



April 7, 2021

Dear RPSA Virtual Learning Families,

Each spring, third through eighth grade students take the M-STEP, or Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress. Eighth graders also take the PSAT test in preparation for the SAT in high school. The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) has shared guidance with schools stating that all state assessments must be administered to students in person. The MDE has further stated that, during the pandemic, it does not support bringing virtual students into school solely for the purpose of state assessment. Schools must offer virtual students the opportunity to come into school to take the appropriate state assessments. However, virtual students are not required to come into school for the sole purpose of taking the assessments.

Separate from the state assessments, we will administer the spring round of NWEA tests to students during the week of May 10. This will continue to be administered remotely and students will not have to come in for NWEA.

For those students and families who are interested in participating in M-Step or PSAT, we have developed a schedule on Wednesdays when in person students are learning from home. This will minimize your child's contact with others. Students will be grouped with other virtual learners in their class and/or grade level and will be spread out during the testing session to maintain adequate social distancing. Students will need to wear a mask and bring their fully charged chromebook to school for testing.

Please review the schedule on the next page for your students testing options, and then please [complete this form](#) to let us know whether or not your child will come in to complete testing. This will allow us to plan for the correct number of students and have needed testing materials ready. Your response is needed by noon on Friday, April 9, 2021.

Students should be dropped off at 8 a.m. for testing in the morning. Students can be picked up after they have completed their test. Students are able to work at their own pace on the M-Step, and testing completion times vary widely among individual students. We have provided estimates based on MDE information and our school's past experience with the test. We will call you when your child is finished with their test and ready for pickup.

Please contact your child's teacher or Henry Mayer at [hmayer@renaissancepsa.com](mailto:hmayer@renaissancepsa.com) with any questions.

Sincerely,

Henry Mayer  
Dean of Instruction

<b>Grade Level</b>	<b>Test Content Area</b>	<b>Wednesday Date</b>	<b>Drop Off Time</b>	<b>Estimated Completion Time</b>
3rd	M-Step English Language Arts	April 28	8:00 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
3rd	M-Step Math	May 5	8:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
4th	M-Step English Language Arts	April 28	8:00 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
4th	M-Step Math	May 5	8:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
5th	M-Step English Language Arts	April 14	8:00 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
5th	M-Step Math	April 21	8:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
5th	M-Step Social Studies	April 28	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
5th	M-Step Science	May 5	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
6th	M-Step English Language Arts	April 28	8:00 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
6th	M-Step Math	May 5	8:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
7th	M-Step English Language Arts	April 28	8:00 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
7th	M-Step Math	May 5	8:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
8th	PSAT English Language Arts and Math	April 14	8:00 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
8th	M-Step Social Studies	April 28	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
8th	M-Step Science	May 5	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.

Please complete this form to indicate your child's participation.

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