2021 Michigan School Testing Conference

Update on MI-Access (Clinic D4)

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MI-Access Changes for 2021



What's New is Still New This Year!!

- Supported Independence Adaptations for Read Aloud and Visually Impaired
- DRC site formerly known as "eDIRECT", has been changed to "DRC INSIGHT Portal."
- The "Test Site Manager" (TSM) has been changed to "Central Office System" (COS). The COS helps manage network for FI online testing.





Who Takes MI-Access?



- MI-Access is designed for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities, who are working toward alternate content expectations.
- Within this population of students, MI-Access is further broken down into three levels by student population:







Assessment Selection Resources



www.Michigan.gov/mi-access

Assessment Training and Resources for Educators

- Supported Independence and Participation Scoring Rubric Training
 Access at the Michigan Virtual Learning Platform and enter "MI-Access" in the search box, and select "Training: Participation and Scoring Administration."
- Test Coordinator Resources
 - List of Important Dates, Test Administration Manuals, Student Support and Accommodations, Assessment Security and more Resouces for all State Assessments on one page.
- Assessment Security Training Information
- MI-Access Test Administration Training Video
- Assessment Selection Guidelines Training
- Assessment Selection Interactive Decision-Making Tool
- Assessment Coordinator Training Guide
- Functional Independence (FI) Assessment Administration Flow Chart
- Participation (P) and Supported Independence (SI) Assessment Administration Flow Chart





Alternate Content Expectations



English/Language Arts

Essential Elements with Michigan Range of Complexity

Mathematics

Essential Elements with Michigan Range of Complexity

Science

Michigan defined Essential
Elements with Range of Complexity
2007 Legacy Extended Benchmarks

Social Studies (FI only)

Extended Grade-Level Content Expectations and Extended High School Content Expectations





Where are the alternate content expectations found?



Step 1: www.Michigan.gov/mi-access

MDE / STUDENT ASSESSMENT / MI-ACCESS



MI-Access is Michigan's Alternate assessment system and is designed for students who have, or function as if they have, significant cognitive impairments, and whose IEP (Individualized Education Program) Team has determined that **General Assessments**, even with accommodations, are not appropriate. MI-Access satisfies the federal requirement that all students with disabilities be assessed at the state level.

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Where are the alternate content expectations found?



Step 2:







Where are the alternate content expectations found?



Step 3: Explore the page for the standards you are looking for

Essential Elements with Michigan Range of Complexity

The following documents are Michigan's alternate content standards for English language arts (ELA) and Mathematics.

The documents:

- Assist educators in understanding the links between the general assessment content standards and the Essential Elements.
- Provide the Michigan Range of Complexity, which outlines how the skills associated with each target Essential
 Element (that will be measured as "state accessible") is to be assessed using the three levels of MI-Access.
 - · High Range of Complexity will be measured using MI-Access Functional Independence
 - Medium Range of Complexity will be measured using MI-Access Supported Independence
 - Low Range of Complexity will be measured using MI-Access Participation
 - Note: Target Essential Elements without a range are not assessed at the state level and it is up to local
 agencies to determine the path students will take toward the target Essential Element
- · Provide educators:
 - · a full scope of the Essential Elements and Range of Complexity for both short and long term planning
 - a resource in planning for instruction

Alternate Standards for English Language Arts

Kindergarten ELA Essential Elements

Grade 1 ELA Essential Elements
Grade 2 ELA Essential Elements
Grade 3 ELA Essential Elements
Grade 4 ELA Essential Elements
Grade 8 ELA Essential Elements
Grade 5 ELA Essential Elements
Grade 9-10 ELA Essential Elements





FI Administration Reminders



FI ELA: Expressing Ideas

- ➤ Paper version for ALL students (regardless of mode for "Accessing Print and Using Language)
- >Student should respond to both prompts
- >Student may answer with writing, drawing or a combination of the two
- Scribe and other supports and accommodations available, please refer to the Supports and Accommodations Table for more information and specifications for each





FI Administration Reminders



Online

- Students interact directly with online platform
- Answers indicated by clicking on correct answer on screen
- 2 "parts" for every subject area (student should take <u>both</u> parts).
 There will be 2 test tickets per subject area

Paper

- Students interact directly with test booklet
- Answers indicated by circling answer in booklet (assessment administrator transfers to answer document)
- Flexibility to break administration into more than one session.





