

Please see **4 IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS** below regarding: 1) Spring 2013 EXPLORE/PLAN Pilot Project, 2) 2012-13 Assessment Requirements for District and School Accountability, 3) Pre-ID Barcode Labels for MEAP Shipping Separately, and 4) Title III Contact Information Revised.

1) Spring 2013 EXPLORE-PLAN Pilot Project

The Spring 2013 EXPLORE-PLAN Pilot Project Announcement and Key Dates Checklist are now available. There are some important changes for Spring 2013 outlined in the announcement.

http://michigan.gov/documents/mde/FINAL_2013_Explore_Plan_Pilot_Announcement_399192_7.pdf

http://michigan.gov/documents/mde/Checklist_of_Critical_Dates_PLAN-EXPLORE_399193_7.pdf

2) 2012-13 Assessment Requirements for District and School Accountability

Michigan's application for Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Flexibility was approved by the U.S. Department of Education (USED) in July of 2012. One of the important changes that will take effect this year is the inclusion of all tested subjects into district and school report cards. Please be aware that for the 2012-13 school year, **science, social studies, and writing will contribute to district and school report cards for participation and proficiency requirements, in addition to reading and mathematics.** Each tested subject on the Michigan Education Assessment Program (MEAP), the Michigan Merit Examination (MME), MI-Access, and MEAP-Access assessments will be measured against a 95% participation target, and all valid student scores of Full Academic Year (FAY) will contribute to proficiency calculations for the district and school.

3) Pre-ID Barcode Labels for MEAP Shipping Separately

The printed student barcode labels for the Fall 2012 Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) were not included in the initial material order boxes, but instead will be arriving in a separate shipment over the next few days.

4) Title III Contact Information Revised

In a September 17, 2012 memorandum sent to superintendents and public school academy directors, contact information was included for the Office of Field Services (OFS)–Special Populations Unit. Please see the updated phone number below and the added email address for this group.

For questions related to targets or consequences for district Annual Measureable Achievement Objectives (AMAOs) for English learners, Title III funding for the

English learner population, or developing or revising your district's Title III plan, please contact OFS–Special Populations Unit at 517-373-6066 or email OFSSpecialpops@michigan.gov.

Questions about AMAO calculations should continue to be directed to the BAA's Evaluation Research & Accountability Unit at MDE-Accountability@michigan.gov or 877-560-8378, option 6.

Questions?

Please email us at baa@michigan.gov or call 877-560-8378 and select the appropriate menu option.