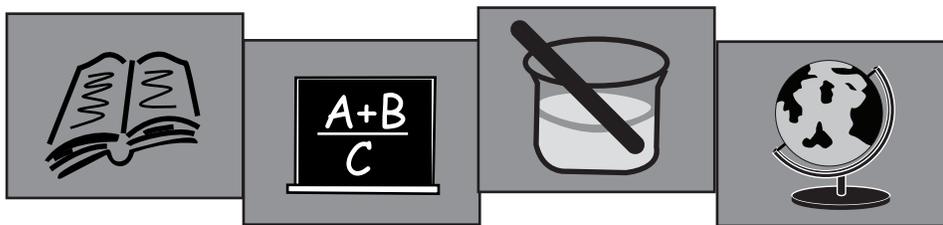




Participation
Supported Independence
Functional Independence
Grades 3–8, and 11



Instructions for
Distributing, Using, and
Returning Paper
MI-Access Assessment Materials

Spring 2017

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NOTE TO READERS

How to Use This Manual

This manual is designed to inform District and School MI-Access Coordinators, as well as teachers and other professional staff (hereafter referred to as “assessment administrators”), about how to obtain, distribute, use, and return MI-Access assessment materials for the **paper/pencil version** of the test. It also includes important information about how the MI-Access assessments are designed and how they should be administered. For instructions on administering the MI-Access Functional Independence assessments, please refer to the *MI-Access Online Test Administrator Manual* which is located on the MI-Access website (www.mi.gov/mi-access).

This manual starts with a *General Information* section, which contains important information that is relevant to everyone involved with MI-Access, regardless of the role they play in the assessment administration process. Then, it has one section dedicated specifically to District MI-Access Coordinators and another section dedicated specifically to School MI-Access Coordinators.

There are two other sections in this manual dedicated specifically to assessment administrators—one section is for those administering the MI-Access Participation and Supported Independence assessments, and the other is for those administering the MI-Access Functional Independence assessments. Both sections start with important information about how the assessments are designed, and are followed by detailed instructions on (1) the assessment administration process, and (2) how and when to use and complete the assessment materials. Each section is clearly labeled at the top of the page and marked with a tab at the side of the page so you can find it quickly and easily.

The Michigan Department of Education’s (MDE) Office of Standards and Assessment (OSA) recommends that you read the entire manual, if possible, so you understand who is responsible for what and how all the pieces of the assessment administration process work together. If you cannot read the entire manual, please be sure to read the *General Information* section and the section (or sections) that pertain to your role in the assessment administration process. Doing so will ensure not only that students are appropriately and meaningfully tested, but also that their efforts are accurately scored, reported, and counted for state Accountability purposes.

What’s New This Year for MI-Access

Last year the MI-Access assessments had significant structural changes. However, there is little change this year in terms of content development. MI-Access does have some more significant changes in several other areas such as:

1. The student pre-Identification (pre-ID) will be used to pre-populate the initial material orders this year for schools. Essentially there is no need to place an initial order if the students are properly entered in the secure site during the pre-ID window. If any initial orders are placed they will be adjusted based on the student pre-ID counts.

2. Districts will have a choice to select whether they want testing materials to be shipped directly to schools or the district. This will also allow them to return materials once testing is completed. It is anticipated that earlier returns would help facilitate a quicker turn-around of scanning, processing and reporting. If no selection is made the materials will be shipped to the districts by default.
3. This manual will not be printed and shipped with orders as in years past. The manual will be posted to the MI-Access web page for downloading (www.michigan.gov/mi-access).
4. The districts have received extra materials as a backup supply in case schools should happen to encounter any shortages. This district overage will be discontinued this year and any needed items should be ordered during the additional material order window as needed.
5. Included in the materials we have a red “Do Not Score” envelope. This is new this year and designed to help carefully separate items that must not be scanned or scored by the vendor. More details are included in the materials section of this manual.
6. The Scoring Documents for the Supported Independence and Participation assessments have been revised this year to more closely resemble the online answer document portal. These documents are also posted to the MI-Access webpage.
7. The final date to return materials will be May 30, 2017 which is less than a week after the testing window closes. Please be sure to plan accordingly.

Important Notice for students being assessed with Functional Independence ELA.

In order to receive a valid FI: ELA score a student must participate in both “Accessing Print and Using Language” as well as the “Expressing Ideas” assessments. If either tests are missing, for any reason, there is not possible to produce a combined ELA scale score. Over the past couple years numerous student scores were invalidated because of missing one of these assessments. Here are a few things to avoid this situation:

- Expressing Ideas is exclusively a paper test which means you should receive sufficient quantities of testing material to complete testing.
- If the student tests online with Accessing Print they must still complete the paper version of Expressing Ideas.
- If you do not have the materials you need please request the material be ordered in the secure site.
- Follow all the return instructions carefully to ensure all testing materials are handled properly by the scanning/scoring vendor.
- Make sure that you check the “Accountable Students and Test Verification” window in June to ensure the students are listed as tested in the secure site. This is your final opportunity to confirm that all of your tested students are indeed accounted for.

There will be reminders throughout this manual to this matter based on the role of administrators and coordinators.

MI-Access Assessments

MI-Access is Michigan's alternate assessment based on alternate achievement standards (AA-AAS). It is designed for students with the most significant cognitive impairments whose Individualized Education Program (IEP) Teams have determined that it is not appropriate for them to participate in the state's general education assessments (the Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress [M-STEP] or the Michigan Merit Examination [MME]).

Students Tested

At this time, MI-Access assessments are available for three student populations.

1. The **Participation** assessments are for students who have, or function as if they have,¹ **severe** cognitive impairment. These students may have both significant cognitive and physical impairments that limit their ability to generalize or transfer learning, and thus makes determining their actual abilities and skills difficult.
2. The **Supported Independence** assessments are for students who have, or function as if they have, **moderate** cognitive impairment. These students may also have both cognitive and physical impairments that impact their ability to generalize or transfer learning; however, they usually can follow learned routines and demonstrate independent living skills.
3. The **Functional Independence** assessments are for students who have, or function as if they have significant, yet **mild** cognitive impairment. These students typically can assess their personal strengths and limitations, and access resources, strategies, supports, and linkages to help them maximize their independence.

It is up to the student's IEP Team to determine which MI-Access assessment is most appropriate for the student based on his or her cognitive functioning level, curriculum, and instruction. MI-Access is designed for students working toward the alternate content standards: Essential Elements with Michigan Range of Complexity*, Extended Grade Level Content Expectations, Extended High School Content Expectations or Extended Benchmarks. Students whose instruction is based on Michigan's general content standards should be assessed using the general assessments appropriate for the student's grade level (M-STEP, PSAT, SAT).

¹ The phrase, "function as if they have," refers to students who adaptively function in environments that differ from their special education categories and, as a result, should be given the MI-Access assessment that best suits their "adaptive functioning" level of independence. To obtain more information on the students being tested, go to the MI-Access web page (www.mi.gov/mi-access). Target Essential Elements are as developed by: Dynamic Learning Maps Consortium (2013). Dynamic Learning Maps for Mathematics and English Language Arts. Lawrence, KS: University of Kansas.

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Consequences of Assessment Decisions

When deciding whether a student should participate in an alternate assessment based on alternate content standards, IEP Teams must take into account important consequences.

1. If a student participates in a MI-Access Functional Independence assessment, it is assumed that the student is receiving instruction based primarily on Essential Elements with the High Range of Complexity, Extended Grade Level Content Expectations, Extended Benchmarks, and/or Extended High School Content Expectations.
2. A divergent path at a young age may have consequences later and may prevent the student from progressing on Michigan's General Grade Level Content Expectations as needed to meet all of the requirements of the Michigan Merit Curriculum.

Content Areas Assessed

Various federal regulations and state policies require that state-level assessments be administered to *all* students in certain grades and in certain content areas. Table 1 shows how Michigan has complied with these regulations and policies.

Table 1 Grades and Content Areas Assessed in Michigan							
Content Areas	Grades						
	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	11th
ELA-Reading	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
ELA-Writing	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Mathematics	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Science		X			X		X
Social Studies			X			X	X

Assessment Flexibility (MI-Access and M-STEP)

Students participating in MI-Access FI may be assessed with either M-STEP and/or MI-Access by content area. For example, a Student may take ELA (Assessing Print and Expressing Ideas) in MI-Access and mathematics or science in M-STEP. This flexibility allows students to perform in the alternate assessment without being precluded from also participating in the general assessments. This flexibility does not apply to Supported Independence, or Participation assessments.

The MI-Access assessments reflect Michigan's state standards, Grade Level Content Expectations (GLCEs), High School Content Expectations (HSCEs), and/or Benchmarks for these five content areas; alternate content standards, reflecting the previously mentioned general content areas, exist as an option for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities. The Essential Elements with Michigan Range of Complexity (EEs), Extended GLCEs (EGLCEs), Extended HSCEs (EHSCEs), and Extended Benchmarks (EBs) on which the assessments are based can be downloaded from the MI-Access web page (www.mi.gov/mi-access).

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At this time, there are no MI-Access Participation and Supported Independence (P/SI) assessments for social studies. Therefore, a student’s IEP Team must determine what other assessment will be used. In addition, the state is requiring districts to report information on students who *would* take a state-level alternate assessment in that content area *if* it were available. In the MDE Secure Site (at <https://baa.state.mi.us/BAASecure>) under *Accountable Students and Test Verification*, districts must indicate for all P/SI students (1) which social studies assessment the student took (either a locally- or commercially-developed one), (2) the item types used on that assessment, (3) whether the student was proficient, and (4) how proficiency was determined. (See the *Secure Site Procedure and User Manual* on the MDE Secure Site for more information.)

Ungraded Students

In very rare cases where students are ungraded in the Michigan Student Data System (MSDS), see Table 2 to determine which “grade” assessment they should take. (If a student is retained, he or she must be retested in grades 3–8, but not in grade 11.)

Assessment Administrators

MI-Access assessment administrators vary by student population. The Participation and Supported Independence assessments are designed to be administered by **two** school personnel—one certified professional staff member

(such as a teacher, school psychologist, related service provider, or teacher consultant) who will act as the Primary Assessment Administrator (PAA) and another certified staff member (as just described) or other school personnel (such as a highly qualified² paraprofessional) who will act as the Shadow Assessment Administrator (SAA). Both the PAA and SAA must be familiar with the student and not impede or influence any interaction particular to an assessment item.

When two assessment administrators are involved, the PAA is responsible for making all decisions about when to provide assistance to a student and what type of assistance to provide. The SAA is present only to simultaneously and independently provide a second score for the student. (For more information on the roles of assessment administrators and how to administer the assessments, see Section IV of this manual and review the *MI-Access Participation and Supported Independence Scoring Rubrics Online Learning Program* at www.mi.gov/mi-access.)

² A “highly qualified” paraprofessional is a school employee who performs the duties and meets the requirements of a noncertified district employee providing instructional support under Title 1, Part A of the No Child Left Behind Act. (For more information on highly qualified criteria, go to www.mi.gov/mde.)

Ungraded Student Age*	Corresponding Assessment Grade
9	Grade 3
10	Grade 4
11	Grade 5
12	Grade 6
13	Grade 7
14	Grade 8
15	Grade 9
17	Grade 11

*Students must be these ages on or before December 1 of the school year in which the assessment is administered. For ages to apply, the student must be entered in the Michigan Student Data System (MSDS) as “ungraded.”

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Note: As was done last year, the P/SI tests will use the accompanying “Scoring Documents” (provided with test materials). While paper test materials will be provided, there will not be any paper answer documents for P/SI since the student responses will be entered in an online portal. The portal is designed for the primary administrator to enter the PAA and SAA scores directly using a student test ticket. (See MI-Access web page for P/SI entry instructions under “Assessment Window”).

The Functional Independence assessments are designed to be administered by **one** person, most likely the student’s teacher. Other professionals in the school or district—such as school psychologists, resource room teachers, or related services providers—may also administer the assessments if necessary. Paraprofessionals, teacher aides, and others may *assist* during assessment administration—with such things as making sure the student is on the correct page, addressing the right question, and so forth—but may not administer the assessments. Similar administrator guidelines are used for online testing. Please refer to the Online Test Administration Manual which can be located on the MI-Access webpage.

MI-Access Assessment Window

MI-Access assessments will be administered during one window for all grades 3–8 and 11 during Spring 2017. Unlike the M-STEP, the MI-Access testing window is **NOT** divided into separate grade bands. As Figure 1 shows, the window will run for seven weeks from **April 10, 2017 through May 26, 2017**. It is important to complete the MI-Access assessments on or before the closing dates of the windows to allow scanning and scoring to take place and data to be reviewed and reported in a timely manner. These dates also apply to all online testing as well. All online sessions must be submitted as of May 26, 2017. (For a calendar with other important MI-Access dates, go to www.mi.gov/mi-access.)

Figure 1

MI-Access Assessment Window
Spring 2017 Grades 3–8 and 11 April 10–May 26

Ordering Assessment Materials

District MI-Access Coordinators are responsible for ordering assessment materials and this year will have the option to have orders delivered directly to schools. Coordinators may do so through the MDE Secure Site (<https://baa.state.mi.us/BAASecure>). If District MI-Access Coordinators do not have a Secure Site user ID and password (which are required to enter the site), they should contact their District Administrator (as assigned by the District Superintendent), who has responsibility for maintaining the site at the district level. A user must have a MEIS Login in order to login to the Secure Site system. The Secure Site Login screen will contain a link to the Request MEIS ID Process. If the user has a MEIS ID but does not have access to the Secure Site system, the system will display a screen to request

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access after logging on with your MEIS login. Users requesting district user, school administrator, and/or school user access to Secure Site will have the ability to submit a request using the request access screen in the Secure Site System instead of completing the paper based request form. Each year, enhancements are made to the secure site to streamline and improve the ordering process; therefore, be sure to review the *Secure Site Procedure and User Manual* (on the screen header) prior to placing orders. **Reminder: MI-Access orders for testing materials will not be processed unless students have been pre-identified in the MDE secure site.**

There are two different types of orders that may be placed—initial material orders and additional material orders.

Initial Material Orders

District MI-Access Coordinators are contacted before each assessment window by the OSA and asked to enter initial material orders in the MDE Secure Site. These orders must be submitted at specific times and will be used by the MI-Access contractor to determine the number and types of assessment materials that need to be printed and sent to each district for distribution to schools. (Please note that pre-identifying students does NOT take the place of submitting initial material orders.)

Additional Material Orders

If the initial material orders entered by District MI-Access Coordinators are based on sound estimates and there are no changes, then additional materials should not be needed. However, if (1) there are new students, assessment administrators, classrooms, or schools; (2) a student's IEP Team determines that a different assessment should be administered; or (3) an initial material order was not placed, then District MI-Access Coordinators may need to make "additional" orders in the MDE Secure Site.

The MI-Access contractor will ship some overages (or extras) of the Functional Independence assessment booklets and student answer documents to help alleviate the need for additional material orders. In addition, it will ship one additional assessment booklet in each content area being assessed and one additional corresponding student answer document specifically for the assessment administrator to refer to during assessment administration. The assessment administrator "extras" may be used by a Functional Independence student, if necessary.

