

New test a challenge

Touted as a tougher gauge of how well prepared Michigan's high school students are for college, the new Michigan Merit Exam proved difficult for most state juniors.

The exam takes the place of the Michigan Educational Assessment Program tests in high school.

District or charter	ACT		Michigan Merit Exam					Social studies	District or charter	ACT		Michigan Merit Exam					Social studies
	Composite score	Number tested	Math	Reading	Science	Writing	Composite score			Number tested	Math	Reading	Science	Writing			
STATEWIDE	18.8	114,839	46.5	59.7	55.9	40.1	83.3	OAKLAND COUNTY	NA	NA	54.9	65.6	62.2	51.8	85.6		
WAYNE COUNTY	NA	NA	33.6	49.3	43.3	31.7	75.5	Academy Of Oak Park	14.0	100	3.1	16.7	5.1	3.1	41.8		
Academy for Business and Technology	14.4	65	4.7	25	6.3	6.7	50.8	Agbu Alex-Marie Manoogian School	19.1	21	47.6	42.9	57.1	57.1	76.2		
Academy of Inkster	14.6	52	0	21.2	7.8	2	49	Avondale	18.7	291	51.6	60	57.2	40.5	77.3		
Advanced Technology Academy	15.7	65	15.2	33.3	31.8	13.6	71.6	Berkley	19.8	316	54.5	65.3	65.1	52.1	88		
Aisha Shule/W.E.B. Dubois Preparatory	15.7	26	3.8	34.6	11.5	13	69.6	Birmingham	23.1	624	76.1	80.7	81.5	72.2	92.4		
Academy School								Bloomfield Hills	23.9	672	81.4	84.6	83.5	82.3	93.8		
Allen Academy	14.2	30	0	14.3	7.4	0	40.7	Brandon	19.8	293	59.7	66.2	66.6	46.7	87.5		
Allen Park	19.1	328	51.1	67.6	63.6	39.2	86.4	Clarenceville	17.4	154	30.5	51.7	39.1	33.8	74.2		
Blanche Kelso Bruce Academy	12.3	19	0	0	0	0	18.2	Clarkston	20.5	630	62.4	73.1	69.5	60.5	88.6		
Casa Richard Academy	14.3	27	4.2	33.3	20.8	0	60.9	Clawson	18.8	120	41.7	64.2	55.8	37.3	83.2		
Cesar Chavez Academy	14.9	81	11.5	28.2	18.8	5.2	62.3	Farmington	20.6	950	59.9	71.3	68.1	56.6	88.8		
Charlotte Forten Academy	12.5	40	0	3.7	3.3	0	22.9	Ferndale	16.4	332	28.2	42.6	35.8	25.2	78.2		
Cherry Hill School of Performing Arts	14.1	65	0	21.5	10.8	8.1	43.5	Hazel Park	17.0	242	28.3	48.2	32.7	25.6	74.1		
Harper Woods	16.8	71	27.1	37.1	40	26.1	67.1	Holly	19.1	270	49.6	58.2	59.9	42.1	87.6		
Covenant House Life Skills Cntr. Central	12.8	29	0	10.7	7.4	4	40.7	Huron Valley	19.5	795	52.7	64.7	61.4	51.8	87.1		
Covenant House Life Skills Cntr. East	12.9	48	0	10	2.8	0	36.7	Lake Orion	20.6	559	60.2	74.2	73.9	52.6	91.8		
Covenant House Life Skills Cntr. West	13.5	50	2	12	4.3	0	46.7	Lamphere	17.9	195	42.6	48.5	45.9	34.6	69.5		
Crestwood	18.6	261	48.8	62	56.2	32.8	88.3	Life Skills Center of Pontiac	14.7	40	6.1	32.4	13.9	18.2	48.6		