Online Administration Preparation



- Students must be moved from M-STEP to MI-Access on the OEAA Secure Site by content area and type (FI, SI, or P).
- Students will then automatically be pulled into the DRC INSIGHT
 Portal through Feb 23 and assigned to MI-Access test sessions.
- Schools may continue to pre-identify students on the OEAA Secure
 Site which will be uploaded to the DRC INSIGHT Portal 3 times a day.
- Students pre-identified <u>after</u> Feb 23 must be added to a session directly in DRC INSIGHT Portal starting March 5.





Online Administration Preparation



- Also, it is important to remove them from any M-STEP test sessions in the DRC INSIGHT Portal. If not, this could lead to confusion and students being tested in both MI-Access and M-STEP unnecessarily.
- Accommodations for the student must be entered in the DRC INSIGHT Portal prior to printing any test tickets.
- Students will have test tickets generated and appear on test rosters with documents accommodations.
- DRC INSIGHT Portal will open on March 5 to create/manage online sessions.





Assessment Administration - FI



Online Testing

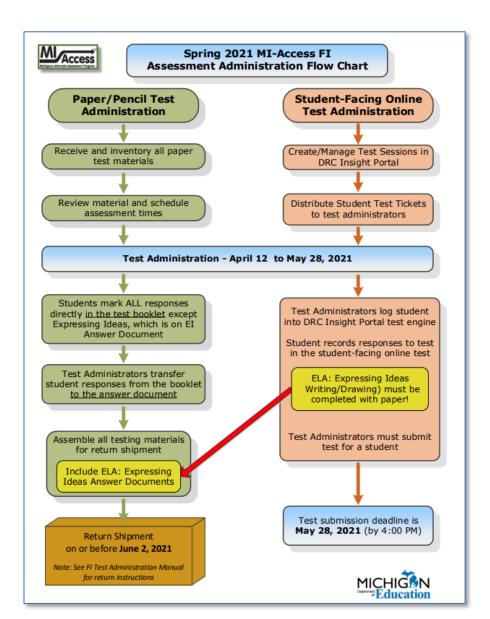
- Test Tickets and Rosters
- Headphones all tests use TTS by default in any content area and include directions
- Scratch paper (optional)
- ELA: Expressing Ideas is paper/pencil only
- Administrators must log in for Students and submit test when completed

Paper/Pencil Testing

- Test Directions (in TAM)
- Students mark answers in Test Booklet (except Expressing Ideas)
- Administrator transfers responses from booklet to answer document
- Scratch paper (may use booklet)
- Calculators not necessary but not prohibited
- Sharpened No. 2 pencils









Administration Flowchart - Fl

- Provides side-by-side visual of the Online and Paper/Pencil activities of the entire administration.
- Includes activities before, during, and after testing.
- Includes important dates for end-to-end assessment activities.
- Available on the MI-Access web page





Assessment Administration – SI/P

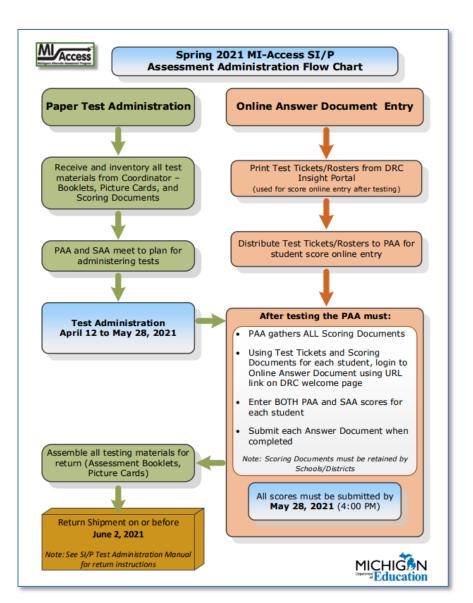


- Requires two administrators Primary administrator (PAA) and Shadow (SAA)
- Paper booklets and picture cards are used for administration.
- The PAA and SAA observe and score the student responses to the questions, independently and simultaneously, with a rubric found on the Scoring Documents.
- Tests include activity-based observations and selected-response items (Picture Cards and/or classroom items).
- The PAA may choose to adapt classroom items to help engage the students.
- After testing, the PAA will use the printed Test Tickets to log into each student's online Answer Document to enter the student scores.

See the SI/P TAM and web page for online answer document entry instructions.