When materials are shipped, school packing slips are included indicating how many assessment materials are enclosed. If the number of materials shipped does not match what is stated on the packing slips, District MI-Access Coordinators need to call 1-877-560-8378. The call will serve two purposes: (1) to alert the contractor that there may be a problem with the packing of assessment materials, and (2) to allow additional materials to be ordered and shipped. In addition, it is important to report missing materials because many of them are considered "secure" and will be tracked for assessment integrity purposes. (Please note that there is an "Order Summary" screen on the MDE Secure Site that shows what materials districts have ordered.)

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Important Pre-Identification (Pre-ID) Information

The OSA requires that all students taking state-level assessments be pre-identified. There are numerous ways to complete the Pre-ID process, so District MI-Access Coordinators should consult the pre-ID instructions available at www.michigan.gov/securesitetraining. The types of preprinted materials that districts receive from the contractor depend on the time at which the Pre-ID process is completed. The OSA will pre-ID all students from the fall MSDS general collection to the general assessment (i.e. M-STEP and MME components). It is the schools responsibility to move students from the general assessment to the correct MI-ACCESS assessment. This can be done using the Mass Update. Specific instructions for this process can be found at www.michigan.gov/securesitetraining.

When completing the Pre-ID process, be sure to indicate which type of MI-Access assessment (Participation, Supported Independence, or Functional Independence) and content area each student will take. **All students need to be identified in a special education program by the end of May in MSDS.** If a student is tested with MI-Access but NOT flagged as “Special Education,” he or she will be considered “Not Tested.” (Contact your local Pupil Accounting Person to ensure that students are flagged correctly in the MSDS data files.) Students may also be flagged at the same time to indicate that they are participating in a Shared Educational Entity (SEE) or in a Specialized Shared Educational Entity (S2E2).

Pre-Identified Student Barcode Labels

MI-Access Functional Independence (FI) students taking the paper/pencil assessment will need to have Pre-Identified Student Barcode Labels affixed to the student answer document.

Contractor-printed Pre-ID Student Barcode Labels

Schools that pre-identify FI students by the designated deadline will receive Pre-ID student barcode labels printed by the MI-Access contractor. (See Table 3 on the following page for Spring 2017 Pre-ID deadlines.) The labels will be organized and shipped by school; therefore, School MI-Access Coordinators will need to affix them to the appropriate student answer documents prior to distribution.

District-printed Pre-ID Student Barcode Labels

Districts that miss the designated Pre-ID deadline **MUST** print Pre-ID student barcode labels locally from the MDE Secure Site. District MI-Access Coordinators may affix the locally printed labels to the correct student answer documents before distributing them to schools or assign that task to School MI-Access Coordinators.

When districts print labels locally from the MDE Secure Site, they must:

- print them from the MI-Access Test Cycle so that MI-Access labels are printed
- use Avery 5161 style labels, 1 inch by 4 inch, 20 per page (NO paper with glue, paste, staples, or tape); and
- use a laser printer (the scanning equipment does not pick up ink from ink jet printers)

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Table 3 Pre-ID Tasks, Dates, and Materials for Spring 2017

Tasks and Dates	Materials
Spring 2017	
If district/schools pre-identify students for MI-Access in the MDE Secure Site* ON or BEFORE February 14, 2017...	...they will receive Pre-ID student barcode labels from the MI-Access contractor.
If district/schools pre-identify students for MI-Access in the MDE Secure Site* AFTER February 14, 2017...	...they MUST print labels locally from the MI-Access Test Cycle in the MDE Secure Site.
* The password-protected MDE Secure Site may be accessed at https://baa.state.mi.us/BAASecure .	

If Functional Independence student answer documents are returned to the MI-Access contractor without Pre-ID labels (regardless of whether they were provided by the contractor or the district), a \$10 per document processing fee may be assessed to the district to cover the costs associated with researching to whom the answer documents belong. (See Table 6 on page 35 for more information on fees.)

Districts That Do Not Enter Initial Material Orders or Pre-ID Students

Districts that do not enter initial material orders or Pre-ID any students in the MDE Secure Site will NOT receive any MI-Access assessment materials.

Professional Assessment Administration

The purpose of the MI-Access assessments is to accurately measure what students know and are able to do in specific content areas. District and school personnel can help accomplish this purpose and minimize problems that may interfere with accurate administration by (1) maintaining the security of ALL assessment materials, (2) administering the assessments in a manner consistent with established assessment procedures, (3) establishing assessment conditions that prevent opportunities for students to engage in prohibited behaviors, (4) reviewing student information on completed student answer documents, and (5) following the communication procedures established for asking and answering questions.

To help ensure professional assessment administration practices, the OSA has developed a State Board of Education (SBE)-approved document called the *Assessment Integrity Guide*, which establishes “ground rules” for administering statewide assessments. All those involved with MI-Access should download the document from the DAS web page (www.mi.gov/baa) or the MI-Access web page (www.mi.gov/mi-access) and read it in its entirety as it contains specific information for individuals based on their particular assessment responsibilities.

Security Compliance Forms

An *Office of Standards and Assessment (OSA) Security Compliance Form*, indicating that the *Assessment Integrity Guide* has been read and understood, will be provided for each person (District MI–Access Coordinator, School MI–Access Coordinator, assessment administrator, accommodations provider, and proctor) involved with MI–Access. The forms **MUST** be completed and signed by all parties **PRIOR** to assessment administration. Assessment administrators must return their forms to School MI–Access Coordinators **BEFORE** assessment administration begins. School MI–Access Coordinators must return their forms to District MI–Access Coordinators, along with used and unused assessment materials (except manuals), after administration is complete. District MI–Access Coordinators must keep their own signed and completed forms—as well as those signed and completed by school coordinators, assessment administrators, accommodations providers, and proctors—on file at the district for three years following assessment administration. The forms must be provided to the OSA upon request.

Assessment Accommodations

The MI–Access assessments were developed using universal design principles, which are based on the premise that every child deserves to participate in assessment, and that assessment results should not be affected by disability, gender, ethnicity, or English language ability. In addition, universally designed assessments aim to reduce the need for assessment accommodations by removing access barriers associated with the assessments themselves. Following are examples of some of the universal design principles that were used to develop the MI–Access assessments.

- Many of the items on the Participation and Supported Independence assessments use an activity-based observation format because the formats typically used on traditional paper-and-pencil or online tests are not considered appropriate for the student populations being tested.
- The selected-response items on the Participation and Supported Independence assessments use picture answer choices instead of word answer choices because most students taking these assessments are not fluent readers and because picture identification is a typical part of their instruction. (The use of objects is also allowed if assessment administrators believe students will respond more readily to objects than to pictures or if students with visual impairment cannot see the pictures.)
- The Functional Independence assessments allow assessment administrators to read the questions and answer choices aloud to students (with a few exceptions) even though the assessments are written specifically to accommodate the reading levels of the students being tested. This decision was made to ensure that a student’s knowledge of the content area was being assessed as opposed to his or her reading ability.

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Despite every effort to ensure that the MI–Access assessments are accessible, it is understood that some students may still need accommodations in order to participate fully and meaningfully in assessment. As the next two sub-sections of the manual explain, however, the accommodations allowed vary somewhat by student population. Additional information about Universal Tools, Designated Supports, and Accommodations can be found in the Supports and Accommodations Table at www.michigan.gov/mi-access.

Assessment Accommodations for Participation and Supported Independence

Because many of the items on the Participation and Supported Independence assessments use an activity-based observation format and are administered during everyday classroom activities and routines, designated supports and accommodations specific to the assessment may not be needed. The student will simply do whatever he or she typically does during instruction using the same accommodations he or she would typically use in the classroom. Nonetheless, assessment administrators do have the option of using accommodations should they be needed.

Group vs. One-on-One Administration

Group administration is **not** allowed for the Participation and Supported Independence assessments due to the unique nature of the items. For example, while some activity-based observation items may take place in the context of a group, they require the PAA and SAA to focus their full attention on the student being tested; therefore, only one student may be observed and scored at a time. Similarly, because selected-response items require the use of picture cards and specific presentation styles, these items must be administered in a one-on-one situation (even though some students may be able to read the items and mark their own responses in the assessment booklet).

Modifying Items for Students with Physical Limitations

Assessment administrators are allowed to modify activity-based observation items for students with physical limitations when necessary, as long as the modifications still allow the student to demonstrate his or her understanding or knowledge of the scoring focus. For example, a mathematics item that requires students to demonstrate their ability to count to ten while completing a physical fitness routine, like doing jumping jacks or sit-ups, can be modified so that students with physical limitations can count in some other way, perhaps by clapping, blinking, nodding, or tapping the desk. The important part of this item is not the context—a physical fitness routine—but the scoring focus, which measures counting.

Readers

The only time readers may be needed for the Participation and Supported Independence assessments is on selected-response items. For these items, a reader is considered a standard assessment accommodation, which means that both the item stem and the words that accompany the picture answer choices may be read aloud to the student, except when specifically noted in the student's assessment booklet. (Do Not Read Aloud Tables have been included at the front of each assessment booklet, indicating which item stems and/or answer choices may not be read aloud.)

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Timing, Setting, and Response Modes

Regardless of the item format (activity-based observation or selected response), assessment administrators are allowed to adjust the assessment timing, setting, presentation, and response mode to enable a student to demonstrate his or her knowledge of the concepts being assessed. For example, with regard to presenting items, assessment administrators may adjust the presentation of a picture or sound item so that students with visual or hearing impairment can access them in the same way they would access such information during instruction (as long as the adjustment does NOT change the construct being measured). It is also important to note that not all items or even an entire content area are required to be done in the same day. It is preferable that the activity-based observation items be delivered during a familiar, typical instructional situation. With regard to response modes, the assessment administrator may decide to have the student vocalize, eye gaze, or point instead of providing an oral response to indicate a choice or demonstrate knowledge. Following are some examples of other types of adjustments that could be made without affecting a student's score on the Participation and Supported Independence assessments.

Timing/Scheduling

The PAA may, among other things:

- determine the number of assessment items the student will be administered in one sitting;
- allow adequate motor and processing response time for the student;
- allow adequate time for the completion of comprehension activities; and/or
- monitor the student for fatigue (stop as needed).

For the best and most meaningful results, it is suggested that PAAs encourage students to try to complete the entire test.

Setting

The PAA may, among other things:

- administer the assessment in a setting that is familiar to the student; and/or
- choose a distraction-free space, when appropriate.

Presentation

The PAA may, among other things,

- tailor directions to a student's movement abilities or physical access;
- enlarge or minimize materials specific to a student's visual acuity and field;
- determine whether the student requires an object, actual photograph, or line-drawing pictorial representation to better understand materials or to demonstrate responses to questions;

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- use objects or tactile symbols when pictures cannot be visually accessed; and/or
- set up a system (or systems) for students using computer scanning, augmentative communication, or low-tech picture and/or word communication so that he or she can scan through or point to pictures, words, numbers, objects, and so forth while administering the assessment.

Response

The PAA may, among other things,

- set up materials (e.g., pictures, objects, etc.) that the student can gaze at, touch, or point to with a pointer to demonstrate understanding;
- use a picture symbol program and arrange familiar pictures, numbers, and/or words in the student's vocabulary in a computer scanning program or on a communication system;
- provide access to voice output systems (screen readers), word predictors, or storywriter programs with switch outputs for students who use these tools for written output;
- allow the student to smile, eye gaze, nod, use an assistive technology device, and so forth to indicate a choice or preference;
- watch for signals of communicative intent from the student (which may be demonstrated by changes in posture, body position, respiration, voice, movement, or facial expression);
- look for a pattern of behavior (such as head down, twitching) that may indicate attention or a consistent response from the student;
- provide appropriate computer access, including computers with switching systems, voice output, voice activation, accessible keyboards, touch windows, screen enlargement programs, and so forth; and/or
- Convert pictures to tactile graphics or even Braille basic text (using a familiar format to the student) for students who may be emerging Braille readers.

Assessment Accommodations for Functional Independence

Unlike the Participation and Supported Independence assessments, the Functional Independence assessments (1) contain only traditional selected-response items (with word and/or picture answer choices), (2) are administered by only one person, and (3) are NOT scored using a standardized scoring rubric (except for responses to ELA: Expressing Ideas prompts). Therefore, assessment accommodations differ slightly for this student population. Following are descriptions of some of the standard assessment accommodations commonly used on the Functional Independence assessments.

Audio CDs

The Functional Independence assessment booklets are available on audio CDs for use with students whose IEPs indicate that CDs are an appropriate assessment accommodation and who routinely use them during instruction. The audio CDs will come packaged with a companion standard print assessment booklet and a student answer document. Both the audio CD and the print booklet will have the same form number, which will always end with the number 1 (for example, Form

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FIM–51 for grade 5 Functional Independence mathematics). Please note that these form numbers may differ from numbers on the other assessment booklets being administered in a school; therefore, assessment administrators **MUST** be sure to print and bubble in the correct form number on the student’s answer document. **Reminder: there is one CD for AP and EI but two separate answer documents and two separate test booklets.**

Track lists for audio CDs are posted on the MI–Access web page (www.mi.gov/mi-access), and instructions on how to use the CDs are included in Appendix A of this manual. Assessment administrators who are administering audio CD versions of the assessments should review the lists and instructions prior to administration.

CDs may be used to administer the assessment to small groups (defined as five or fewer students) as long as the students (1) mark their own answers in their assessment booklets, and (2) use headsets. Otherwise, CDs may be used only in one-on-one assessment situations.

Enlarged Print Versions

Enlarged print versions of the Functional Independence assessment booklets will be available for students with visual impairment whose IEPs indicate that enlarged print is an appropriate assessment accommodation and who routinely use it during instruction. All booklets will (1) be produced by the American Printing House (APH) for the Blind, (2) follow APH transcription and printing standards, and (3) use approximately 15-point font. (For more detailed information on accommodated versions of the assessments, see Appendix A.)

All enlarged print versions of the assessments will come packaged with a companion standard print assessment booklet, and a student answer document. The Accessing Print and Using language enlarged print kits will include listening scripts.

Please note that enlarged print versions of the assessments will always have form numbers that end with the number 1 (for example, Form FIM–71 for grade 7 Functional Independence mathematics). These form numbers may differ from the form numbers on the other assessment booklets being administered in a school; therefore, assessment administrators **MUST** be sure to print and bubble in the correct form number on the student’s answer document. District Coordinators must select the student(s) for whom the material is intended when placing the order.

Braille Versions

Braille versions of the Functional Independence assessment booklets will be available for students with visual impairment whose IEPs indicate that braille is an appropriate assessment accommodation and who routinely use it during instruction. All booklets will (1) be produced by APH, (2) follow APH transcription and printing standards, (3) use contracted Braille, and (4) where needed, use Nemeth numbers. (For more detailed information on accommodated versions of the assessments, see Appendix A.)

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All Braille versions of the assessments will come packaged with a student answer document and a companion *Assessment Administrator Booklet for Braille* (AABB), which includes transcriber notes indicating how the items and/or directions have been adapted for Braille. The Accessing Print and Using language Braille kits will include listening scripts. Specific directions for administering the Braille versions of the assessments are included in Section V of this manual. In addition, tables showing Print to Braille page correspondences are posted on the MI-Access web page (www.mi.gov/mi-access) since the Braille assessment booklets are formatted somewhat differently than the AABB. Assessment administrators who are administering Braille versions of the assessments should review the instructions and tables prior to administration.