Dearborn	18.2	1,141	38.4	50.1	46.7	37.8	76	Madison	16.2	169	24.1	41	27.7	20.3	71.6		
Dearborn Heights	18.7	106	40.6	58.5	56.1	34.9	80.4	Novi	21.9	478	67.7	75.5	72.7	62.6	91.7		
Detroit Academy of Arts And Sciences	14.2	152	3.4	22.1	11.6	4.2	56	Oak Park	16.0	254	9.7	36	25.4	17.2	72.1		
Detroit	15.4	5,099	13.9	31.9	21.5	17.4	62.6	Oxford	20.1	323	60.5	69.1	62.7	56.7	86.6		
Detroit Community Schools	15.0	118	6.8	21.4	10.3	11.1	61.8	Pontiac Academy For Excellence	15.0	34	9.4	21.9	12.5	10	59.4		
Ecorse	14.4	71	7	21.1	14	8.9	50.9	Pontiac	14.7	504	9	22.5	11.1	11.4	42.4		
Flat Rock	17.3	133	32.8	49.6	43.5	28.2	72.5	Rochester	22.1	1,199	76	78.8	77.1	65.5	94.1		
Frontier International Academy	15.3	15	4.5	31.8	4.5	0	40.9	Royal Oak	20.0	459	54.6	69	63.9	54	89.2		
Garden City	17.6	328	36.9	56.4	48.1	26.4	78.8	South Lyon	20.3	513	57.1	74.4	69.1	54.7	92.8		
Gibraltar	19.1	230	48.3	68.7	61.8	39.2	86	Southfield	16.7	733	19.2	42.6	30.6	26.5	75.2		
Grosse Ile Township	21.4	178	70.9	84.9	80.2	63.3	97.2	Troy	22.3	1,048	73.7	76.6	77.9	67.9	91		
Grosse Pointe	22.1	817	72	83	79.2	66.4	96	Walled Lake Consolidated	20.6	1,164	60.1	68.8	68.5	57.5	88.9		
Hamtramck	15.8	175	18.8	24.2	28	17.1	67.6	Waterford	18.2	767	43.8	58.8	57.3	37.8	85.7		
Heart Academy	16.2	40	10	32.5	25	25.6	82.5	West Bloomfield	21.0	470	60.7	71.5	70.7	60.4	92.6		
Henry Ford Academy	17.9	115	28.7	57.4	43.5	38.3	89.6	MACOMB COUNTY	NA	NA	43.6	57.0	54.6	37.3	83.1		
Highland Park	13.6	153	3	15.8	8.6	3.1	53	Anchor Bay	19.0	475	47.7	60.6	62.5	42.7	87.3		
Huron	18.1	183	31.7	54.8	45.7	32.3	80.6	Armada Area	18.5	176	42	61.4	57.7	40.9	83.2		
Life Skills Center of Metro Detroit	13.7	90	3.7	12.2	7.7	0	44.3	Arts Academy in the Woods	17.4	142	28.6	65.7	41.4	30.3	88.2		
Lincoln Park	16.8	237	22	46.2	39.8	26.6	73.5	Center Line	18.7	178	41.8	53.1	54	46.3	86.9		
Livonia	19.9	1,467	55.3	68.5	68.1	46.9	92.1	Chippewa Valley	18.8	1,142	50.6	60.3	60.4	39.7	84.6		
Marilyn F. Lundy Academy	13.4	43	4.7	11.4	16.7	5	27.9	Clintondale	16.2	184	20.7	42.9	36.6	19.1	64.4		
Marvin L. Winans Academy	15.0	64	3.2	25.4	12.5	7.8	73.4	Conner Creek Academy	13.4	55	1.8	10.9	3.6	1.9	40.7		
of Performing Arts								Conner Creek Academy East	15.7	33	16.1	37.5	27.3	15.6	60		
Melvindale-North Allen Park	17.2	156	25.2	52.3	36.1	28.4	79.9	East Detroit	17.2	312	26.3	48.4	41.5	29.4	80.8		
Michigan Health Academy	15.1	36	8.3	27.8	11.1	14.3	63.9	Eaton Academy	15.0	55	5.6	20.4	16.4	9.1	54.5		
