

**Spring 2009
Michigan Merit Examination
Contributing Components**

The table below identifies the components of the Michigan Merit Examination (MME) that a student must take to get a valid score for each of the MME content areas. For example, if the student and school want to get a mathematics score, the student must take the ACT mathematics assessment, the WorkKeys Applied Mathematics and Locating Information assessments, AND the Michigan Mathematics assessment. The most valid scores are obtained by students who do their best on all assessment components.

Not participating in any single session will make it impossible to obtain a valid score for one or more subjects of the MME. This not only affects the student's ACT, WorkKeys, and MME scores, but it also negatively affects the student's eligibility for the Michigan Promise scholarship, the school/district AYP 95% participation and performance, and the EdYES! accountability scores. All students should be encouraged to participate in all sessions and to do their best on all items.

				Components Contributing to MME Scores*					
Day	Test	Subject Session	Parts	Total ELA	Reading	Writing	Mathematics	Science	Social Studies
Day 1	ACT Plus Writing	English	1	Select items		Select items			
		Mathematics	1				Select items		
		Reading	1	Select items	Select items				
		Science	1					Select items	
		Writing	1	X			X		
Day 2	WorkKeys	Reading for Information	1	Select items	Select items				
		Applied Mathematics	1				Select items		
		Locating Information	1				Select items		Select items
Day 3	Michigan Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies	Mathematics	1				X		
		Science	1					X	
		Social Studies	1						X

* Each component marked with an "x" or "select items" is required to obtain an MME score in the applicable subject.

Michigan Merit Examination Spring 2009 Assessment Design

The following table outlines the organization of the Michigan Merit Examination (MME). Schools will administer the MME in three test administration time blocks as defined below:

- Day 1 - ACT Plus Writing, given in 5 parts (two test booklets)
- Day 2 - WorkKeys, given in 3 parts (three separate test booklets)
- Day 3 – Michigan Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies, given in 3 parts (one test booklet)

The table presents the number of multiple choice (MC) items and prompts in each part of the MME assessment, the actual testing time, and the estimated time for administration including check in, instruction, testing time, breaks, distribution and collection of materials. All parts of each assessment will be timed and must be administered at the same time of day to all students in a given high school.

These assessment organization parameters provide consistent and high levels of test security, increase test validity, and minimize the interruptions of instruction.

MME Spring 2009 Test Organization						
Day*	Assessment	Subject	Number of Parts	Total Items	Testing Time (minutes)	Estimated Time Required for Administration
Day 1 March 10 (Makeup March 24)	ACT Plus Writing	English	5	75 MC items	45	Total test administration time including -- check in, instructions, breaks, distribution and collection of materials – 5.0 hours.
		Mathematics		60 MC items	60	
		Reading		40 MC items	35	
		Science		40 MC items	35	
		Writing		1 Prompt	30	
DAY 1 Testing Time 205 minutes (3 hours / 25 minutes)						
Day 2 March 11 (Makeup March 25)	WorkKeys	Reading for Information	3	33 MC Items	45	Total test administration time including -- check in, instructions, breaks, distribution and collection of materials - 3.5 hours
		Applied Mathematics		33 MC Items	45	
		Locating Information		38 MC items	45	
Day 2 Testing Time 135 minutes (2 hours / 15 minutes)						
Day 3 March 12 (Makeup March 26)	Michigan Components	Mathematics	3	34 MC items	40	Total test administration time including -- check in, instruction, breaks, distribution and collection of materials – 3 hours
		Science		49 MC items	40	
		Social Studies		42 MC items	40	
Day 3 Testing Time 120 minutes (2 hours)						
*More detailed information about this schedule and the makeup tests given exactly 2 weeks later is available on the MME website				TOTAL Minutes	460	
				TOTAL hours	7.67	