Braille versions of the assessments are different from audio CDs and enlarged print versions in two important ways. First, Braille versions of the assessments will always have form numbers that end in 9 (for example, Form FIS-79 for grade 7 Functional Independence science). These form numbers will differ from the form numbers on the other assessment booklets being administered in a school; therefore, assessment administrators **MUST** be sure to print and bubble in the correct form number on the student's answer document. Second, Braille assessment are ordered on the MDE Secure Site. District Coordinators must select the student(s) for whom the material is intended when placing the order.

Calculators

Students may use calculators on the Functional Independence mathematics assessments if they are routinely used in the classroom during instruction. Please note, however, that no items were written to be calculator-dependent.

Group vs. One-on-One Administration

The Functional Independence assessments may be administered in small groups (defined as five or fewer students) if all the students in the group are able to (1) read the item stems and answer choices themselves, and (2) respond by marking the answer choices in their assessment booklets. In all other instances (for example, when oral responses are given, when a student directs the assessment administrator to mark his or her response, and so forth), the assessments **MUST** be administered in a one-on-one assessment situation. Students must have direct control of pacing in a group setting and need to be able to communicate the need to have things re-read, that they are ready to move on, etc.

Optional Materials

There may be instances with the mathematics and science assessments where assessment administrators choose to have actual materials on hand instead of relying on the pictures/graphics in the assessment booklets. Some examples of optional materials include coins, bills, clocks, base ten blocks, sand, musical instruments, and water. The use of optional materials is allowed provided they do not change the nature of the question or elicit a different response. Prior approval for the use of 1:1 replacement of objects for pictures is not required.

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Readers may be used to administer the assessment in one-on-one assessment situations or in small groups (defined as five or fewer students) as long as the students mark their own answers in their assessment booklets. When making decisions about the use of readers, however, keep in mind that the assessments were developed specifically to accommodate the reading levels of the Functional Independence student population. Thus, while students may typically be read to in the classroom when working with grade-level materials (i.e., those that are beyond their instructional reading level), they **MAY NOT** need to be read to during the assessment.

It is important to note that there are some assessment items where reading the item stem and/or answer choices aloud would give the answers away. Therefore, a Do Not Read Aloud Table appears in the inside cover of each student assessment booklet indicating the items, or parts of items, that should not be read to the student. (General information on the types of items that should not be read aloud is included in Appendix B of this manual.) **NOTE:** There are listening items on all ELA: Accessing Print assessments that must be read to students using the Listening Scripts.

Recording Student Responses

For the Functional Independence assessments, students are directed to choose the best answer to each question and mark the answers in their assessment booklets (the assessment administrator is required to transfer the answers later to their answer documents). If a student's disability prevents him or her from physically marking answers, the student may respond orally or direct the assessment administrator to record his or her answers in the assessment booklet. Please note, however, that oral and directed responses may be provided **ONLY** in one-on-one assessment situations.

Scribes

For the ELA: Expressing Ideas component of the Functional Independence assessment, students are directed to write or draw their responses on the student answer document. If a student's disability prevents him or her from writing or drawing a response, the student may dictate it. The assessment administrator will need to transcribe the student's response verbatim onto the student answer document and note that the response was "scribed" in the two places indicated on the document. Similarly, if a student with visual impairment Brailles his or her response, the assessment administrator must transcribe it onto the student answer document following the same procedures. Scribes may only be used in one-on-one assessment situations where the student is dictating his or her responses. Please refer to the "Scribing Protocol, M-STEP, MI-Access, SAT, and WIDA" found on the MI-Access web page (www.michigan.gov/mi-access).

Time

The Functional Independence assessments are **NOT** timed; therefore, assessment administrators may use their professional judgment to determine how much time should be allotted for the assessment and how much of the assessment should be administered in one sitting. The time allotted may vary depending on whether the assessment is being administered to a group of students, to an individual, in one session, or in multiple sessions. For the best and most meaningful results, it is suggested that assessment administrators encourage students to try to complete the entire test. However, it is important to note that an entire content area or section is not required to be completed in one sitting or even one day.

Word Processors

Word processors may be used for the ELA: Expressing Ideas component of the Functional Independence assessment by students who cannot write their responses. However, because this part of the assessment takes into account writing conventions, all spelling, dictionary, thesaurus, and grammatical software must be deactivated, otherwise word processing will be considered a non-standard assessment accommodation. Word-processed responses do NOT need to be transcribed onto the student answer document by the assessment administrator. Instead, each word-processed page may simply be inserted into the student's Functional Independence Student Answer Document for ELA: Expressing Ideas, along with the item number and returned as directed. Prior to insertion, the assessment administrator must write in the upper right-hand corner of each word-processed page (1) the student's name, birth date, and state Unique Identification Code (UIC); (2) the school and district names and codes; (3) the assessment window (Spring 2017); (4) the student's grade; and (5) the assessment content area. (Additional Pre-ID labels with this information may be printed from the MDE Secure Site and affixed to the pages, if desired.) **Important:** Please ensure that the school return envelope is marked appropriately when returning word processed documents.

Assessment Accommodation Decisions

All decisions about which accommodations a student needs must (1) be made by the student's IEP Team, (2) be documented in the student's IEP by content area, (3) reflect what the student routinely uses or how he or she routinely responds during instruction (in other words, it is not appropriate to introduce a new accommodation just for the assessment), and (4) all accommodations must be marked on the student answer document in the appropriate box. Assessment administrators (and accommodations providers, if used) are responsible for making sure the assessment accommodations are available during the assessment and for tailoring them, as needed, to the assessment situation.

Designated Supports and Accommodations Tables

The OSA has prepared an Assessment Accommodation Summary Table that indicates the assessment tools, supports, and accommodations that are standard for the M-STEP, the WIDA Access for ELLs (World-Class Instructional Design and Assessment) and MI-Access. IEP Teams should use this table when discussing which accommodations may be needed for students taking the MI-ACCESS Assessment. The *M-STEP, MI-Access, and WIDA Student Supports and Accommodations Table* is posted on the MI-Access web page (www.mi.gov/mi-access).

Accommodations Providers

Accommodations providers may be used to help administer the MI-Access assessments. Accommodations providers are responsible for ensuring that students have access to those accommodations (1) deemed appropriate by their IEP Teams, and (2) routinely used during classroom instruction. They should be familiar with each student's IEP as it relates to assessment, so they can make sure the appropriate accommodations are prepared ahead of time, available during the assessment, and used correctly. Accommodations providers may also assist with such tasks as making sure the student is on the

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correct page during testing, assisting with a CD player (if applicable), and making sure that CDs are returned with the student's assessment materials. Paraprofessionals, teacher aides, and others may serve as accommodations providers, but only under the direct supervision of the assessment administrator.

Proctors

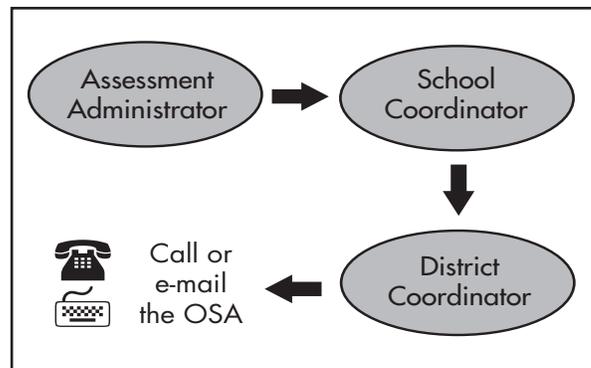
Proctors may be used to help administer the MI-Access assessments; however, they typically are needed only when many students are being tested at the same time in the same setting. Paraprofessionals, teacher aides, and others may serve as proctors, but only under the direct supervision of the assessment administrator.

Contacts and Materials

Communication Procedure and Contact Information

The OSA has developed a communication procedure, which should be used when asking assessment-related questions. As Figure 2 shows, if assessment administrators have questions, they should take them to their School MI-Access Coordinator. If he or she cannot answer the questions, the School MI-Access Coordinator should take them to the District MI-Access Coordinator. If that person cannot answer them, the District MI-Access Coordinator should contact the OSA, using the information below. If you do not know who your District or School MI-Access Coordinator is, consult the Educational Entity Master (EEM) at www.mi.gov/eem.

Figure 2



Office of Standards and Assessment
Phone: 1-877-560-8378
E-mail: BAA@michigan.gov
Web page: www.mi.gov/mi-access

MI-Access Assessment Materials

The following pages include graphic representations of the MI-Access assessment materials referenced in this manual. Please review them to become familiar with the various documents, envelopes, labels, and organizational tools that will be available for your use.

Assessment Materials

The collage displays four sets of assessment materials for the Spring 2017 Functional Independence tests:

- Grade 8 Social Studies (FORM FISS-89):** Student Answer Document and Assessment Administrator Booklet for Braille.
- Grades 3-8 & 11 Expressing Ideas (FORM FIE-49):** Student Answer Document and Assessment Administrator Booklet for Braille.
- Grades 3-8 & 11 Mathematics (FORM FIM-81):** Student Answer Document and Student Braille Booklet (Enlarged Print).
- Grade 7 Science (Form FIS-79):** Student Answer Document and Assessment Administrator Booklet for Braille.

Each document includes the MI Access logo, Michigan Department of Education branding, and specific marking instructions for the assessment.

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District MI-Access Coordinator Quick List:

Major Tasks to Complete Before, During, and After Assessment Administration (For Districts who have chosen to handle all materials for schools)

● **BEFORE**

- Inventory materials received
- Complete an *OSA Security Compliance Form*
- Determine whether *Reporting Code Sheets* will be used and who will complete them
- Prepare materials for distribution to schools
- Review the District Return Materials
- Distribute school kits to schools along with other testing materials
- Establish an internal district return date
- Distribute materials to schools
- Read and the "New Administrator and Coordinator Primer" found on the MI-Access web page.

● **DURING**

- Assist school coordinators and assessment administrators as needed
- Be available to answer questions
- Relay questions to the OSA as needed
- Ensure that professional assessment administration practices are followed

● **AFTER**

- Review the returned assessment materials for accuracy
- Prepare used and unused materials for return shipment (except manuals, security compliance forms, and scoring documents for P/SI)
- Ship materials to the MI-Access contractor
- Complete the online survey
- Check "Accountable Students and Test Verification" window when it is open in June.

IMPORTANT MI-Access DATES	
	Spring 2017 Grades 3-8, and 11
Assessment Materials Start Arriving in Districts	Week of March 29
MI-Access Assessment Window	April 10–May 26
Assessment Materials Return Date	Ship to the contractor no later than May 30

Introduction

Each district (LEA and ISD) must designate one person as its District MI–Access Coordinator. Some districts have opted to have their M–STEP District Coordinator also act as their District MI–Access Coordinator since that person is already responsible for managing most student assessments. Others, however, have designated different district staff, such as Special Education Directors or Supervisors.

There has been an important change for MI–Access this year that allows the district to determine if they would prefer to handle all the testing materials for each school or opt to have the materials delivered directly to their schools. This is similar to the M–STEP procedures unless the district does not make a selection the materials will default-ship to the districts, as in years past. This section of the manual is for districts that will be handling all the materials for their schools.

District MI–Access Coordinators have numerous responsibilities, including

1. informing administrators, teachers, related services providers, school psychologists, and others in the district about MI–Access and that it is one component of the Michigan’s Statewide Assessment Program;
2. managing materials that will arrive in one shipment and will include all the testing materials your district ordered as well as all the return materials and ancillary items. This will also include school return envelopes and items;
3. making sure that all School MI–Access Coordinators and assessment administrators in the district receive training on how to administer the MI–Access assessments;
4. making arrangements so that those involved with MI–Access can watch the state’s training videos on the MI–Access web page, during which viewers receive important information from the OSA staff about the assessment administration process;
5. making sure that all assessment materials received from the MI–Access contractor are disseminated to appropriate district and school staff, and returned as directed;
6. making sure that all those involved with administering the MI–Access assessments have been provided the State Board of Education (SBE)-approved *Assessment Integrity Guide* (which is posted at www.mi.gov/mi-access and www.mi.gov/baa); and
7. distributing, collecting, completing, and keeping on file all signed and returned *Office of Standards and Assessment (OSA) Security Compliance Forms*.

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The MI–Access contractor ships all assessment materials to MI–Access Coordinators; therefore, it is extremely important that district coordinator information—such as name, shipping address, and so forth—be kept up to date in the Educational Entity Master (EEM). Once District MI–Access Coordinators receive materials from the contractor, they are responsible for distributing them to School MI–Access Coordinators, who, in turn, distribute them to assessment administrators.

Following is information on the materials district coordinators will receive and what to do before, during, and after the assessments are administered.

Before

Receiving Assessment Materials

MI–Access assessment materials will arrive in boxes with purple MI–Access labels. The boxes will include

- one Return Materials kit, which includes Instructions for Materials Return, preprinted FedEx Airbills, yellow Materials Return Labels, divider sheets (green and gold), Do Not Score Envelopes and Materials Return Sheets;
- *OSA Security Compliance Forms* (to be completed and signed by all those involved with administering MI–Access);
- school orders, whether they are shipped to district or school, will contain 1 copy of the security lists, packing lists, or box lists for use in inventorying returned materials);
- Reporting Code sheets;
- *School Return Envelopes* (white);
- Return Kits will be sent along with all other materials, and in the school boxes only;
- standard print student assessment booklets (all assessment types and content areas as ordered plus some overage for Functional Independence);
- audio CDs of the Functional Independence assessment booklets, if ordered (with companion standard print assessment booklets, and student answer documents);
- Braille versions of the Functional Independence assessment booklets, if ordered (with companion *Assessment Administrator Booklets for Braille*, and student answer documents);
- enlarged print versions of the Functional Independence assessment booklets, if ordered (with companion standard print assessment booklets, and student answer documents);

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- student answer documents (for Functional Independence only);
- Listening Scripts for FI ELA: Accessing Print and Using Language listening items in all grades;
- picture cards (one set for each Primary Assessment Administrator [PAA] based on the assessment[s] he/she is administering, and the content area[s] and grade[s] he/she is assessing);
- Pre-ID student barcode labels (for students pre-identified by the designated deadline as taking MI-Access assessments); and
- Scoring documents for P/Sl. Also note these are non-scannable and should not be returned.

The MI-Access calendar—which notes important assessment dates for the spring testing cycle—is posted online at www.mi.gov/mi-access. Please inform School MI-Access Coordinators that this organizational tool is available for download.

Inventorying Materials

If the MI-Access assessment materials are shipped to the district, open the original shipping box or boxes and SAVE IT/THEM for returning used and unused assessment materials to the MI-Access contractor. Then, use the district packing slip to inventory district materials and the school packing slips to inventory the school materials. The same packing slips can be used after assessment administration to determine which materials in what amounts should be returned from each school.

Ordering Missing and Additional Materials

If additional materials are needed, an additional material order may be placed in the MDE Secure Site. The additional materials will then be sent to the district/school coordinator for distribution. (See the General Information section for more information on ordering materials, including how and where to place orders.) Please note that if any of the new students are from a school that did not previously submit orders, the new order will be processed and shipped in similar fashion as your initial order.

Completing Security Compliance Forms

Before taking any further steps, complete and sign an *OSA Security Compliance Form*, using the directions at the bottom of the form. Put the completed form in a safe, easily remembered place; it will need to be kept on file along with all the other forms returned by schools for three years following assessment administration. (For more information on security, see page 14 of this manual.)

