



## MI-Access Online Pilot for Spring 2012

The Michigan Department of Education, Bureau of Assessment and Accountability (BAA) will be conducting a Spring 2012 Online Pilot for the MI-Access, Alternate Assessment Program. This pilot will allow the BAA to explore the benefits of using an online answer sheet rather than the traditional paper answer documents for the three MI-Access assessments: Participation (P), Supported Independence (SI), and Functional Independence (FI).

For Participation (P) and Supported Independence (SI), the online answer document would allow direct transfer of teacher scores into an online system from the traditional tear-out sheets, eliminating the need to transfer answers by hand to the student's answer document, ship documents back to Questar, and wait for separate scanning activities to be completed prior to the scoring process. The online answer sheet is designed for use by the examiners (Primary Assessment Administrator and Shadow Assessment Administrator), not by the students themselves, so administration of the MI-Access assessments **will not be impacted in any way**.

For Functional Independence (FI), the online answer document allows the direct transfer of student scores into an online system from the student's test booklet. The online answer document is designed for use by the FI test administrator, not by the students themselves, so administration of the MI-Access FI assessments will not be impacted in any way. The MI-Access Online Pilot for Functional Independence will not include Accessing Print/Expressing Ideas.

The following table displays the program, grade, and content area to be included in the online pilot.

Program	Grade	Content Area
Participation	11	ELA/Math
Participation	11	Science
Supported Independence	11	ELA/Math
Supported Independence	11	Science
Functional Independence	11	Math
Functional Independence	11	Science

For the Online Pilot, Questar (MI-Access contractor) will use the iTester system as the interface for the online answer sheet for entry of student responses. As the iTester system is currently in use within Michigan for the ELPA online program, the integration of the data from the MI-Access answer sheets with the paper-based performance data can be easily and efficiently managed by Questar.

System configuration requirements for the MI-Access Online Pilot are as follows:

<b>Hardware Requirements</b>	<b>Windows</b>	<b>Apple / Macintosh</b>
<b>Operating System</b>	Windows 2000 or higher	OS 10.4.X or higher
<b>Processor</b>	Pentium III 500 MHz or higher	G4 500 MHz or higher
<b>Memory</b>	512 MB or higher	512 MB or higher
<b>Devices</b>	Mouse / Pointing Device / Keyboard	Mouse / Pointing Device / Keyboard
<b>Screen Resolution</b>	1024 x 768	1024 x 768
<b>Internet Connection</b>	1.5 mbps or higher	1.5 mbps or higher

The Spring 2012 MI-Access online pilot will be conducted during the testing window, which is February 13-March 23, 2012. Any district or school that would like to be included in this pilot should have their district's Superintendent fill out the survey at the following link, [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MI\\_Access\\_Online\\_Interest\\_Survey](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MI_Access_Online_Interest_Survey). Completion of the survey will let the BAA know you would like to participate. It is recommended that someone with a good understanding of your district's technology and MI-Access Assessment Administration review this survey's questions ahead of time.

If you have any further questions please contact MI-Access Customer Service at: 877-560-8378 (option 4) or send an email to [MI-Access@questarai.com](mailto:MI-Access@questarai.com) for any questions related to the Spring 2012 MI-Access Online Pilot.