Administration Flowchart – SI/P

- Provides side-by-side visual of the Paper/Pencil administration and Online answer document score entry.
- Includes activities before, during, and after testing
- Includes important dates for end-toend assessment activities
- Available on the MI-Access web page





Administration Reminders - SI/P



Booklets are for Assessment Administrators, NOT for students

Selected Response Items:

- Students will be presented with Student Picture Cards
 - Option to use actual objects or comparable picture cards is allowable, provided these are objects or picture cards the student is used to seeing during instruction.

Activity Based Observation Items:

 Assessment administrator is given an activity and scoring focus, and in most cases, an example of what they can do with the student to assess the scoring focus.



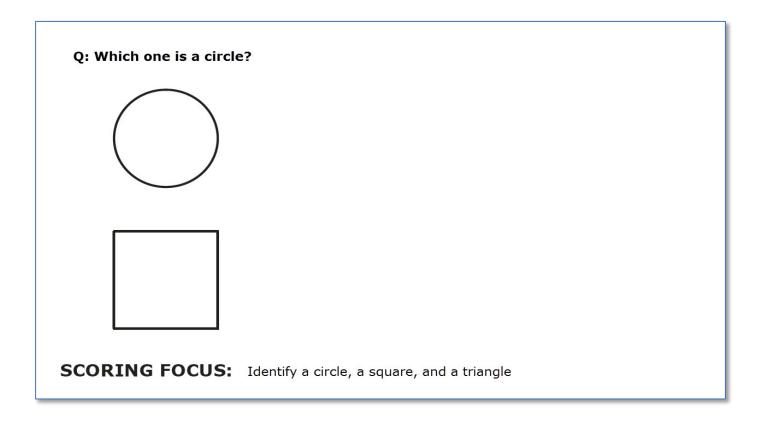


SI/P Example of Selected Response



Item presented to student with picture cards

Participation Sample Item (assessment administrator sees):











Test configuration for Supported Independence and Participation is the same for 2021

- ELA, Mathematics, Science Single Booklet for administrator
- Selected Response items (New for SI in 2021)
 - ✓ Each item will include "Read Aloud" instructions
 - ✓ Each item included adaptations for Visually Impaired
- Activity Based Observation items (New for SI in 2021)
 - ✓ General/Specialized Instructions for students who are blind or visually impaired

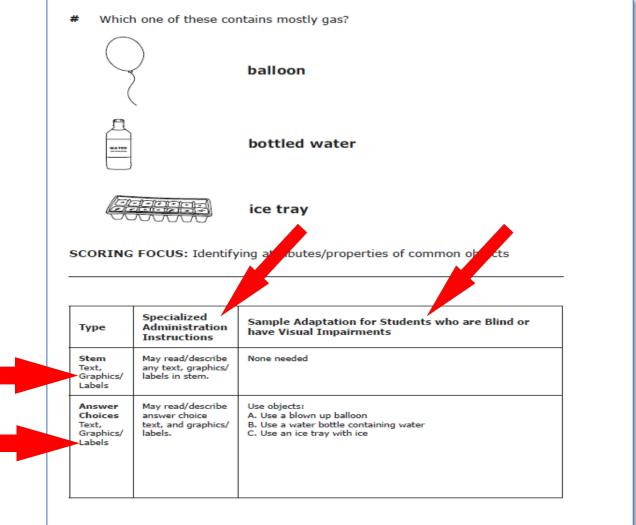




Example of Selected Response - Booklet V

This SI example includes a chart with:

- Specialized instructions for administrators
- Sample adaptations that administrators may use for students who are blind or have visual impairments





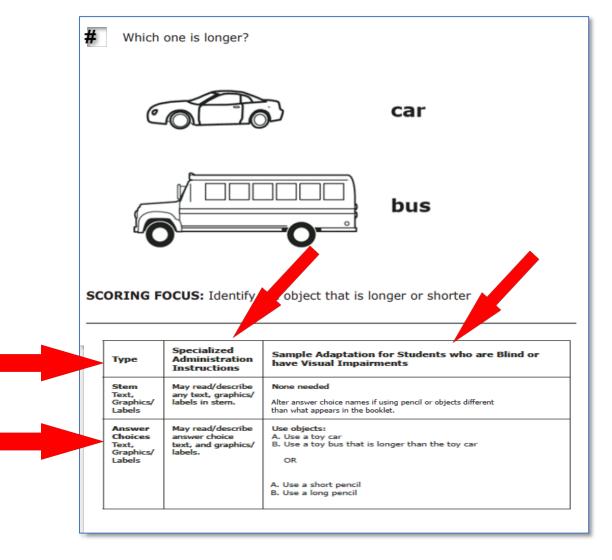


Example of Selected Response - Booklet



This Participation example includes a chart with:

- Specialized instructions for administrators
- Sample adaptations that administrators may use for students who are blind or have visual impairments







SI/P Instructions for Activity-Based Observations (ABO)



Activity-Based Items: General Instructions and Specialized Instructions for Students Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired

The "for example" section of each activity-based observation item is provided to help guide the assessment administrator to develop their own activity for this item that best matches the experiences of the student being assessed. This activity should follow what the first part of the item indicates the student will do, and the item should measure the scoring focus.