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Using Reporting Code Sheets

Prior to assessment administration, districts and schools need to determine whether they want to identify reports by reporting code designations (formerly Class/Group codes) and, if so, use the *Reporting Code Sheets* to facilitate the process. If these sheets are used, the district coordinator or the school coordinator will need to define the 4-digit Reporting code numbers that will be most useful and provide them to the individuals completing the sheets, as well as to individuals completing student answer documents (if the two groups are different). Up to six Reporting Code numbers can be assigned to a given teacher/assessment administrator. Reporting codes may also be entered on the Secure Site on the Mass Update screen prior to, during, and up through the end of the answer documents received period. The codes may be used for online and paper/pencil testing.

Determining Research Codes

If the district/school decides to use research codes, provide them to School MI-Access Coordinators so they, or assessment administrators, may record them on the student answer documents. Research codes are important because they enable districts to obtain data specially customized to their needs. Research codes may be entered on the Mass Demographic Update page of the Secure Site for students prior to or during testing and through the end of the answer documents received.

Note: the codes will only be included in the Student Data File will not be a not part of the dynamic or printed reports. This research option is similar to that offered with the M-STEP assessments; therefore, District MI-Access Coordinators may want to confer with M-STEP District Coordinators about potential research.

Sample Codes	Sample Research Report I	Sample Research Report II
1	Receives Title I Services	Mother Completed Grade 9
2	Does not receive Title I Services	Mother Completed Grade 10
3		Mother Completed Grade 11
4		Mother Completed Grade 12
5		Mother Completed 1 Year of College
6		Mother Completed 2 Years of College
7		Mother Completed 3 Years of College
8		Mother Completed 4 Years of College
9		Mother Completed Bachelor's Degree

Matching Student Assessment Booklets with Student Answer Documents

Because there are different student populations and different content areas being assessed, it is important for District MI-Access Coordinators to understand how the assessment booklets and student answer documents are organized. The OSA has color-coded the materials by assessment type (Participation, Supported Independence, or Functional Independence) and/or by content area to assist with matching. (See Table 5 on page 33 for a summary of the following written information.)

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Participation and Supported Independence: ELA, Mathematics, and Science

For Participation and Supported Independence, all of the content areas are covered in the same administrator assessment booklet and there is one booklet per grade. The Participation booklets are blue and the Supported Independence booklets are green.

The administrator booklets will continue to be used along with scoring documents and student picture cards in the following manner:

- The P/SI administrator Scoring Documents will be provided for the PAA and SAA with your material orders. These are non-scannable tally sheets used during observations.
- P/SI Answer Documents will be an online portal. NO paper answer documents are produced for P/SI. The student responses will be transferred from the Scoring Documents into the online answer document by the PAA for all of the content areas. This transfer will require a test ticket for the student and the directions may be viewed/downloaded from the *MI-Access P/SI Online Answer Document Instructions* located on the MI-Access web page (www.mi.gov/mi-access).

Functional Independence: ELA: Accessing Print, ELA: Expressing Ideas, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies

For Functional Independence, there is one student assessment booklet for each grade, and each booklet covers only one content area. The booklets and student answer documents are color-coded by content area: they are (1) purple for ELA: Accessing Print, (2) blue for ELA: Expressing Ideas, (3) orange for mathematics, (4) red for science, and (5) olive green for social studies.

The Functional Independence student answer documents are organized by content area and include

- one ELA: accessing print student answer document that covers grades 3–8, and 11;
- one ELA: expressing ideas student answer document that covers grades 3–8, and 11;
- one mathematics student answer document that covers grades 3-8, and 11;
- one science student answer document for grades 4, 7, and 11; and
- one social studies student answer document for grades 5, 8, and 11.

The contractor will organize and ship materials by school, so district coordinators should not need to prepare assessment materials for distribution; however, it is important that they understand the organizational principles should they be called upon for assistance. (See Table 5 on the following page.)

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Preparing Materials for Distribution

In addition to understanding how to match student assessment booklets with student answer documents, there are several other important factors to keep in mind when preparing materials for distribution.

Table 5 MI-Access Student Assessment Booklets and Answer Documents			
Student Assessment Booklets			
	Participation	Supported Independence	Functional Independence
Content Areas	ELA, mathematics, and science are covered in one administrator booklet for the appropriate grades.	ELA, mathematics and science are covered in one administrator booklet for the appropriate grades.	Each content area (ELA: Accessing Print, mathematics, science, and social studies) has its own assessment booklet. ELA: Expressing Ideas (EI) will be assessed exclusively as a paper/pencil assessment. There is no online test for EI.
Grades	There is one booklet per grade for ELA, mathematics and science (grades 4, 7 and 11).	There is one booklet per grade for ELA, mathematics and science (grades 4, 7 and 11).	There is one booklet per grade.
Colors	The ELA/mathematics booklet is blue.	The ELA/mathematics booklet is green.	The ELA: Accessing Print booklets are purple, ELA: Expressing Ideas are blue, the mathematics are orange, social studies are light green, and science are red.
Student Answer Documents			
Content Areas	No paper answer document provided. An online answer document portal will be used to enter student scores.	No paper answer document provided. An online answer document portal will be used to enter student scores	Each content area (ELA: Accessing Print, ELA: Expressing Ideas, mathematics, science, and social studies) has its own answer document.
Grades	The online answer document covers all the grades assessed.	The online answer document covers all the grades assessed.	ELA: Accessing Print and Using Language answer document covers all grades (3–8, and 11). ELA: Expressing Ideas answer document covers all grades (3–8, and 11). Social studies has one answer document for each grade (5, 8, and 11). Science has one answer document for each grade (4, 7, and 11). Mathematics answer documents covers all grades (3–8, and 11).
Colors	No paper answer document provided.	No paper answer document provided.	The ELA: Accessing Print and Using Language answer documents are purple, ELA: Expressing Ideas are blue, mathematics are orange, social studies are light green, and science are red.

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School Materials

The MI–Access contractor will provide District MI–Access Coordinators with a copy of each school packing slip (included with the school’s boxes). These slips can be used to track the materials that were sent to each school and to inventory school materials once they are returned.

Extra Functional Independence Booklets and Answer Documents

During past administrations districts would receive an overage of materials based on their order quantities. This year there will be no additional materials sent and we encourage district personnel to utilize the additional material ordering window to request needed materials.

Security Barcode Numbers

All MI–Access assessment materials and accommodated versions of the assessments have security barcode numbers on the back cover. These numbers are scanned by the contractor prior to distribution and will be scanned upon return to make sure that all the booklets—which are secure materials—have been shipped back. The MI–Access contractor will provide District MI–Access Coordinators with information on the security barcode numbers distributed to each school on the school packing slips. These numbers can be used to track assessment booklets and ensure they are returned. **Please note: Student Picture Cards are secure materials and they must be returned along with the cover sheet, which contains the secure barcode for the entire group of cards.**

Packaging of Accommodated Versions

Accommodated versions of the Functional Independence assessments are packaged in very specific ways.

- Each audio CD comes packaged with a companion standard print assessment booklet and a student answer document. The CD will always have a form number that ends in 1 (for example, Form FIS–41 for grade 4 Functional Independence science). If the CD and its companion standard print booklet do not have the same form number, contact the MI–Access contractor for assistance. **Note: the CD for ELA: Accessing Print and ELA: Expressing Ideas are combined even though the booklets are separate materials.** The CD label will note this as well.
- Each Braille version of the assessment comes packaged with a companion *Assessment Administrator Booklet for Braille (AABB)*, which includes transcription notes indicating how items/directions have been adapted for Braille when needed); and a student answer document. The Braille booklet will always have a form number that ends in 9 (for example, Form FIM–79 for grade 7 Functional Independence mathematics). If the Braille booklet and the AABB do not have the same form number, contact the MI–Access contractor for assistance. Braille Accessing Print and Using Language comes with listening scripts.

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- Each enlarged print version of the assessment comes packaged with a companion standard print assessment booklet and a student answer document. The enlarged print booklet will always have a form number that ends in 1 (for example, Form FIA-61 for grade 6 Functional Independence ELA: accessing print). If the enlarged print booklet and its companion standard print booklet do not have the same form number, contact the MI-Access contractor for assistance. Enlarge Print ELA: Accessing Print and Using Language comes with listening scripts.
- When distributing accommodated versions of the assessments, District MI-Access Coordinators and School MI-Access Coordinators should keep them packaged in the way they were originally shipped. That way assessment administrators will have everything they need in one place to administer accommodated versions.

Participation and Supported Independence Picture Cards

Since the Participation and Supported Independence selected-response items use picture answer choices, the MI-Access contractor will provide picture cards for use during assessment administration. The MI-Access contractor will ship one set of picture cards for each PAA based on the type of assessment(s) he or she is administering, and the content area(s) and grade(s) he or she is assessing. (For more information on how to use the picture cards during the assessment, see page 55 of this manual.)

Establishing an Internal District Return Date

While the MI-Access assessment window is seven weeks long, we strongly encourage district and school coordinators to have a discussion about establishing realistic deadlines for returning testing materials after testing. Before distributing materials to schools, determine the date by which materials must be returned to the district to ensure they will be shipped to the MI-Access contractor on time. In order to have assessment documents scanned and included in Accountability Students & Test Verification, districts must return materials no later than May 30, 2017.

Where it is possible, we would recommend that schools and districts also have a discussion about possibly returning materials earlier than this deadline. This would help expedite the hand-scoring of constructed responses (Expressing Ideas) of students, which is a paper-based test for all. This might require that schools start testing first with the Expressing Ideas before moving onto other assessments if that is feasible. You will find in your return materials additional envelopes and airbills to assist with any of these earlier returns and return kits are also available for ordering on the secure site.

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Consequence	Description	Shipment Dates			
		On or before deadline	1–7 days after deadline	8–14 days after deadline	15+ days after deadline
Fee(s) Charged	Late shipment (per school)	–	\$250	\$250	Not scored
	Late processing (per answer document)	–	–	\$25	Not scored
	Missing barcode (per answer document)	\$10	\$10	\$10	Not scored
Reports	Data files provided	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
	Electronic reports provided	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
	Paper reports provided	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
	Results included for Accountability calculations	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

Informing Others about Professional Practices

District MI–Access Coordinators must inform School MI–Access Coordinators and assessment administrators about the SBE-approved *Assessment Integrity Guide*. It is available on the DAS web page (www.mi.gov/baa) and the MI–Access web page (www.mi.gov/mi-access), and must be reviewed by all those involved with MI–Access prior to assessment administration and signing of the *OSA Security Compliance Forms*. (See pages 13 and 14 of this manual for more information on professional practices and security.)

Distributing Assessment Materials to Schools

Once all the “before” steps have been completed, District MI–Access Coordinators may distribute assessment materials to each school participating in MI–Access, unless materials are shipped directly to schools. The MI–Access contractor will ship each school’s materials in a separate box (or boxes), so the district coordinator will simply need to inventory them and pass the materials along to the appropriate schools as packaged.

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During

Although District MI–Access Coordinators do not have any specific tasks to complete during the assessment window, it is imperative that they be available to answer questions from School MI–Access Coordinators and relay any questions they cannot answer to the OSA staff (see page 22 of this manual for contact information).

In addition, it is advised that District MI–Access Coordinators check in periodically with School MI–Access Coordinators to make sure they have the materials and information needed to accurately administer the MI–Access assessments and that professional administration practices are followed.

After

Inventorying Returned Materials

When completed assessment materials are returned by schools, pull out copies of the school packing slips (secured to the district packing slip) and use them to make sure that all the assessment materials were returned (except manuals, which may be shredded or recycled). If materials are missing, obtain them from the appropriate School MI–Access Coordinators.

Checking School Return Envelopes

Check each *School Return Envelope* to make sure it was accurately completed. In addition, (1) make sure the boxes on the envelope label for any materials requiring special handling have been checked, including documents with word-processed responses for Functional Independence, (2) verify the codes entered on the *Reporting Code Sheets* (if used), and (3) check to make sure that each **used** (or scorable) student answer document has a Pre-ID label. If one or more labels are missing, print them from the MDE Secure Site (<https://baa.state.mi.us/BAASecure>) and affix them to the answer documents.

Once the contents and information are verified, put the materials back into the *School Return Envelopes*, and then put all the envelopes into one pile but **DO NOT SEAL THEM**. (See the graphic in Appendix G of this manual if you have questions about how to organize the materials inside the envelopes.)

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Preparing Materials for Return Shipment

1. First, collect all your materials. Materials may be returned by district or school coordinators. Inventory all materials by using the school packing lists and school security lists. If secure materials are missing, please obtain them from the appropriate person. You must also inventory and return any overage materials, if secure. Please Do NOT return security compliance forms or unused answer documents.
2. Secondly, complete the School Return Envelope(s) by doing the following:
 - A. If Reporting Code Sheets are being utilized, verify the accuracy of the reporting codes on the Reporting Code Sheets. Please also verify the reporting code entered on the individual student answer documents. Stack these on top of your answer documents.
 - B. Verify that each answer document being returned for scoring has a correct Pre-ID student barcode label. If any barcode labels are missing or incorrect, you may print them from the Secure Site (<https://baa.state.mi.us/BAASecure>). **A \$10 fee may be charged for each scored answer document returned without a barcode label.**
 - C. Ensure that the outside of each School Return Envelope has been completed accurately with the district and school information.
 - D. Insert all scorable used answer documents and reporting code sheets (if applicable) into the School Return Envelope. Check the box under Special Handling options if you are returning documents for students with word-processed pages. Make sure you leave the envelopes unsealed.
3. If you have any used answer documents that are marked "Do Not Score," please insert them into the red Do Not Score envelope. Please do not return blank or unused answer documents.
4. Next, locate the Return Sheet and complete the front and back of the sheet. On the front, fill out the district name and district code. Follow the instructions on the Return Sheet. Please verify that all of the items on the Return Sheet have been completed.
5. Now you are ready to pack your boxes. Use the boxes that your testing materials were originally shipped in to pack the materials for **return to Measurement Incorporated**. If the original boxes are not available, use other sturdy boxes. Please DO NOT USE copier paper boxes.
6. Pack materials into your box(es) in the following order. Please note that all secure items must be returned. A diagram is available in Appendix G in the MI-Access manual.
 - A. Begin by placing all unused assessment booklets and other test materials such as used or unused picture cards, listening scripts, and **used or unused accommodated versions (CDs, enlarged print, or Braille) in the bottom of the box**. Place the green divider sheet on top of these materials. Please DO NOT return security compliance forms or unused answer documents.

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- B. Take the remaining used assessment booklets and place them on top of the green divider sheet. Place the gold divider sheet on top of the used assessment booklets.
 - C. Place all School Return Envelopes on top of the gold divider sheet. You will probably be able to pack all your materials into one box; however, if all of your materials will not fit into one box, please make sure that the School Return Envelopes are in Box 1 of your return shipment. If there are too many envelopes to fit into one box, proceed by packing the remainder into Box 2. Ensure that the Return Sheet is shipped in Box 1.
 - D. If Red Do Not Score envelopes are being returned from your school(s), place them in the box with the School Return Envelopes.
7. Sign and date the Return Sheet and place it face up at the top of Box 1. Retain a copy for your records.
 8. Do not return the OSA Security Compliance Form to the contractor. The state requires districts to keep these forms on file for three years following the assessment administration.
 9. The Scoring Documents sheets that were used during the Participation and Supported Independence observations and online score entry **should be retained by the school and do not need to be returned.**
 10. After all your materials have been placed into the box(es), fill the excess space with paper or cardboard if needed to keep the items protected during transit.
 11. Remove or black out any old shipping labels. Then adhere a yellow Materials Return label to the top of each box. Fill in the district name and district code and the Box ___ of ___ fields for each box. Then securely seal each box with three strips of plastic shipping tape on the top and bottom.
 12. Lastly, complete the "from" or sender's section on the FedEx Express airbill and attach it to Box 1 of your shipment. You only need one airbill on Box 1 of your entire shipment. Then follow the instructions below to arrange your pickup. If you do not have enough yellow Materials Return labels and/or FedEx Express airbills, place an order on the Secure Site.

