

Administrative Memo

Date: March 25, 2021
To: School Administrators
From: Blaine Henningsen, Assistant Commissioner, Office of College and Career Readiness
Chris Neale, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Quality Schools
Subject: CCR-21-005 – 2020-21 Missouri Assessment Program (MAP) Updates

On [December 8, 2020](#), the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) announced plans to suspend the use of 2020-21 test scores from state and federal accountability systems. On [January 12, 2021](#), DESE announced plans to shorten the tests by up to 25 percent, along with other measures designed to facilitate testing this year. In a letter dated [February 22, 2021](#), the United States Education Department (USED) encouraged all states to take such actions and communicated additional flexibilities available.

It is important to assess as many students as possible this spring. Therefore, DESE is updating plans for the 2020-21 MAP administration:

- The spring 2021 test window for Grade-Level, End-of-Course (EOC) and MAP-A assessments is extended through June 15, 2021.
- The target for 2020-21 assessment participation is 85 percent, pending USED approval.
- Local education agencies (LEAs) that do not reach 85 percent participation by the close of the spring 2021 test window will be required to apply to administer Grade-Level and EOC assessments during a 2020-21 Fall MAP Completion window (September 7-30). Applications must document why the LEA did not reach the target using the extended spring window.
- LEAs approved for the 2020-21 Fall MAP Completion window will receive participation rate credit toward 2020-21 for students assessed during this window.

The federal requirement to report all state and local report card data remains in place. DESE must report assessment results on the state, LEAs and school report cards with appropriate disaggregation by instructional method and digital resource availability. DESE must also report the percentage of students not assessed disaggregated by subgroup. DESE will publish all of the data with a notice about the appropriate use of this data.

For additional information, see the [FAQ document here](#). For questions about assessment, email assessment@dese.mo.gov or call 573-751-3545. For questions about accountability data, email MSIP@dese.mo.gov or call 573-751-4426 or 573-751-4104.