1. **What is the Michigan Merit Examination?** - The Michigan Merit Examination (MME) is the state high school assessment administered to grade 11 and eligible grade 12 students. It replaced the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) high school assessment in Spring 2007. The MME is now administered each year during the month of March. The MME is comprised of the ACT Plus Writing® college entrance exam, portions of the WorkKeys® work skills assessment, and several Michigan components developed to assess Michigan high school content standards. The MME assesses students in English Language Arts (reading and writing), Mathematics, Science and Social Studies. The assessment items are aligned to Michigan high school content standards.

2. **Are schools required to administer the MME?** - Yes. Federal and State laws require public schools to assess certain grade levels. The MME assesses juniors and eligible seniors while the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) assesses grades 3-9. These assessments provide a way to measure all Michigan students in the same subjects, at the same time. The test provides valuable information to parents on their student's academic performance.

3. **My son took the ACT separate from the MME. Can he use that ACT score as part of his MME score?** - No. The ACT Plus Writing® college entrance exam taken separate from the MME is not the same test as the ACT Plus Writing® offered as part of the MME. The scores cannot be swapped. It is the actual items from the ACT test, not the ACT scores, that contribute to the MME subject scores. The MME must be taken in its entirety, which includes the ACT Plus Writing®.

4. **Is the ACT taken as a part of the MME accepted by colleges as a valid ACT entrance exam?** - Yes, if the test was taken under college reportable conditions, meaning Standard Testing or with ACT-Approved Accommodations. If you are uncertain if the student’s test was taken under these conditions, please contact your high school’s Guidance Office.

5. **What is WorkKeys?** - WorkKeys® is a national assessment that measures work readiness skills in the areas of Reading for Information, Applied Mathematics, and Locating Information. WorkKeys test results compare the skill levels required by jobs in the WorkKeys job profiles database to those of individuals who have taken the WorkKeys assessments.

In the Spring of 2010, Day 2 of the MME included three WorkKeys tests: Reading for Information, Applied Mathematics, and Locating Information. Depending on the scores earned, students who took the English (non-translated) versions of WorkKeys tests may have qualified for the National Career Readiness Certificate. WorkKeys scores were reported direct by ACT through the student’s high school. More information on WorkKeys® and the National Career Readiness Certificate can be found at [www.act.org/workkeys](http://www.act.org/workkeys).
6. **Can the state average scores from the ACT portion of the MME be compared to the average scores from annual ACT High School Profile of each year’s graduating class?** – No. The state average scores for the ACT portion of the MME are the averages taken from only the Grade 11 college reportable ACT scores in the current year administration of the MME. The average scores shown in the annual ACT High School Profile are the averages of the most recent college reportable ACT scores for high school seniors who took the test as sophomores, juniors, or seniors.

7. **How do MME scores impact Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)?** - The process for determining the Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) status under the federal *No Child Left Behind Act* for a school or district is complex and involves data from many sources. Results from the MME are simply one part of the total calculation. AYP status is reported separately by the State when all elements of the process have been assembled. For more information about AYP, please go to [www.michigan.gov/aryp](http://www.michigan.gov/aryp).

8. **Where can I find more information regarding MME results on the web?** - Go to [www.michigan.gov/mme](http://www.michigan.gov/mme), then select “Assessment Results.” You will find information on state, district and school results, including a Guide to Reports, a downloadable school and district summary file, and other information to aid your understanding of the MME results.

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