NOTE: Do not mark in any other section on the airbill. They have been preprinted with the accurate shipping destination and billing information.

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Instructions for Returning via FedEx Express

1. Place the boxes where the FedEx driver normally delivers or picks up packages.
2. To schedule a pickup, call 1-800-GoFedEx (1-800-463-3339). After the voice prompt, “Welcome to FedEx. In a few words, please tell me what you’re calling about,” **you can press 9 or say, “Premier Customer Service Program.”**
3. When prompted, enter 999 999 933 as the nine-digit FedEx account number. You should be transferred to a specialized Premier Customer Service Representative. If all Premier Customer Service Representatives are busy, your call may be forwarded to a regular Customer Service Representative. A Premier Customer Service Representative will be able to answer more MI-Access-specific shipping questions more accurately than a regular Customer Service Representative, but either will be able to help you schedule your MI-Access pickup if you specify that you need to schedule a **FedEx Express pickup** for the MI-Access project.
4. Please have the following information available when you call:
 - phone number (if you have called to schedule FedEx pickups or ship materials prior to this call, FedEx will have your address information in their system; otherwise, this information will need to be provided);
 - the pickup date;
 - the total number of boxes you are returning; and
 - the average box weight (**you can use 30 pounds per box**).
5. For “multiple-piece shipments,” the FedEx driver will produce individual labels for each box linking it to the airbill on Box 1. Please retain the sender’s copy of the airbill for your records, as it contains the master tracking number for your return shipment.
6. After returning ALL your MI-Access materials for this administration, destroy any remaining FedEx Express airbills, as these are year-specific.

NOTE: Do not mark in any other section on the airbill. They have been preprinted with the accurate shipping destination and billing information.

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Completing the Coordinator/Assessment Administrator Feedback Survey

When the district's assessment materials have been returned to the MI-Access contractor, complete the *Coordinator/Assessment Administrator Feedback Survey* at www.mi.gov/mi-access. The OSA conducts this survey every test cycle to obtain feedback from the field on the assessment administration process.

Checking Accountable Students and Test Verification (formerly Tested Roster)

Accountable Students & Test Verification window identifies the answer documents that were scanned, as well as the demographic information that was submitted for students on their answer documents and in the MSDS. During the period in which this window is open (during the month of June), districts must verify that

- (1) all students and their answer documents have been accounted for,
- (2) student demographic information is accurate,
- (3) students taking alternate assessments are flagged as "Special Education,"
- (4) any student files with "Prohibited Behavior" or "Nonstandard Accommodations" flagged are correct,
- (5) your Expected to Test has been reviewed, and
- (6) the Not Tested Reasons have been reported (including any alternate Social Studies assessments that may have been administered in grades 5, 8, and 11).

The *Accountable Students & Test Verification* period is the final opportunity districts will have to

- (1) report missing answer documents,
- (2) update student demographic information in the MSDS to be used for assessment reporting and accountability calculations, and
- (3) appeal Students Expected to Test.

This screen/report also provides a list of enrolled students and demographic information that will be used for accountability purposes. For more information, see the instructions at www.michigan.gov/securesitetraining.

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School MI-Access Coordinator Quick List:

Major Tasks to Complete Before, During, and After Assessment Administration

● BEFORE

- Complete an *OSA Security Compliance Form*
- Inventory the materials received
- In conjunction with the district, determine whether *Reporting Code Sheets* will be used and who will complete them
- Provide Reporting Code numbers (if used) to assessment administrators
- Prepare materials for distribution to assessment administrators
- Establish an internal school return date
- Distribute materials to assessment administrators
- Collect the completed and signed security compliance forms from assessment administrators, accommodations providers, and proctors (if applicable)
- Read and the "New Administrator and Coordinator Primer" found on the MI-Access web page.

● DURING

- Be available to answer questions
- Relay questions to the District MI-Access Coordinator as needed
- Periodically monitor the assessments
- Ensure that professional assessment administration practices are followed

● AFTER

- Collect all used and unused student answer documents, accommodated materials, and picture cards
- Review the returned assessment materials for accuracy
- Complete the *School Return Envelope*
- Prepare and return materials to the District MI-Access Coordinator (except manuals, scoring documents)
- Do not to return unused answer documents in addition to manuals and scoring documents
- Complete the online survey

IMPORTANT MI-Access DATES

IMPORTANT MI-Access DATES	
	Spring 2017 Grades 3-8, and 11
Assessment Materials Start Arriving in Districts	Week of March 27
MI-Access Assessment Window	April 10–May 26
Assessment Materials Return Date	Ship to the contractor no later than May 30

Introduction

Each school building involved with administering MI–Access must designate a School MI–Access Coordinator. Some schools have indicated they would like their M–STEP School Coordinators to also be their School MI–Access Coordinators since they already are responsible for managing most student assessments. Others, however, have chosen to designate different school staff, such as special education administrators, teachers, or teacher consultants. For any new staff members there is a "New Administrator and Coordinator Primer" document found on the MI–Access web page that you will find helpful to start your new role or a refresher for experienced staff.

School MI–Access Coordinators are responsible for

1. informing school administrators, special education teachers, related services providers, and others in the school about MI–Access and that it is one component of the Michigan statewide assessment programs;
2. participating in professional development sessions organized by the District MI–Access Coordinator to show School MI–Access Coordinators and assessment administrators how to administer the MI–Access assessments;
3. watching the state’s training videos located on the website, during which viewers receive important information from the OSA staff about the assessment administration process;
4. making sure that all assessment materials received from the District MI–Access Coordinator are disseminated to appropriate school staff and returned as directed;
5. making sure that assessment administrators have been provided the State Board of Education (SBE)-approved *Assessment Integrity Guide* (which is posted at www.mi.gov/mi-access and www.mi.gov/baa); and
6. distributing, collecting, and returning signed *Office of Standards and Assessment (OSA) Security Compliance Forms*.

The MI–Access contractor ships all assessment materials to District or School Coordinator based on your shipping preference in the Secure Site. They are then responsible for distributing them to School MI–Access Coordinators, who, in turn, distribute them to assessment administrators.

Following is information will assist School MI–Access Coordinators what to do before, during, and after the assessments are administered.

Before

Receiving Assessment Materials

Assessment materials may arrive from the District MI–Access Coordinator or shipped directly to the school in one delivery, which will include:

- school packing slip (packing list, and security list, which should be used to inventory materials upon arrival);
- Schools will receive the complete return kit: divider sheets, shipping labels necessary to return all materials, and Reporting Code sheets;;
- standard print student assessment booklets (all assessments and content areas as ordered by the District MI–Access Coordinator plus some overage for Functional Independence);
- Listening Scripts for FI ELA: Accessing Print and Using Language, which are designed to be read during the assessment;
- audio CDs of the FI assessment booklets, if ordered, (with companion standard print assessment booklets and student answer documents). Reminder: the AP and EI items are on the same CD;
- Braille versions of the FI assessment booklets, if ordered, (with companion *Assessment Administrator Booklets for Braille* and student answer documents);
- enlarged print versions of the Functional Independence assessment booklets, if ordered, (with companion standard print assessment booklets and student answer documents);
- Note: Braille and Enlarged Print kits for FI ELA Accessing Print and Using Language will include listening scripts;
- student answer documents (all assessments and content areas as ordered by the District MI–Access Coordinator plus some overage for Functional Independence);
- Pre-ID student barcode labels (to affix to answer documents for students pre-identified by the designated deadline in the MDE Secure Site, if applicable);
- locally printed Pre-ID student barcode labels (to affix to student answer documents for students who were not pre-identified by the designated deadline, if applicable);
- Student Picture Cards, which are designed for student use during P or SI assessment administrations (one set for each Primary Assessment Administrator);

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- *OSA Security Compliance Forms* (one for the School MI–Access Coordinator to complete and sign, and multiple copies to distribute to assessment administrators, accommodations providers, and proctors); and
- Scoring Documents for SI and P, which are designed for administrator use during the observations.

The MI–Access calendar—which notes important assessment dates in the test cycle—is posted online at www.mi.gov/mi-access. Please inform assessment administrators that this organizational tool is available for download.

While the state is responsible for providing the above mentioned assessment materials, the school is responsible for providing (1) age-appropriate materials, if needed, for each assessment item; (2) materials and/or assessment accommodations for particular students, if needed; and (3) Number 2 pencils for assessment administrators to use when completing scan documents.

Completing Security Compliance Forms

Before inventorying the materials, obtain, complete, and sign an *OSA Security Compliance Form*, using the directions at the bottom of the form. Keep the completed form in a safe, easily remembered place; it will need to be returned to the District MI–Access Coordinator after assessment administration is complete. (For more information on security, see page 14 of this manual.)

Inventorying Materials

To inventory the school’s materials, obtain the school packing slip. If any materials are missing (for example, if the school packing slip says there should be four of something but there are only three) or if additional materials are needed (for example, there is a new student who just enrolled in the school and needs to be tested), contact the District MI–Access Coordinator immediately. He or she will work through established channels to obtain the needed materials from the MI–Access contractor.

Affixing Pre-ID Student Barcode Labels

Affix all Pre-ID student barcode labels (those provided by the MI–Access contractor, as well as those printed locally by the district) to the appropriate student answer documents. The labels should be affixed where indicated on the student answer document. A \$10 fee may be charged for each scored answer document without a barcode label.

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Matching Student Assessment Booklets with Student Answer Documents

Because there are different student populations and different content areas being assessed, it is important for School MI–Access Coordinators to understand how the assessment booklets and student answer documents should be organized for distribution. The OSA has color-coded the materials by assessment type and/or by content area to assist with matching. (See Table 5 on page 33 of this manual for a summary of the following written information.)

Participation and Supported Independence: ELA, Mathematics, and Science

For Participation and Supported Independence, all of the content areas are covered in the same administrator assessment booklet and there is one booklet per grade. The Participation booklets are blue and the Supported Independence booklets are green.

While administrator booklets will continued to be used along with scoring documents and student picture cards in paper format, there are some scoring changes this year, such as;

- The P/SI administrator scoring documents will be provided for the PAA and SAA with your material orders. These are non-scannable tally sheets used during observations.
- P/SI Answer Documents will be an online portal. NO paper answer documents are produced for P/SI. The student responses will be transferred from the scoring documents into the online answer document by the PAA for all of the content areas. This transfer will require a test ticket for the student and the directions may be viewed/downloaded from the *MI–Access P/SI Online Answer Document Instructions* located on the MI–Access web page (www.mi.gov/mi-access).

Functional Independence: ELA: Accessing Print, ELA: Expressing Ideas, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies

For Functional Independence, there is one student assessment booklet for each grade, and each booklet covers only one content area. The booklets and student answer documents are color-coded by content area: they are (1) purple for ELA: accessing print, (2) blue for ELA: expressing ideas, (3) orange for mathematics, (4) red for science, and (5) olive green for social studies.

The Functional Independence student answer documents are organized by content area and include

- one ELA: accessing print student answer document covering grades 3–8, and 11;
- one ELA: expressing ideas student answer document covering grades 3–8, and 11;
- one mathematics student answer document that covers 3-8, and 11;
- one science student answer document for each of grades 4, 7, and 11; and
- one social studies answer document for each of grades 5, 8, and 11.

When distributing assessment booklets and answer documents to assessment administrators, it is imperative that they are matched correctly.

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Preparing Materials for Distribution

In addition to understanding how to match student assessment booklets with student answer documents, there are several other important factors to keep in mind when preparing materials for distribution.

Extra Functional Independence Booklets and Answer Documents

The MI-Access contractor includes one extra Functional Independence assessment booklet for each content area(s) and one extra corresponding student answer document for assessment administrators to use during assessment administration. (The extra booklets and answer documents correspond to the assessments being administered by each assessment administrator.) New this year: all Accessing Print materials will arrive with Listening Scripts that are required for administering the tests to students.

Packaging of Accommodated Versions

Accommodated versions of the Functional Independence assessments are packaged in very specific ways.

- Each audio CD comes packaged with a companion standard print assessment booklet and a student answer document. The CD will always have a form number that ends in 1 (for example, Form FIS-41 for grade 4 Functional Independence science). If the CD and its companion standard print booklet do not have the same form number, contact the District MI-Access Coordinator for assistance.
- Each Braille version of the assessment comes packaged with a companion *Assessment Administrator Booklet for Braille (AABB)*, which includes transcription notes indicating how items/directions have been adapted for Braille when needed; and a student answer document. The Braille booklet will always have a form number that ends in 9 (for example, Form FIM-79 for grade 7 Functional Independence mathematics). If the Braille booklet and the AABB do not have the same form number, contact the District MI-Access Coordinator for assistance. Braille kits include listening Scripts for Accessing Print and Using Language.
- Each enlarged print version of the assessment comes packaged with a companion standard print assessment booklet and a student answer document. The enlarged print booklet will always have a form number that ends in 1 (for example, Form FIA-61 for grade 6 Functional Independence ELA: accessing print). If the enlarged print booklet and its companion standard print booklet do not have the same form number, contact the District MI-Access Coordinator for assistance. Enlarged Print kits include listening Scripts for Accessing Print and Using Language.
- When distributing accommodated versions of the assessments, School MI-Access Coordinators should keep them packaged in the way they were originally shipped. That way assessment administrators will have everything they need in one place to administer accommodated versions.

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Participation and Supported Independence Picture Cards

Since the Participation and Supported Independence selected-response items use picture answer choices, the MI-Access contractor will provide picture cards for use during assessment administration. The MI-Access contractor will ship one set of picture cards for each PAA based on the type of assessment(s) he or she is administering, and the content area(s) and grade(s) he or she is assessing. (For more information on how to use the picture cards during the assessment, see page 56 of this manual.) **Please note: Student Picture Cards are secure materials and they must be returned along with the cover sheet that contains the secure barcode for the entire group of cards.**

Using Reporting Code Sheet

If the district or school has decided to use *Reporting Code Sheets* (in order to receive reports by class or group designations), several steps need to be taken. First, if the district has not already done so, prepare 4-digit numbers for each teacher heading a report code (he or she may have up to six numbers), using leading zeros if necessary. Second, bubble in the 4-digit numbers on the appropriate *Reporting Code Sheets*. Third, distribute the sheets to assessment administrators so they can fill in the remaining information. You may also want to remind assessment administrators that they will have to bubble in the Reporting Code numbers on the appropriate student answer documents. The Reporting Codes may also be entered on the Secure Site for online and paper/pencil tests prior to, during, and after testing up until the answer document return deadline the end of May.