Michigan Technical Academy	14.7	38	6.1	33.3	8.8	0	41	Fitzgerald	16.0	236	15.9	46.8	32.5	14.6	72.2		
Northville	23.3	533	81.7	86.1	86.9	78.4	94.4	Fraser	18.5	435	40.7	60.6	54	35	88.9		
Oakland International Academy	15.8	16	8.3	33.3	33.3	0	50	Lake Shore	17.6	281	39.1	51.1	54.9	28.6	85		
Old Redford Academy	15.0	104	4.9	18.4	11.7	9.8	55.3	Lakeview	18.6	259	42.8	65	55.7	35	86.6		
Plymouth-Canton	21.4	1,318	69	72.5	73.3	57.3	92.1	L'Anse Creuse	18.7	825	47.7	63.1	59.3	37.6	87.5		
Redford Union	16.7	289	26.2	45.2	37.4	24.4	70.2	Mount Clemens	16.8	154	22.6	43.1	28.1	20.8	72.8		
River Rouge	14.7	76	6.7	26.7	17.6	6.9	59.5	New Haven	16.3	77	21.1	36.8	28.4	21.9	82.4		
Riverside Academy	14.8	26	12	24	16	12.5	60	Richmond	19.0	139	45.3	60.4	59.1	39.5	83.3		
Riverview	20.0	223	49.3	72.5	70.1	56.6	94.1	Romeo	19.0	458	54.8	68.1	67.4	38.2	93.1		
Romulus	17.3	258	31	41.3	39.9	32.6	76.7	Roseville	16.7	393	26.9	45.3	39.5	17.8	72.1		
Ross Hill Academy	14.9	11	0	54.5	9.1	9.1	27.3	South Lake	18.3	204	42.3	60.2	58.8	37.5	84.1		
Inkster	14.7	144	5.6	14.6	9.9	10.2	47.5	Utica	19.7	2,377	57.5	62.8	64.2	50	87.2		
South Redford	17.5	262	33.1	51.4	43.8	27.2	83	Van Dyke	16.1	188	20.9	41.2	30.6	12.6	67.4		
Southgate	17.6	426	27.8	53.2	44.8	36.2	82.7	Warren Consolidated	18.2	1,256	38.3	51.6	50	36.6	79.4		
Star International Academy	15.7	60	23.3	30	27.1	12.1	61.7	Warren Woods	17.7	230	36.1	52.6	48	29.7	79.7		
Summit Academy North	17.1	100	20.8	46.5	37.6	24.8	77.2	LIVINGSTON COUNTY	NA	NA	57.2	70.2	67.6	49.5	90.5		
Taylor	16.6	732	22.1	44.1	36.9	18.2	68.8	Brighton	21.5	540	71.2	79.5	79.9	58.4	94.8		
Trenton	21.1	197	69.2	83.6	78.9	60.1	94	Fowlerville	18.7	220	42.7	56.9	57.1	40.1	89.2		
Universal Academy	14.5	17	4.5	13.6	4.5	4.5	45.5	Hartland	20.5	451	60.1	73	68.8	60.8	89.5		
University Preparatory Academy	16.1	126	8	42.4	13.6	24.2	59.5	Howell	19.3	593	50.8	65.8	62.4	39.7	90.8		
Van Buren	17.4	455	30.3	48.9	43	29.2	80.7	Kensington Woods	16.0	70	26.2	44.6	29.2	20.3	68.3		
Voyageur Academy	16.1	81	10.3	29.9	16.3	15.3	66.3	Pinckney	20.8	335	60.2	75.4	72.5	50.7	91.2		
Wayne-Westland	17.2	835	28.7	49.9	44.3	21.9	87.2										
Weston Technical Academy	14.3	58	8.8	20.7	17.5	3.6	66.1										
Westwood	15.7	115	12.1	31	22.4	17.2	61.9										
Woodhaven-Brownstown	18.3	408	41.8	57	48.8	38.4	77.3										
Wyandotte	18.8	276	55.2	58.1	65.5	32.8	87.2										

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