

2018-19 State Approved Benchmark Assessments

K – 2 State Approved Initial Assessments for ELA	
Assessment	Funding
*Michigan Early Literacy Benchmark Assessment (Same platform as M-STEP through DRC)	Free of charge
Other vendor approved assessments– please refer to 18-19 Approved Initial Assessment List	State reimbursement Districts are required to work directly with their chosen benchmark assessment vendor.

*Michigan Early Mathematics Benchmark Assessment is free of charge to districts (Same platform as M-STEP through DRC)

Gr. 3 – 8 Optional Benchmark Assessments for ELA and Math	
Assessment	Funding
DRC Beacon (computer adaptive outside grade level)	State reimbursement Districts are required to work directly with their chosen benchmark assessment vendor.
NWEA Map (computer adaptive outside grade level)	
DRC Smarter Balanced Interim Assessments and Digital Library (taken online, 88 interim assessment blocks and one Interim Comprehensive assessment per grade and content area)	
Districts may choose any qualifying benchmark assessment that meets all of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be aligned to Michigan's state content standards • complement Michigan's summative assessment system • be administered at least once a year before the administration of any summative assessment to monitor pupil progress • provide information on pupil achievement with regard to learning the content required in a given year or grade span 	

NWEA Contract Update

- NWEA does NOT have a contract with MDE due to the legislative budget now including any qualified benchmark assessment for Gr. 3 – 8.
 - Free fall professional learning opportunities may be adjusted due to this change. More information will be shared soon.
 - Districts can be reimbursed for using NWEA in Gr. K – 8.
 - Districts will work directly with NWEA and then will be reimbursed from the state.
 - NWEA is deferring payment until Dec 31, 2018.
 - New contracts will be created and shared with districts who have existing contracts.
 - For next school year (2018-19), the price will be \$11.50 which will include:
 - MAP Growth Reading, Math and Language Arts
 - * **MAP Growth Science**
 - * **MAP Skills (formally know as MAP Skills Navigator)**
- *Previously **not** included in the cost