Using Research Codes

If the district has decided to use research codes, provide the codes to assessment administrators so they can mark them where indicated on the student answer documents. (School MI-Access Coordinators may fill in the research codes prior to distribution, if desired.) The Research Codes may also be entered on the Secure Site for online and paper/pencil tests prior to, during, and after testing up until the answer document return deadline the end of May.

Establishing an Internal School Return Date

Before distributing materials to assessment administrators, determine the date by which materials must be returned to ensure the school can meet the district's internal return date. (When setting this date, keep in mind any school breaks that may cause delays.) Inform all assessment administrators of the school's return date, as well as any other special instructions. We also recommend that you have a discussion with your district coordinator about setting up early returns especially for the FI Expressing Ideas responses, which is a paper based test for all students. Additional return materials may be ordered through the secure site during the additional order window if needed. **Note:** All materials must be returned on or by May 30, 2017 which is earlier than in years past.

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Distributing Materials

Once all the “before” steps in this section of the manual have been completed, School MI–Access Coordinators may distribute the appropriate materials to each assessment administrator in the building. Be sure to include *OSA Security Compliance Forms*, manuals, and picture cards.

Collecting Completed Security Compliance Forms

Before assessment administrators inventory and review their materials, inform them that they must (1) read the SBE-approved *Assessment Integrity Guide*, which is available on the DAS web page (www.mi.gov/baa) and the MI–Access web page (www.mi.gov/mi-access); (2) complete and sign their *OSA Security Compliance Form*; and (3) return the completed and signed form to the School MI–Access Coordinator before doing anything else related to assessment. (See pages 13 and 14 of this manual for more information on professional practices and security.)

During

Although School MI–Access Coordinators do not have any specific tasks to complete during the assessment window, it is important that they be available to address questions and concerns from assessment administrators. If School MI–Access Coordinators cannot answer a question or address a particular concern, they should relay the question or concern to the District MI–Access Coordinator for follow-up. In addition, it is advised that School MI–Access Coordinators check in periodically with assessment administrators to make sure they have the materials and information needed to accurately administer the MI–Access assessments and that professional administration practices are followed.

After

Inventorying Returned Materials

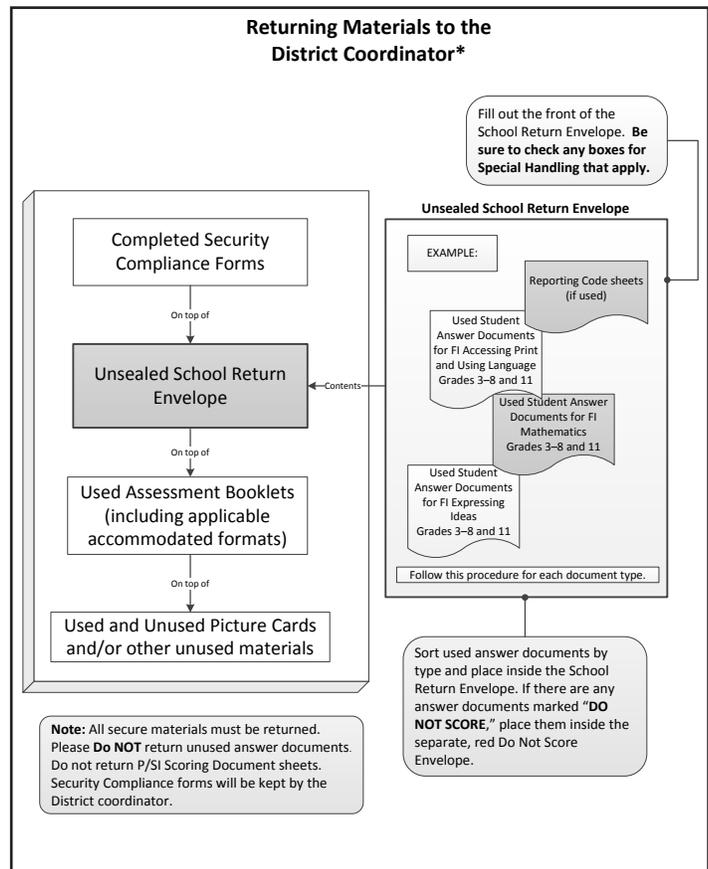
Once the assessments are complete, collect ALL used and unused student answer documents, student assessment booklets (including accommodated versions), and picture cards. Assessment administrators should NOT return manuals (which may be shredded or recycled).

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Preparing the School Return Envelope

Collect all the *Reporting Code Sheets* for the school (if used) and put them into one pile. Then (1) put all the used student answer documents under the sheets, (2) insert the materials into the *School Return Envelopes* (see Figure 4 below for packing diagram). **DO NOT SEAL** the envelope at this time. Turn the envelope over and fill in the requested information. (Directions for doing so, as well as a graphic representation of the envelope and label, are provided on page 51 of this manual.)

Figure 4



Returning Materials to the District MI-Access Coordinator

Put all of the unused materials (including used and unused picture cards) in a pile. Next, put the used assessment booklets on top of that pile, followed by the unsealed *School Return Envelopes* and all the signed *OSA Security Compliance Forms*. (These forms will be kept on file by the District MI-Access Coordinator for three full years following assessment administration.) Then, return the materials to the District MI-Access Coordinator by the date requested. Remember, manuals must **NOT** be returned. (See Figure 4 for a graphic representation of how to prepare materials for return.)

NOTE: If your district has determined that schools should return their materials to the scoring contractor directly please use the return materials to send them back using the return shipping diagram found in Appendix G, on page 108.

Completing the Coordinator/Assessment Administrator Feedback Survey

Once materials have been returned to the District MI-Access Coordinator, complete the *Coordinator/Assessment Administrator Feedback Survey* at www.mi.gov/mi-access. The OSA conducts this survey every test cycle to obtain feedback from the field on the assessment administration process.

School Return Envelope

Make sure all answer documents have been grouped by type and placed on top. If the *Reporting Code* sheet is utilized place it in this envelope as well.

The diagram shows a 3D perspective of a rectangular envelope. A label is affixed to the front face. A line points from the text above to the top of the envelope, and another line points from the text below to the 'Special Handling' checkbox on the label.

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School Return Envelope

District Name: _____
School Name: _____
District Code: _____ School Code: _____

Special Handling:
 Check if any answer documents with word-processed pages are included.


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Make sure to check the box listed if this envelope includes only regular scorable materials and word processed documents. Any documents that should not be scored should be placed in the "Do Not Score" envelope.

Participation and Supported Independence Assessment Administrator Quick List:

Major Tasks to Complete Before, During, and After Assessment Administration

● **BEFORE**

- Read "About the Assessments" to learn how the assessments are designed and should be administered
- Complete the *MI-Access P/SI Scoring Rubrics Online Learning Program*
- Complete and return an *OSA Security Compliance Form*
- Inventory the materials received
- Set aside the correct assessment booklets, scoring documents, and picture cards for each student being tested
- Review the assessment booklets, scoring documents, scoring rubrics, and picture cards to prepare for assessment administration
- Meet to clarify roles and responsibilities of PAAs and SAAs, and determine student response modes
- Schedule the assessments
- Read and the "New Administrator and Coordinator Primer" found on the MI-Access web page.

● **DURING**

- Administer the assessments as directed
- Relay questions to the School MI-Access Coordinator as needed
- Ensure that professional assessment administration practices are followed

● **AFTER**

- PAA must transfer both PAA and SAA scores and/or condition codes to the online answer document by May 26, 2017 (scores from both raters *must* be marked)
- Complete other components of the online student answer documents
- Return used and unused materials to the School MI-Access Coordinator
- Complete the online survey

IMPORTANT MI-Access DATES	
	Spring 2017 Grades 3-8, and 11
Assessment Materials Start Arriving in Districts	Week of March 27
MI-Access Assessment Window	April 10–May 26
Assessment Materials Return Date	Ship to the contractor no later than May 30

About the Assessments

In order to yield valid assessment data, it is imperative that assessment administrators understand how the Participation and Supported Independence (P/SI) assessments are designed and how they should be administered. Therefore, the first portion of this section is dedicated to providing detailed information about the assessments themselves. Then, the remainder of the section explains (1) the assessment administration process, (2) how to use, complete, and return the P/SI assessment materials, and (3) and how to enter scoring data on the online answer document.

Students Tested

The P/SI assessments are designed for students who have, or function as if they have, severe (Participation) or moderate (Supported Independence) cognitive impairment. It is up to the student's IEP Team to determine which assessment is most appropriate for the student given his or her cognitive functioning level, curriculum, and instruction. MI-Access is designed for students working toward the alternate content standards: Essential Elements with Michigan Range of Complexity, Extended Grade Level Content Expectations, Extended High School Content Expectations or Extended Benchmarks. Students whose instruction is based on Michigan's general content standards should be assessed using the general assessments appropriate for the student's grade level (M-STEP, PSAT, SAT).

Please note: if an IEP Team determines that a student will take MI-Access Participation or Supported Independence, he or she must take the **same** assessment in **all** content areas.

Assessment Administrators

The P/SI assessments must be administered by two school personnel—one certified professional staff member (such as a teacher, school psychologist, related service provider, or teacher consultant) who will act as the Primary Assessment Administrator (PAA), and another certified staff member or other school personnel (such as a highly qualified paraprofessional) who will act as the Shadow Assessment Administrator (SAA). Both the PAA and the SAA must be familiar with the student and must not impede or influence any interaction particular to an item. All decisions about when to provide assistance to students and what type of assistance to provide should be made by the PAA; the SAA is present only to simultaneously and independently provide a second score for the student. PAAs and SAAs must be sure to complete the *MI-Access P/SI Scoring Rubrics Online Learning Program* available at www.mi.gov/mi-access prior to testing.

Reminder: the P/SI assessments do not have paper answer documents. All student scores must be entered in the online answer document portal. The P/SI Online Answer Document Instructions provide details on how to use this online answer document and can be downloaded or printed from the MI-Access web page (www.mi.gov/mi-access).

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Content Areas Assessed

At this time, the P/SI assessments cover three content areas: English language arts (ELA), mathematics, and science. As required by federal law, the assessments reflect Michigan's state standards Grade Level Content Expectations (GLCEs), High School Content Expectations (HSCEs), and/or Benchmarks in these content areas. Alternate content standards, reflecting the previously mentioned general content areas, exist as an option for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities. The Essential Elements with Michigan's range of complexity (EEs), Extended GLCEs (EGLCEs), Extended HSCEs (EHSCEs), and Extended Benchmarks (EBs) on which the P/SI assessments are based, can be downloaded from the MI-Access web page (www.mi.gov/mi-access). Following is a brief description of each P/SI content area assessment.

P/SI ELA Assessments

The P/SI ELA assessments focus on the four claim areas of: comprehending text in increasingly complex ways, Writing (text types and purposes), Communicating for a range of purposes and audiences, and Investigating topics and presenting information. There are 15 items on each Participation ELA assessment and 20 items on each Supported Independence ELA assessment.

P/SI Mathematics Assessments

The P/SI mathematics assessments focus on the four mathematics claim areas of Number Sense, Geometry, Measurement Data and Analysis, and Algebraic and Functional Reasoning. There are 15 items on each Participation mathematics assessment and 20 items on each Supported Independence mathematics assessment.

P/SI Science Assessments

The P/SI science assessments focus on five areas or strands—(1) Constructing New Scientific Knowledge, (2) Reflecting on Scientific Knowledge, (3) Using Life Science, (4) Using Earth Science, and (5) Using Physical Science. There are 20 items on each Participation science assessment and 22 items on each Supported Independence science assessment.

Item Formats

The P/SI ELA, mathematics, and science assessments use two item formats—(1) activity-based observation, and (2) selected response. In the activity-based observation format, items are presented to students during familiar classroom activities or routines. These activities or routines provide a performance context in which specific Essential Elements, EGLCEs, EHSCEs, and/or EBs can be assessed. In the selected-response format, students are read an item stem, or question, and asked to select the correct response. (See Table 7 on the following page for a summary of the item formats used on each P/SI content-area assessment.) Following is a detailed description of each item format and how to administer it.

Table 7 Participation and Supported Independence Item Formats

Item Format	Participation			Supported Independence		
	ELA	Mathematics	Science	ELA	Mathematics	Science
Activity-based observation	X	X	X	X	X	
Selected-response with 2 picture answer choices	X	X	X			
Selected-response with 3 picture answer choices				X	X	X

Administering P/SI Selected-Response Items

Selected-response items have three components—(1) the item stem (or question); (2) the scoring focus (a short statement that links the item to the EGLCE, EHSCE, or EB being measured); and (3) picture answer choices. The Participation items have two picture answer choices and the Supported Independence items have three picture answer choices. When administering selected-response items, there are a number of important factors to keep in mind.

Reading Selected-Response Answer Choices Aloud

In most cases, the picture answer choices are accompanied by labels that may be read aloud to the student along with the item stems. There are, however, some instances where reading the labels that accompany the pictures would give the answers away; therefore, in these instances, the labels have been omitted and students must respond to the questions without verbal assistance. (The only exception is for Word Recognition items where the labels remain because students need to see the actual words.) There is a Do Not Read Aloud Table at the front of each student’s assessment booklet indicating which items, or parts of items, should not be read aloud.

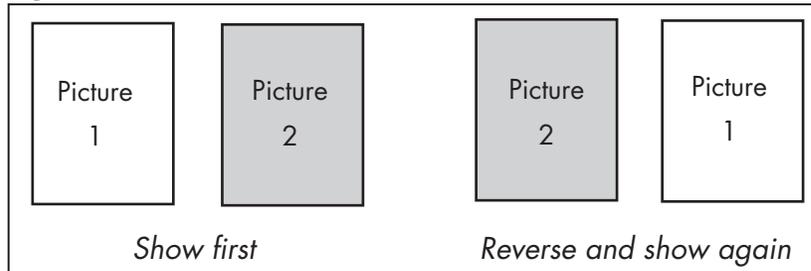
Using Picture Cards

While the student picture answer choices are included in the administrator’s assessment booklet, **the MI-Access contractor will also provide separate picture cards, which MUST be presented to the student during assessment administration.** The administrator booklet is not intended for direct use with the student being assessed. PAAs may decide whether to use the picture cards as is or to reproduce them in a format (such as real photographs), size, or pictorial program that is more familiar to the student. The reproduced images, however, must NOT change the nature of the question or elicit a different response. Actual objects may also be used if needed.

When using the picture cards, there are specific presentation styles that MUST be followed. On the Participation assessments, where there are two answer choices, both picture cards must be presented at the same time in one order, then **immediately** presented to the student again with the positions of the cards reversed. (See Figure 5.)

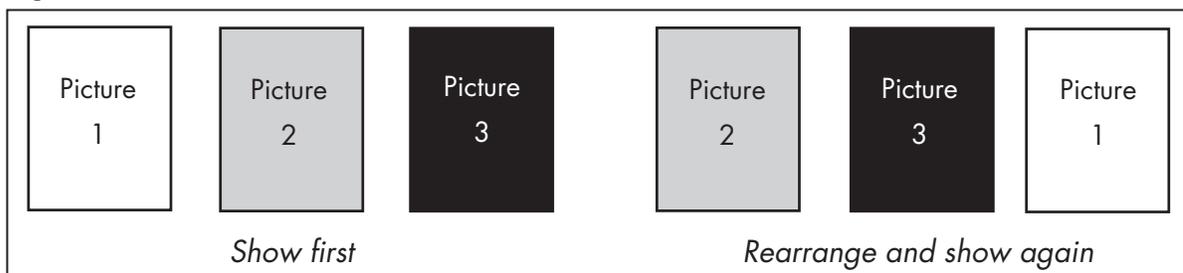
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Figure 5



On the Supported Independence assessments, where there are three answer choices, all three picture cards must be presented to the student at the same time in one order, then **immediately** presented to the student again in a different order. (See Figure 6.) The purpose of these presentation styles is to ensure that the student is intentionally selecting the correct answer and not merely responding to a dominant side or selecting the picture by chance. You may want to explain this presentation style to students **before** testing so they do not presume you are asking the question again because they answered incorrectly the first time.