Please note that presenting the options twice for an activity-based observation item (as is required with selected response items) may not always be appropriate. While it would be appropriate to do so when presenting choices of pictures or objects, it may not be appropriate when testing a routine, a greeting or when giving an opinion.

The same procedure is used for students who are blind or visually impaired. The adaptations made should fall within activities that are familiar to the student. When pictures are suggested in the item, it is recommended that objects or a sound be used as answer options instead.





SI/P Example ABO



This example starts with student directions for ABOs. The ABO includes:

- Activity to be observed
- An example of how the activity can be adapted for the students needs
- Scoring Focus that outlines what the item is intended to assess

STUDENT DIRECTIONS: Do and say whatever is typically done or said to allow the student to engage in each item, UNLESS otherwise directed in the item.

Item R3

ACTIVITY: The student will correctly indicate, by manipulating or observing, now to conserve water, during a familiar personal hygiene routine, by turning off the source. For example, the assessment administrator could complete a hand washing routine with the student, leave the water running, and ask, "Show me what we turn off to save water," or "What do we need to do to save water?"

SCORING FOCUS: Identifying routines related to conservation of natural resources





SI/P Scoring Rubrics



The Supported Independence scoring relies on a 2-point rubric (green)



3 Responds correctly; no assistance 2 Responds correctly; verbal/physical cues 1 Responds correctly; modeling, short of hand-over-hand assistance

A Incorrect Response

B Resists/Refuses C
Hand-over-hand
assistance and/or
step-by-step
directions

The Participation scoring relies on a 3-point rubric (blue)

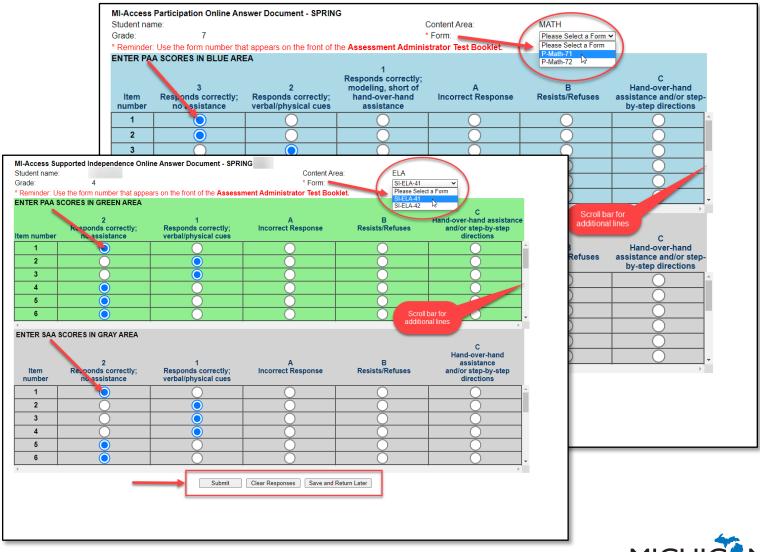








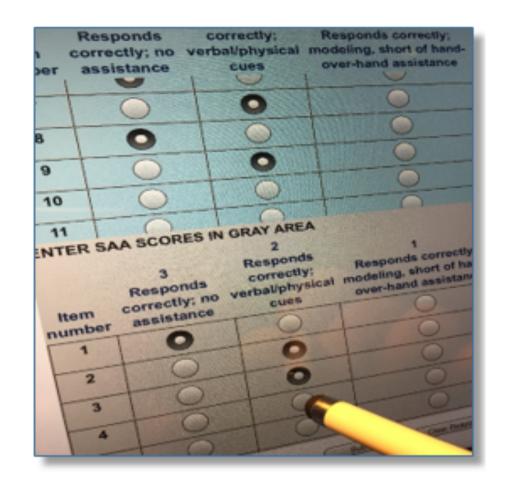
- The Participation answer document features a blue grid to enter the Primary administrator
- The SI answer document features a green grid for the primary entries
- The gray grid is designed for the shadow administrator score entries

















Michigan's approach to the 1% rule



 Michigan received a waiver from all state assessments in 2019-2020.



