

2018-19

MICHIGAN SCHOOL INDEX RESOURCE TOOLKIT



■ Michigan School Index System Preview – Now Available!

Embargoed 2018-19 accountability reports and student datafiles for the updated Michigan School Index System are available now for review to authorized users of MI School Data at www.mischooldata.org. Access to accountability student datafiles and the ability to submit accountability issues regarding your accountability data is being provided in MI School Data through the "Accountability User" role. The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is providing schools and districts a week-long courtesy preview of the updated School Index reports and datafiles to allow them to become familiar with their School Index results and information before its public release later this month. **The preview window will close on Friday, December 6, 2019 at 5PM.**

■ What's New for 2018-19 School Index Results?

- PSAT 8/9 for grade 8 students has been included in School Index calculations.
- The Sending Scores Back Program for Shared Educational Entities has been incorporated into School Index calculations.
- School Identifications for Support and Improvement:
 - Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI): no new identifications
 - Additional Targeted Support (ATS): no new identifications
 - Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI): new identifications using 2018-19 School Index results

■ Embargoed and Protected Data

Please be advised that all 2018-19 School Index report information and accountability student data are to remain embargoed until the MDE publicly releases this information. Districts that do not respect the embargo may lose preview privileges in the future.

■ Accountability Issues

During the preview window, issues or concerns regarding accountability data can be securely communicated and submitted by authorized users through the Accountability Issues portion of MI School Data. Accountability Issues may be submitted for review until **Friday, December 6, 2019 at 5PM**. Please be aware that only issues relating to how data are aggregated will be considered during the preview window. Issues relating to the data quality of source data for the various School Index components will not be considered during the School Index preview window as each data component included in the School Index has had its own submission and review window in its respective source data system. Issues with those data were to be addressed at that time. All source data are considered accurate and final at the time of the School Index preview window and no further requests to change to these data will be considered.

■ Informational Materials and Links

The table on the following page provides an extensive list of materials that have been created to document the Michigan School Index System, including how to access and understand School Index reports and datafiles on MI School Data.

■ School Index Q&A Sessions

Optional informal Q&A sessions will be held in webinar format to provide an additional opportunity to ask questions or voice concerns outside of the formal accountability issues system available in MI School Data. These sessions will be held from 2-4PM on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 and 2-4PM on Thursday, December 5, 2019. Please email MDE-Accountability@Michigan.gov to request the link and access code if you are interested.

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Resource Topic	Resource Name	Resource Description
System Description	Michigan School Index System Policy Brief	One-page overview of the new School Index system used to identify schools for supports.
	Michigan School Index Overview Presentation	Set of slides that provide an overview of the index system.
	Public Guide to Michigan's Accountability System	Provides a public-oriented guide to the School Index system and school identification for support and improvement.
	Michigan School Index System Comprehensive Guide	Provides in-depth information on all index system components, including details on how calculations are performed.
	Michigan School Index System Technical Business Rules	Technical resource manual providing highly detailed instructions on how Michigan School Index System values were computed.
	Michigan School Index System Targets by Component Area	Provides a spreadsheet of statewide performance targets by area for each component of the Michigan School Index System.
School Identification for Support & Improvement	Comprehensive Support and Improvement Policy Brief	Overview of the "Comprehensive Support and Improvement" support category.
	Targeted Support and Improvement Policy Brief	Overview of the "Targeted Support and Improvement" support category.
	Additional Targeted Support Policy Brief	Overview of the "Additional Targeted Support" support category.
	School Identification Flowchart	Flowchart of how schools are identified for support based on school index results.
Accessing and Understanding Reports & Data	Instructions for Accessing and Downloading Your School Index Report and Accountability Student Datafiles on MI School Data	Provides detailed instructions including screenshots on how to access School Index reports, download accountability student datafiles, and create/submit accountability issues regarding your results if you believe there to be a discrepancy during the report preview window on MISchoolData.org.
	MISchoolData.org School Index Report Layout Guide	Provides a description of the layout and major components to help navigating a public school index report on MISchoolData.org.
	Index System Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)	Provides a list of frequently asked questions covering everything about the index system from components to support identification.

Index Example Calculator	Shows sample index and component values, calculation steps, and allows you interact with it to see how actual or hypothetical values impact the overall school index.
Instructions on Working with Accountability Student Datafiles	Provides instructions on filtering and working with your accountability student datafiles.
Data Dictionary for Accountability Student Datafiles	Provides a file layout and field descriptions for both accountability student datafiles.

■ Support and Contact Information

If you have questions or concerns regarding the index system or your school data, please contact us using the secure "Accountability Issues" submission feature in MI School Data. For more general support and information, you may contact us at: MDE-Accountability@michigan.gov or 877-560-8378, option 3.