Figure 6



With these presentation styles, if a student is unable to select his or her answer due to physical limitations, the answer choices may be presented to the student for “yes/no” selection. The PAA must show the student all the cards in one order and ask if each card is a correct or incorrect choice; then, the PAA must show the cards again in a different order and ask if each card is a correct or incorrect choice. The student must identify the correct picture answer choice by indicating “yes” both times. If the student indicates “yes” for a wrong answer choice or “no” for a correct answer choice, the response is incorrect and should be scored accordingly. In this presentation format, the student must answer “yes” or “no” to all cards.

Because selected-response items are scored using a standardized scoring rubric that is based on the student answering correctly or incorrectly (see Table 8 on page 59 of this manual for more information on the rubric), the PAA and SAA will need to know the “correct” answer to each question during administration. For that reason, the MI-Access contractor has indicated on the back of each picture card whether the answer choice on that card is correct or incorrect. It may be helpful for PAAs and SAAs to review the cards and answer choices before administering the assessment.

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Presenting Introductory Art

Some selected-response items have introductory art that appears before the item stem; for these items, the MI-Access contractor will provide picture cards for the introductory art, as well as for the answer choices. For more information on how to administer these types of items, please review the *MI-Access Participation and Supported Independence Scoring Rubrics Online Learning Program* (www.mi.gov/mi-access).

Administering P/SI Activity-Based Observation Items

Activity-based observation items—which are used on portions of the P/SI ELA and mathematics Assessments and portions of the Participation Science Assessments—are designed to reflect activities that typically take place in the classroom and with which students most likely are familiar; therefore, they can and should be administered as part of the student’s regular schedule or routine whenever possible. For example, if an ELA word recognition item requires a student to identify one or two words associated with a lunchtime routine, the item could be observed as the student helps to prepare a meal. Or, if a mathematics item requires a student to identify a missing object, the item could be observed as the student takes part in a table-setting routine where a necessary utensil is missing. In this way, the assessment item is integrated into—or becomes part of—the normal instructional routine. Keep in mind, however, that the instructional activity or routine does NOT have to stop once the assessment activity is complete. The PAA and the SAA can simply score the student and continue with the instructional activity or routine until it is finished.

Note: As was the case last year, the P/SI tests will use the accompanying “Scoring Documents” (provided with test materials). While paper test materials will be provided, there will not be any paper answer documents for P/SI since the student responses will be entered in an online portal. The portal is designed for the primary administrator to enter the PAA and SAA scores directly using a student test ticket. (See MI-Access web page for P/SI entry instructions under “Assessment Window”).

When administering activity-based observation items, there are a number of important factors to keep in mind.

Item Components

Each activity-based observation item has two components. The first component is an activity that will allow a specific EE, or EB to be assessed. For example, an activity description might be: While interacting with staff during snack or lunchtime, the student will correctly use one common courtesy word and/or phrase, such as “please,” “thank you,” or “you’re welcome.”

The second item component is the scoring focus, or a short statement that (1) links the item to Michigan’s EE, or EBs, and (2) is what the PAA and SAA need to look for when observing and scoring the student. In the sample item above, the scoring focus might be: Using language to communicate effectively for different purposes. It is imperative that both assessment administrators carefully review and understand the activity *and* the scoring focus prior to administering the item.

Most items also include an example, which is intended to further clarify the activity and show what an assessment administrator *might* do with the student in order to administer the item. Please keep

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in mind that it is *only* an example; assessment administrators may need to modify the example to better suit their students or what they have available in the classroom.

Student Directions

When administering activity-based observation items, PAAs usually will say or do whatever is typically said or done to allow the student to engage in the activity. There may, however, be instances where more explicit directions are provided in the activity description. For example, in the mathematics item below, the second sentence includes more detailed directions about how to conduct the item, because the scoring focus depends on the student doing the same number of repetitions of two different exercises.

ACTIVITY: While completing 2 familiar fitness exercises (such as bending, lifting, or jumping), the student will correctly demonstrate knowledge of the term same as. For example, the assessment administrator could ask the student to complete 10 sit-ups and then say, “Now do a number of arm raises that is the same as the number of sit-ups.”

SCORING FOCUS: Demonstrating an understanding of the term same as

It is important for PAAs and SAAs to review all assessment items prior to administration to (1) check for specific directions, and (2) ensure that they are planned for and followed.

Preparing the Environment

Another reason it is important for assessment administrators to review activity-based observation items ahead of time is that while most activities will occur naturally in the classroom or school, some may require more detailed planning to ensure that a specific scoring focus can be observed. For example, a student with visual impairment may need tactile graphics, a student with hearing impairment may need signing or a sound field system, and a student with some other disability may need a communication system and/or technology device to allow him or her to access the assessments and/or demonstrate what he or she has learned. Keep in mind that any aids or materials used must (1) be chronologically age appropriate, (2) reflect what the student typically uses during instruction (in other words, do not introduce a new device or material during assessment administration), and (3) be documented in the student’s IEP.

Administering ELA Words-Paired-with-Picture Items

Some activity-based observation items involve properly selecting words paired with pictures. These picture cards (as opposed to those for selected-response items) will be provided by the assessment administrator (as opposed to the MI-Access contractor) since they are supposed to be part of the student’s normal instructional routine. The cards should be presented to the student in the same manner as picture cards for selected-response items (see page 56).

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Using the P/SI Scoring Rubrics for Selected-Response and Activity-Based Observation Items

Both item formats—selected-response and activity-based observation—MUST be scored using a standardized scoring rubric. During the assessment, the PAA will record his or her scores or condition codes on the *MI-Access PAA Scoring Document*, and the SAA will **simultaneously and independently** record his or her scores or condition codes on the *MI-Access SAA Scoring Document*. Both of these scoring documents are included in the assessment material order. Once all the items have been administered, the PAA must record both the PAA and SAA score points and/or condition codes to the online student answer document. (Please note that scores *must* be entered for both the PAA and the SAA; if scores for either one are missing, the student will not receive a valid score.)

Participation Scoring Rubric

The scoring rubric for the Participation assessments has three score points and three condition codes. It is based on the student responding correctly and takes into consideration the amount of assistance required to engage the student in the item. Table 8 (below) shows what the Participation score points and condition codes are. Then, the *Participation Scoring Rubric Flow Chart* in Appendix C of this manual shows how to apply the rubric during assessment administration. Keep in mind that both the PAA and SAA score the student at the same time on both selected-response and activity-based observation items.

Supported Independence Scoring Rubric

The scoring rubric for MI-Access Supported Independence is similar to the Participation scoring rubric, except it has only TWO score points and the same three condition codes. Like the Participation scoring rubric, it is based on the student responding correctly and takes into consideration the amount of assistance required to engage the student in the item. Table 8 shows what the Supported Independence score points and condition codes are. Then, the *Supported Independence Scoring Rubric Flow Chart* in Appendix D of this manual shows how to apply the rubric during assessment administration. Again, keep in mind that both the PAA and SAA observe and score the student independently and at the same time.

P Score Point/ Condition Code	SI Score Point/ Condition Code	Term
3	2	Responds correctly with no assessment administrator assistance
2	1	Responds correctly after assessment administrator provides verbal/physical cues
1	Not Allowed in SI	Responds correctly after assessment administrator provides modeling, short of hand-over-hand assistance
A	A	Incorrect response
B	B	Resists/Refuses
C	C	Assessment administrator provides step-by-step directions and/or hand-over-hand assistance

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Scoring Rubric Terms and Definitions

The P/SI scoring rubrics include such terms as verbal cues, physical cues, modeling, hand-over-hand assistance, and step-by-step directions. Appendices E and F provide definitions for these terms and examples of how they may be applied. Assessment administrators **MUST** review the appendices prior to administering the P/SI assessments.

Scoring Rubric Online Learning Program

To learn more about scoring the MI-Access P/SI assessments, PAAs and SAAs **MUST** complete the *MI-Access Participation and Supported Independence Scoring Rubrics Online Learning Program* (www.mi.gov/mi-access). It includes a detailed explanation of the scoring rubrics and shows video clips of assessment administrators applying the rubric when scoring students on sample activity-based observation and selected-response assessment items.

Note: this program has not yet been updated to reflect the change in ELA and Mathematics alternate content standards change to Essential Elements; however, the contents of this program are still very relevant to the administration of the assessment.

Preparing for Administration

Prior to administering the MI-Access P/SI assessments, there are a number of factors that PAAs and SAAs need to take into consideration and steps they need to complete.

Anticipated Response Modes

The P/SI assessment items are designed to permit students to demonstrate their knowledge in a variety of ways and “answer” using individual response modes. Therefore, before assessment administration, the PAA and the SAA should discuss which response mode the student will most likely use to indicate his or her answer. For example, the student may respond verbally or by signing his or her answer. The student may point to his or her answer or eye gaze to indicate a choice. Or, the student may nod his or her head, or blink once for “yes” and twice for “no.” It is important for the PAA and the SAA to agree on the type of response they are looking for during the assessment.

Group vs. One-on-One Administration

There are some P/SI activity-based observation items where the activities take place in the context of a group. However, only one student should be observed and scored at a time. This will enable the PAA and the SAA to focus their full attention on the student being tested.

With selected-response items, although there may be some students who are capable of reading them and marking their own answers in their assessment booklets, the use of picture cards and required presentation styles mean that these items **MUST** be administered in a one-on-one situation. Thus, group administration is **not** allowed for the P/SI assessments.

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Physical Assistance

There may be assessment items in which students with physical limitations and/or sensory impairment know how to complete the item correctly, but cannot do so—because of their disability—without physical help from another individual. Providing physical assistance in these cases should NOT adversely affect a student’s score if he or she is capable of directing and then receiving the requested assistance. For example, if students in wheelchairs are cognitively able to demonstrate their understanding of maps and directions by navigating through the school building to designated locations but they need help to move the wheelchair and/or open and close doors, these students should not be penalized if they can direct another person on where to go and when to open and close the doors.

There may also be instances where assessment administrators need to modify items for students with physical limitations. For example, a mathematics item that requires students to demonstrate their ability to count to ten while completing a physical fitness routine, like doing jumping jacks or sit-ups, can be modified so the student can count in some other way, perhaps by clapping, blinking, nodding, or tapping the desk. The important part of this item is not the context—a physical fitness routine—but the scoring focus, which measures counting.

Positioning

While an assessment item is being administered, both the PAA and the SAA must be positioned so they can clearly see and hear the student. This is important because if a student uses eye gaze to indicate the correct answer, both assessment administrators need to be able to see where the student is looking. Similarly, if the student verbalizes to indicate the correct answer, both assessment administrators need to be close enough to hear the student’s response.

Preparing the Environment

Some mathematics and science activity-based observation items call for the use of real-world objects, such as manipulatives, sorting blocks, or natural materials. The descriptions of the assessment activities typically contain examples of common objects or materials that may be appropriate for use by the student being tested, but the PAA is responsible for (1) determining which ones will be used, and (2) making sure they are on hand before the assessment item is administered.

Similarly, because some activity-based observation items and all selected-response items rely on pictures (often paired with words), the PAA is responsible for (1) determining which pictorial program (or actual photographs) should be used, and (2) generating the materials, if needed, for use during assessment administration.

Along the same lines, there may be times when the instructional environment needs to be manipulated. For example, in a mathematics activity-based observation item that requires a student to identify a missing object as part of a table-setting routine, the PAA will need to plan ahead to ensure that the required object is, in fact, missing. This is one reason why it is so important for both assessment administrators to review the items, answer choices, and picture cards ahead of time.

The Administration Process and Assessment Materials

This portion of the manual describes the administrative steps that need to be taken before, during, and after assessment administration. Keep in mind that the PAA is responsible for making sure that these steps are carried out. Some steps—such as inventorying materials, scheduling and planning for the assessment, completing the test ticket process for the online answer document, determining when and what types of assistance to provide to students during the assessment, and returning assessment materials to the School MI-Access Coordinator—are the sole responsibility of the PAA. Other steps, however—such as signing security compliance forms, reviewing the assessment booklets and picture cards, scoring the students, transferring scores to the student online answer document, and reading the part of the paper manual and the online administration manual that explains how to administer the assessments—must be completed by both PAAs and SAAs.

Before

Receiving Assessment Materials

The MI-Access contractor ships all assessment materials to District MI-Access Coordinators. They are then responsible for distributing them to School MI-Access Coordinators, who, in turn, distribute them to assessment administrators.

Some materials will be provided to ALL assessment administrators, including

- one *2017 MI-Access Paper/Pencil Test Administrator Manual*;
- one *Reporting Code Sheet* (if used);
- Participation and/or Supported Independence picture cards (one set for each PAA based on the assessment[s] he or she is administering, and the content area[s] and grade[s] he or she is assessing);
- scoring documents; and
- multiple *OSA Security Compliance Forms* (one for the PAA, one for the SAA, and extras for any accommodations providers and/or proctors).

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The other assessment materials provided by the School MI–Access Coordinator will vary depending on the grades being assessed. (English Language Arts and mathematics are assessed in grades 3 through 8 and 11, but science is assessed ONLY in grades 4, 7, and 11.) These materials may include some or all of the following:

- Participation ELA and mathematics student assessment booklets (blue)
- Supported Independence ELA and mathematics student assessment booklets (green)
- *Scoring documents will be provided for PAA and SAA for P/SI observations in preparation for online entry. **Note:** the scoring documents may be copied or printed from the MI–Access web page.*

Completing, Distributing, and Returning Security Compliance Forms

Before inventorying the materials, obtain, complete, and sign an *OSA Security Compliance Form*, using the directions at the bottom of the form. (For more information on security, see page 14 of this manual.) Next, distribute security compliance forms to others who will assist in the classroom with administering the assessments, including SAAs, accommodations providers (if applicable), and proctors (if applicable). Make sure the forms are completed and signed prior to sharing assessment materials. Then, return all the signed forms to the School MI–Access Coordinator BEFORE assessment administration begins.

Inventorying Assessment Materials

Keeping in mind the students being tested, conduct an inventory to make sure that the correct materials have been provided and that there are sufficient quantities. If any materials are missing, notify the School MI–Access Coordinator so that he or she may go through the appropriate channels to obtain them. (see the General Information section of this manual for more information on which content areas must be assessed at which grades.)

Identifying Assessment Administrators

Determine which two school personnel will observe each student and score the items. As mentioned previously, a certified professional staff member—such as a teacher, school psychologist, related service provider, or teacher consultant—must act as the PAA. Other school personnel—including those mentioned in the list above, as well as highly qualified paraprofessionals—may act as the SAA. Both the PAA and the SAA must be familiar with the student.