- Michigan rescinded the 1% Cap waiver for 2019-2020 (as it was in conflict with the overall waiver for testing)
- Waiver for 2020-2021 was submitted on January 11, 2021
- Michigan will be pursuing additional waivers from testing overall in 2020-2021 and may need to rescind the 1% Cap waiver again
- Justification activity only asked for projected participation rates for
 - Aggregate state participation rate for 2020-2021 is: 1.87%





Michigan's approach to the 1% rule



- Planned activities for 2020-2021 related to participation rates for 2020-2021:
 - Continued use of the Alternate Assessment Participation Guidelines Training
 - Continued use of the Interactive Decision-making tool
 - Data mining for schools with patterns or disproportionality identified
 - A focus on targeting instruction for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities
 - First efforts will surround students working toward the high range of complexity and building bridges to the general content standards









Supported Independence and Participation Assessments Rubrics Training Updated!!

- Updated to reflect recent revisions to MI-Access policies and assessment selection
- Scoring Rubrics remain unchanged
- Delivered via Michigan Virtual
- Earn 2 SCHECHs
- Printable certificate still available









Supported Independence and Participation Assessments Rubrics Training Updated!!

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- Supported Independence and Participation Scoring Rubric Training: Access at the Michigan Virtual Learning
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2021 Assessment Updates - FI



MI-Access FI test configuration is not changing for 2021

FI ELA: Accessing Print and Using Language

- Vocabulary, Language, Research/Inquiry, Listening, Understanding Text
- 2 parts for online

FI ELA: Expressing Ideas

- Expressing Ideas (Constructed Response) Paper/Pencil ONLY
- BOTH are required to get a valid ELA Score

FI Mathematics and FI Science

2 parts for online for each content area

FI Social Studies

- 2 parts for online
- Part 1: Independent Items; Part 2: context –based items





2021 Assessment Science Update



MI-Access Grade Levels are **not** changing this year

MI-Access Science is assessed at grades 4, 7, and 11 in 2021

In 2022: Large Scale Field Test in grades 5, 8, and 11







New Alternate Content Expectations in Science



New Alternate Science Content Expectations (Essential Elements) are based of Michigan's K-12 Science Standards

Alternate Content standards were developed to encourage participation in quality instruction.

Whenever possible, alternate standards keep three-dimensionality (Disciplinary Core Idea, Cross Cutting Concepts and Science and Engineering Practices)

- Assessment will measure one concept at a time (most likely the Disciplinary Core Idea or Science and Engineering Practice), not multiple ideas at once as is measured by M-STEP
- Arranged by Topic Bundle





Where are the Alternate Content Expectations found?



New Alternate Content Expectations in Science – Where are They?

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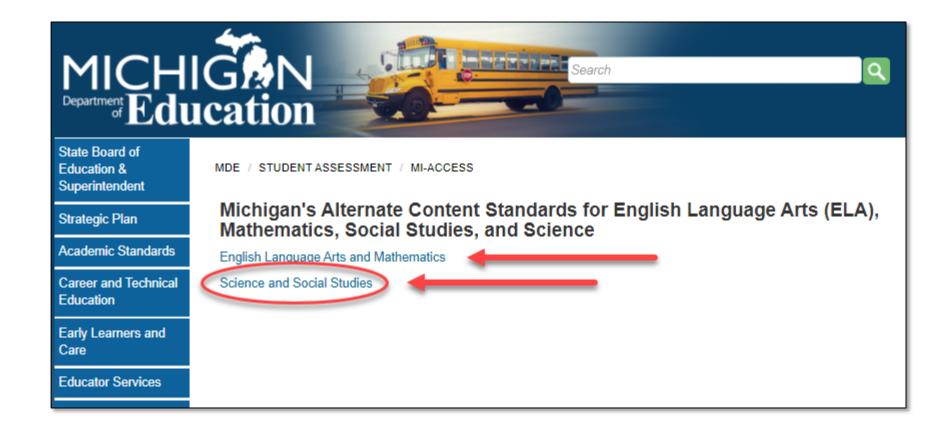
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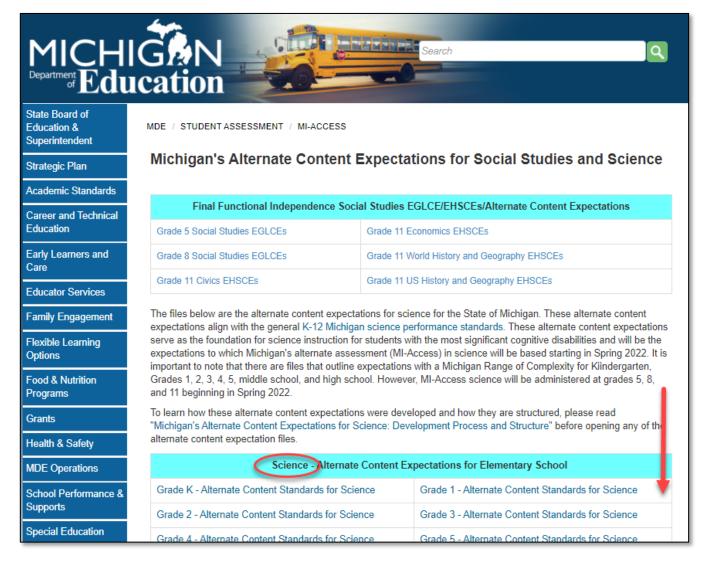






