A History of Missouri Assessment and Accountability (Federal and State):

1978  BEST Test testing begins

1985  Excellence in Education Act mandates the development of criterion referenced tests in core content

1987  Missouri Mastery Achievement Testing (MMAT) grades 2-10 begins

1991  Missouri School Improvement Program (MSIP) 1 Begins

1993  Outstanding Schools Act mandates development of process and content standards, primarily performance based assessment of student progress toward standards

1996  MSIP 2 Begins

1996  Show Me Standards implemented

1997  MAP testing begins with math in first year, English language arts follows a year later (1998) (grade span testing)

2001  MSIP 3 Begins

2001  Federal Requirements for No Child Left Behind (NCLB) begins, with new testing and reporting requirements

2004  Grade Level Expectations implemented

2006  MSIP 4 Begins

2005  MAP testing expands in MA, ELA grade level testing (response to NCLB)

2007  Course level standards written for high school content by Missouri educators

2009  End of Course (EOC) assessment testing begins

2010  State Board adopts common core state standards as a requirement to apply for Race to the Top funds allocated under NCLB

2012  MSIP 5 Begins

2015  Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium testing begins

2015  State legislature passes HB 1490 requiring Missouri to develop their own academic standards (Missouri Learning Standards) and their own assessments aligned to these standards

2016  Missouri Learning Standards (MLS) implemented to replace common core state standards

2016  Assessments from leased item pool aligned to college and career readiness from Data Recognition Corporation (DRC) utilized to bridge gap from SBAC to new MAP assessments

2016  ESSA begins (does not require any changes to MO assessment program)

2018  New assessments in math and English language arts based on implementation of the Missouri Learning Standards, field tests in science (grade level and end-of-course)

2019  Administration of new science assessments in 2019, field test in social studies

2020  Administration of new social studies assessment