arrival: 8:00am Dismissal: 2:15pm M-STEP only*: Arrival: 10:30am Dismissal: 2:15pm
No Testing Week of 4/19			
Monday 4/26	AM: Asynchronous PM: Shortened Zooms Schedule	Home	PM Schedule
Thursday 4/29	AM: Asynchronous PM: Shortened Zooms Schedule	Home	PM Schedule

PSAT

Required Items

- Two #2 pencils
- Acceptable calculator (non-scientific) for math sections that allow a calculator
- Wired earphones, only if you're approved for MP3 audio accommodations
- EpiPen, Insulin, and other medical items, if medically necessary

Prohibited Items

- Phones, smart watches, and wearable tech. (Apple Watch, FitBit, etc.)
- MP3 or Bluetooth devices (wireless earbuds)
- Timers of any type
- Cameras or any photographic equipment
- Pens, highlighters, mechanical or colored pencils

The PSAT 8/9 Exam is a standardized paper/pencil exam required by the State of Michigan. Students should adhere strictly to the listed items above in both the Required and Prohibited sections. Failure to comply could negate the scores of all students in the testing room and will result in administrative action.

M-STEP

Required Items

- **School issued Chromebook**
- Two #2 pencils
- Wired earphones, only if you're approved for MP3 audio accommodations

Prohibited Items

- Phones, smart watches, and wearable technology (Apple Watch, FitBit, etc.)
- Wireless earbuds, AirPods, etc.
- Cameras or any photographic equipment

The Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress is a web-based exam. However, the State of Michigan does not allow for the M-STEP to be taken off site. Therefore, all students must take this test at Milan Middle School. For hybrid students, this will be on their regular hybrid day or on the makeup day in case of absence.

NWEA Details

Required Items

- **School issued Chromebook**
- Wired earphones, only if you're approved for MP3 accommodations

Prohibited Items

- Phones, smart watches, and wearable technology (Apple Watch, FitBit, etc.)
- Wireless earbuds, AirPods, etc.

The NWEA is a web-based, adaptive assessment which students will take both at home and in school. Students have already done this multiple times this year. Please refer to the [NWEA Quick Guide](#) for help with accessing and troubleshooting this test from home.

4/16 Schedule

7:50 - 7:55am: Students may be dropped off at the North Street entrance of Milan Middle School and should report to their testing location.

8:05am: Testing begins.

10:45am: Testing ends. Materials will be collected.

10:50am: Lunch is delivered to students.

11:20am: M-STEP begins

~2:15pm: Dismissal

- If you are picking your student up, please use the North St. Loop.
- **If your student requires busing to or from MMS on Friday, April 16th, please either call the Main Office at (734)439-5200 or email jasperk@milanareaschools.org**

COVID 19 and Safe Testing Protocols

Safety Protocols

- All students should bring a mask to the PSAT 8/9 exam. If they do not have a mask upon arriving, a mask will be given to them.
- All students will sanitize their hands upon entering the PE gym or designated testing location.
- All students will maintain six feet social distancing throughout the exam and during breaks.

DO NOT ATTEND IF:

- You are experiencing ONE of any of the following symptoms:
 - Fever - temperature 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- You are experiencing TWO of any of the following symptoms:
 - Chills
 - Fatigue / Muscle or body aches
 - Headache
 - Loss of taste or smell
 - Sore throat
 - Congestion or runny nose
 - Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, or abdominal pain
- You are under evaluation for COVID-19
- You have been in close contact with anyone suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19

Due to test timing, students will have a shortened schedule of courses in the afternoon or may be testing for the duration of the day. Students will be taking these tests with their cohort groups and will report to their PowerTime location on the morning of each test. Students with accommodations may have an alternate testing location and proctor which will be communicated to them prior to the test date.

It is important that each student at Milan Middle School take this series of standardized assessments seriously as they are required by either federal, state, or local entities to ensure accountability. Please remind your student to eat a healthy breakfast and to get a good night's sleep prior to testing.

For more information, please contact the Milan Middle School main office at 734-439-5200.

Sincerely,

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