New Alternate Content Expectations in Science









New Alternate Content Expectations in Science



Sample from Grade 3 Physical Science

Topic Bundle 1: Forces and Interactions

| Target Alternate Content | Michigan Range of Complexity | | |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|-----------|
| Expectation | High Range | Medium Range | Low Range |

Michigan K-12 Science Content Standard: 3-PS2-2: Make observations and/or measurements of an object's motion to provide evidence that a pattern can be used to predict future motion.

EE.3-PS2-2: Use observations and/or measurements of an object's repeated motion to identify the pattern and use the pattern to predict the future motion of the object.

EE.3-PS2-H.2: Use observations and/or measurements of an object's repeated motion to identify the pattern and use the pattern to predict the future motion of the object. EE.3-PS2-M.2: Use observations and/or measurements of an object's repeated motion to identify the pattern of the object's motion. EE.3-PS2-L.2: Use observations of a repeated motion of an object to match the pattern of motion to an object in motion or one that is not.



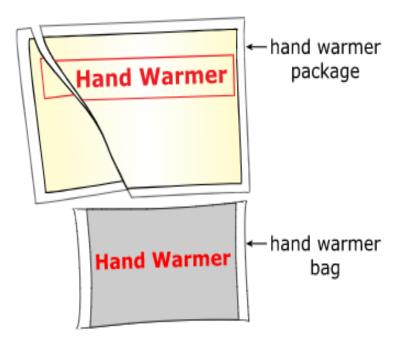




How Do Hand Warmers Work?

Two Students were out in the cold. One student had a package of hand warmers. They decided to use them to keep warm. They opened the package and each student put a hand warmer bag into a glove.

After a few minutes, the students noticed the bag felt warm. The students wanted to know how the bags got warm. They asked their science teacher how to test the materials inside the bag. After reading the ingredients, the students found that iron was the most common material. They decided to create a test for the iron.









The students designed the following test:

- 1. Open a new hand warmer package
- 2. Cut open the hand warmer bag
- 3. Separate the materials by using a magnet to pull out all the iron
- 4. Place the Iron on a dish
- 5. Observe and record properties of the iron
- 6. Leave the iron in the dish overnight
- 7. Observe and record properties of the iron the next day

| Hand Warmer Investigation Table | | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Property/ Calculation | Right After Iron Was Put on Plate | After Iron Was Left on Plate Overnight | | |
| Color | Gray | Red | | |
| Texture | Powder | Powder | | |
| Mass (in grams) | 21 | 30 | | |
| Volume (in cm³) | 2.67 | 5.73 | | |







Context will appear on the left side – on whichever page the student was last reading.

1 Which properties were **different** after the iron sat on the plate overnight?

- A. color, texture, and volume
- B. color, mass, and volume
- C. color, texture, and mass







Context will appear on the left side – on whichever page the student was last reading.

- **2** Based on the table, what is the **best** conclusion about what happened to the iron when it was left on the plate overnight?
- A. A chemical reaction occurred between the iron and the oxygen in the air.
- B. A chemical reaction occurred between the iron and the bottom of the plate.
- C. A chemical reaction occurred between the iron and the shape of the magnet.







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- **3** Which **best** explains why the bags felt warm after the students put them into their gloves?
- A. A chemical reaction released heat.
- B. A chemical reaction absorbed heat.
- C. A chemical reaction did not affect heat.







Questions





