McDonald Elementary

M-STEP Newsletter

**Test Dates &
Subjects by Grade
Level:**

5th: 4/11 - 4/29

ELA

ELA Performance Task

Math

Social Studies

3rd: 4/25 - 5/13

ELA

Math

4th: 5/9 - 5/27

ELA

Math

Science

Preparing for M-Step

The following is a list of resources your child can access from home to help prepare for the M-Step assessments. These websites can be accessed directly from the school blog at

mcdonald.dearbornschools.org

M-Step Practice Test (all subject areas)

This site can be used to familiarize students with the online layout and tools they will use during testing. It includes practice questions for all content areas and should be practiced multiple times

Khan Academy (Math)	**MobyMax** (reading & math)
MyOn (Reading)	**StudyIsland**

Students are familiar with the above sites as they have used them throughout the school year. They should continue to practice their content area skills with these sites leading into testing. If you have any questions about these sites or how your student should be using them, please contact your child's teacher.

Test Day Tips

- ✓ Get a good night of rest and eat breakfast
- ✓ Arrive to school prepared and on time
- ✓ Read and listen to all directions
- ✓ Stay focused and relaxed
- ✓ Use the tools available when necessary
- ✓ Re-read and review answers
- ✓ Ask for clarification

What is M-Step?

New learning standards require new ways to measure how much students know and can do. That's why in 2014-15, Michigan replaced the 44 year old MEAP test with the new Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress (M-STEP).

McDonald Elementary students will be taking the M-STEP online. M-STEP is aligned to Michigan's challenging learning standards and is administered each Spring in the subjects and grade levels listed under "Test Dates & Subjects by

Grade Level" in the left-hand column.

M-STEP has fewer multiple choice questions and more questions that require problems solving and critical thinking skills than the previous MEAP assessment.