



**Informational Document
MI-Access Spring 2013 Grade 11 Online Answer Document Pilot**

Background:

The Michigan Department of Education’s Bureau of Assessment and Accountability (BAA), is continuing an operational pilot to gather information on the use of the online answer sheet rather than the traditional paper answer document for the three MI-Access assessments: Participation (P), Supported Independence (SI), and Functional Independence (FI).

The online answer document would allow direct transfer of teacher scores into an online system from the traditional tear-out sheets or test booklets completed by the students, eliminating the need to transfer answers by hand to a paper/pencil answer document and then wait for separate scanning activities to be completed prior to the scoring process. The online answer sheet is designed for use by the assessment administrators (both FI administrators and P/SI Primary and Shadow administrators), not by the students themselves, **so administration of the MI-Access assessments will not be impacted in any way.**

For the MI-Access Online Answer Document Pilot, Questar will use the iTester system as the interface for the online answer sheet for entry of student responses. The iTester system is currently in use within Michigan for the ELPA online program and was also piloted for MI-Access in spring 2012 with grade 11 and fall 2012 with grades 3-8.

MI-Access Spring 2013 Online Answer Document Pilot Questions and Answers:

When is the Grade 11 Spring Online Answer Document Pilot taking place?

It is taking place at the same time as the regular Spring 2013 assessment window: **February 11- March 22.**

Will students interact with the Online Answer Document?

No, this is NOT a student-facing online assessment. Only administrators will interact with the online answer document. The way in which students are administered MI-Access assessments will NOT change.

If I fill out an online answer document, do I also have to complete a paper-based bubble answer document?

No, you only need to complete and submit an electronic answer document—NOT BOTH. This is very important as the intent is to make response/rating transferal easier.

Which assessments and grades are included in the MI-Access Online Pilot?

| <u>Program</u> | <u>Grade</u> | <u>Content Area</u> |
|-------------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Participation | 11 | ELA/Mathematics |
| Participation | 11 | Science |
| Supported Independence | 11 | ELA/Mathematics |
| Supported Independence | 11 | Science |
| Functional Independence | 11 | Mathematics |
| Functional Independence | 11 | Science |

Which content areas are NOT included in the Pilot?

The only content areas that are not included in the pilot are Functional Independence Accessing Print and Expressing Ideas.

Will more information be provided about the Pilot?

Yes, the BAA and Questar have created resource materials for participants, such as a Test Administrator Manual Addendum and WebEx training sessions (these sessions will be scheduled for January—exact dates and times are to be determined). The MI-Access Call Center may also be contacted at 877-560-8378, option 4.

What are the technology requirements my district/schools must meet to participate in the Spring 2013 Online Answer Document Pilot?

To be able to use iTester, your district’s/school’s technology must meet the following minimum specifications.

Minimum System Requirements

| Hardware Requirements | Windows | Apple / Macintosh |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| Operating System | Windows 2000 or higher | OS 10.4.X or higher |
| Java Version | Java Version 1.5 | Java Version 1.5 |
| Processor | Pentium III 500 MHz or higher | G4 500 MHz or higher |
| Memory | 512 MB or higher | 512 MB or higher |
| Screen Resolution | 1024 x 768 | 1024 x 768 |
| Internet Connection | 1.5 mbps or higher | 1.5 mbps or higher |