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Understanding Assessment Design

Before completing any other steps, be sure to read “About the Assessments” at the beginning of this section of the manual. It explains how the MI–Access P/SI assessments are designed and should be administered. All assessment administrators must also complete the *MI–Access Participation and Supported Independence Scoring Rubrics Online Learning Program* (www.mi.gov/mi-access). Completing these two important steps will help ensure the validity and reliability of assessment results.

Reviewing Booklets, Picture Cards, and Scoring Rubrics

Thoroughly review the student assessment booklets and picture cards to become familiar with the assessment items, administration directions, and correct answer choices. Also review the scoring rubrics (including related information in Appendices C, D, E, and F) to ensure that students are properly scored.

Preparing for Assessment Administration

For each student being tested, obtain the correct assessment booklet and the online answer document procedures found in the *MI–Access P/SI Online Answer Document Instructions* on the MI–Access web page. In the space provided on the scoring documents, fill in the student name (which should correspond with the student test ticket information for the online answer document entry).

With that student in mind, schedule the assessment. Whenever possible, schedule activity-based observation items (for P/SI ELA and mathematics and Participation science) for times when the activity might typically occur. Also, keep in mind that while some activity-based observation items will occur naturally in the classroom, others may require more detailed planning. Prepare to adjust the instructional environment as needed. (See page 61 of this manual for more information on making environmental adjustments.)

With the PAA and SAA working together, determine the student’s anticipated response mode—such as verbalization, head nodding, signing, vocalizations, blinking, eye gazing, pointing, and so forth—so that both assessment administrators look for the same type of response during the assessment.

Next, make sure that all materials (such as manipulatives, picture cards, etc.), technology devices (such as augmentative communication devices or other specialized equipment), and other assessment accommodations (as indicated in the student’s IEP) are available and ready for use. Keep in mind that any aids or materials used must be chronologically age appropriate and reflect what the student typically uses during instruction (in other words, do not introduce a new device or material during assessment administration). Also, prepare for and follow universal health precautions as needed.

If there are any questions or concerns about the assessments, refer them to the School MI–Access Coordinator. If he or she cannot answer them, they will be referred to the District MI–Access Coordinator for follow-up.

During

Immediately prior to administering the assessment, obtain the correct assessment booklet and picture cards for each student being tested. Check to make sure the proper information has been recorded for each student on the front of the booklet in the space provided.

Obtain the PAA and SAA scoring documents for the student provided in the materials order (these are also available to be printed from the MI-Access web page). The scoring documents may also be copied as needed.

If desired, also tear or cut out the correct corresponding “Scoring Rubric Flow Chart” in Appendix C or D of this manual, and the correct corresponding “Scoring Rubric Score Point and Condition Code Definitions” in Appendix E or F to use as references during the assessment.

Administer each item in the assessment booklet as directed, ensuring that professional assessment administration practices are followed.

After

Completing the Online Student Answer Document

After the assessment is administered, obtain the student’s completed scoring documents and ensure the entries have been made to the online answer document as outlined in the *MI-Access P/SI Online Answer Document Instructions* located on the MI-Access web page (www.mi.gov/mi-access). See pages 68 and 69 for sample scoring documents.

When completing each online student answer document, there are two “Student Status” codes that should be marked if they apply to the student being tested. Following are definitions for those report codes.

- Home Schooled (NOT Homebound): A student who is tested, but because he or she is home schooled, should not be included in the district’s or school’s reports. Home-schooled students are not required to take MI-Access assessments, but may be tested during the district’s assessment window if they wish. (Public school districts are required to administer MI-Access assessments to home-schooled students who want to be tested.) Districts will receive separate *Individual Student Reports* for home-schooled students, as well as separate *Parent Reports*. The reports should be forwarded to the parents of each home-schooled student.

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- Student Prohibited Behavior: A student engages in prohibited behavior when he or she:
 - communicates or collaborates in any way with another student (including written, electronic, verbal, or gestured forms of communication);
 - copies another student’s answers, or requests or accepts help from another person;
 - uses any material or equipment that is not expressly permitted by the OSA;
 - answers an assessment question or any part of an assessment for another student, or provides any other assistance to another student, before or while that student is being tested;
 - returns to previously administered sections of the assessment after an assessment session is complete;
 - uses prohibited communication or information storage devices (e.g., pagers, cell phones, etc.); and/or;
 - engages in any other practice with the intent of artificially affecting a student’s score or the score of another student.

If an assessment administrator observes a student who appears to be engaged in one or more of these behaviors, he or she should allow the student(s) to finish the assessment and code the online student’s answer document by filling in the “Student Prohibited Behavior” bubble, and then follow the procedural directions for reporting the behavior in the *Assessment Integrity Guide* available at www.mi.gov/mi-access. It is important to make sure that an incident report is also filed on the secure site for any prohibited behavior and any other testing irregularities.

Completing the Reporting Code Sheet

If your district or school has opted to use *Reporting Code Sheets*, complete the sheets as instructed. (Detailed directions, along with a graphic representation of the sheet are provided on page 69 of this manual and MUST be followed.)

Returning Materials to the School MI-Access Coordinator

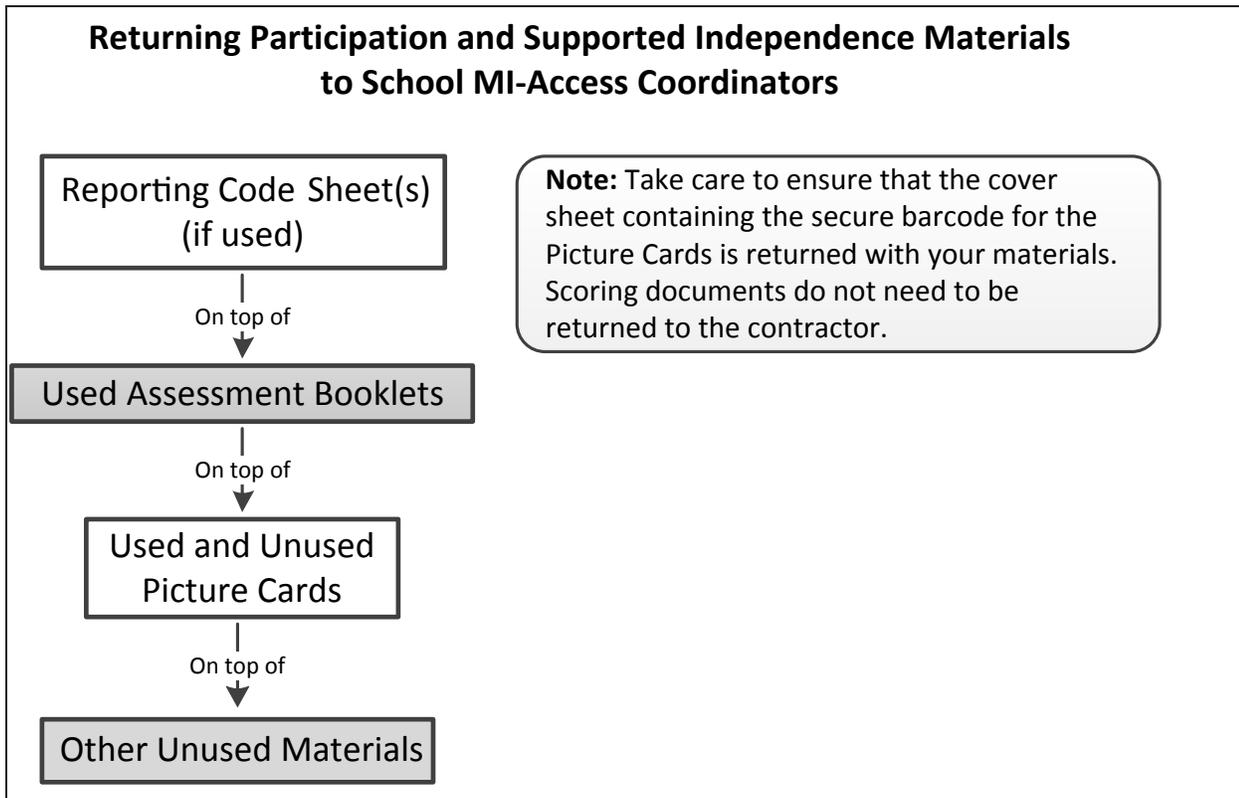
Gather up all **used** student answer documents and put them in one pile. Next, put all the other used and unused assessment materials (including assessment booklets, picture cards, and other materials) in a separate pile and return both piles to the School MI-Access Coordinator by the date requested. Do NOT return manuals (they may be shredded or recycled). (See Figure 7 below for a graphic representation of how to prepare the materials for return.)

Completing the Coordinator/Assessment Administrator Feedback Survey

Once materials have been returned to the School MI-Access Coordinator, complete the *Coordinator/Assessment Administrator Feedback Survey* at www.mi.gov/mi-access. The OSA conducts this survey every test cycle to obtain feedback from the field on the assessment administration process.

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Figure 7



Participation Scoring Documents

The Scoring Document is designed to be used during the observational portion of the assessment by the PAA and the SAA. The scoring documents are provided along with the test materials for both PAA and SAA for the content area being observed. These sheets act as a tally document and have two purposes;

1. Record scoring observations of the students being assessed using the 3-point rubric header. For Participation this could be a point or a condition code.
2. These documents are also used after testing by the PAA, to enter the student's responses (both PAA and SAA scores) to the online answer document.

These scoring document sheets will arrive along with the testing materials and will also be available on the MI-Access web page. Since these documents are non-secure material they may be copied as needed. Also, detailed instructions on how to enter the scores online are available in the *MI-Access P/SI Online Answer Document Instructions* located at www.mi.gov/mi-access.



MI-Access Participation
Scoring Document- SPRING 2017

Content Area: English Language Arts Form: _____ Grade: _____



Student Name _____

Optional: print and place the student's bar code label here.
Note: this document will **not** be returned with secure materials.

Directions: Use this guide to score the student's responses for each item based on the MI-Access scoring rubric. The assessment administrator will then transfer the scores into the online answer document found at:
<https://drcsurveys.com/mi/mi2017/Logon.aspx>

Please be careful that your scores from this sheet are transferred to the correct numbered item on the student online answer document.

Select One: Primary Assessment Administrator Shadow Assessment Administrator

Item	3 – Responds correctly with no assessment administrator assistance	2 – Responds correctly after assessment administrator provides verbal/physical cues	1 – Responds correctly after assessment administrator provides modeling, short of hand-over-hand assistance	A – Incorrect Response	B – Resists/ Refuses	C – Assessment administrator provides hand-over-hand assistance and/or step-by-step directions
1	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
4	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
5	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
6	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
7	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
8	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
9	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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12	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
13	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
14	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
15	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

I certify that this assessment was given following the instructions given in the MI-Access Assessment Administrator Manual for the Spring 2017 cycle and that the assessment was given and scored independently and simultaneously with a Primary Assessment Administrator and a Shadow Assessment Administrator. Both scores were submitted using the online answer document, matching the authentic scores given by each independent assessment administrator.

Assessment Administrator
(DO NOT RETURN: sign and keep on file in your district)

Supported Independence Scoring Document

The Scoring Document for Supported Independence is identical to the Participation version and fulfills the same purpose as mentioned on the previous page. The scoring documents are provided along with the test materials for both PAA and SAA for the content area being observed. These sheets act as a tally document and have two purposes;

1. Record scoring observations of the students being assessed using the 2-point rubric header. For Supported Independence this could be a point or a condition code.
2. These documents are also used after testing by the PAA, to enter the student's responses (both PAA and SAA scores) to the online answer document.

These scoring document sheets will arrive along with the testing materials and will also be available on the MI-Access web page. Since these documents are non-secure material they may be copied as needed. Also, detailed instructions on how to enter the scores online are available in the *MI-Access P/SI Online Answer Document Instructions* located at www.mi.gov/mi-access.



MI-Access Supported Independence
Scoring Document- SPRING 2017

Content Area: **Mathematics** Form: _____ Grade: _____



Student Name _____

Optional: print and place the student's bar code label here.
Note: this document will not be returned with secure materials.

Directions: Use this guide to score the student's responses for each item based on the MI-Access scoring rubric. The assessment administrator will then transfer the scores into the online answer document found at:
<https://drcsurveys.com/mi/mi2017/Logon.aspx>
Please be careful that your scores from this sheet are transferred to the correct numbered item on the student online answer document.

Select One: Primary Assessment Administrator Shadow Assessment Administrator

Item	2 – Responds correctly with no assessment administrator assistance	1 – Responds correctly after assessment administrator provides verbal/physical cues	A – Incorrect Response	B – Resists/Refuses	C – Assessment administrator provides hand-over-hand assistance and/or step-by-step directions
1	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
4	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
5	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
6	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
7	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
8	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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10	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
11	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
12	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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18	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
19	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
20	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

I certify that this assessment was given following the instructions given in the MI-Access Assessment Administrator Manual for the Spring 2017 cycle and that the assessment was given and scored independently and simultaneously with a Primary Assessment Administrator and a Shadow Assessment Administrator. Both scores were submitted using the online answer document, matching the authentic scores given by each independent assessment administrator.

Assessment Administrator _____
(DO NOT RETURN: sign and keep on file in your district)

Reporting Code Sheet

Section 1. Write the name of the person filling out this sheet, as well as the district name and school name.

Section 2. Verify the pre-printed district code. (If it is incorrect, please notify the School MI-Access Coordinator. Do NOT try to correct the information on the sheet.) If the information is not preprinted, enter the correct information.

Section 3. Verify the preprinted school code. (If it is incorrect, please notify the School MI-Access Coordinator. Do NOT try to correct the information on the sheet.) If the information is not preprinted, enter the correct information.



REPORTING CODE SHEET

INSTRUCTIONS: This is an optional form. The purpose of this form is to allow districts and schools to receive reports by class or group designation(s). It is the decision of the school or district to use this option and to define the 4-digit reporting codes that are most useful to the district or school. **Assigned reporting codes must be UNIQUE within a school.**

This form needs to be completed for every teacher. It may be completed by the teacher or the district or school MI-Access coordinator. The person completing this form will need a teacher name and the reporting code(s) assigned to the teacher. Reporting codes should be assigned by the district or school coordinator.

Instructions for each area on the form are as follows:

MARKING INSTRUCTIONS

- Use only soft lead pencil (No. 2)
- Do NOT use ink or ball point pen.
- Make heavy dark marks that completely fill in the circles.
- Erase completely any marks that you wish to change.
- Make NO stray marks on this sheet.

CORRECT MARK **INCORRECT MARKS**

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1 PLEASE PRINT

Name of Person Completing this Form _____

District Name _____

School Name _____

3 SCHOOL CODE

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2	2	2	2	2
3	3	3	3	3
4	4	4	4	4
5	5	5	5	5
6	6	6	6	6
7	7	7	7	7
8	8	8	8	8
9	9	9	9	9

2 DISTRICT CODE

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1	1	1	1	1
2	2	2	2	2
3	3	3	3	3
4	4	4	4	4
5	5	5	5	5
6	6	6	6	6
7	7	7	7	7
8	8	8	8	8
9	9	9	9	9

4 TEACHER NAME

TEACHER NAME											
LAST NAME						FIRST NAME					
A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B
C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D
E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F
G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G
H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H
I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I
J	J	J	J	J	J	J	J	J	J	J	J
K	K	K	K	K	K	K	K	K	K	K	K
L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
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Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q
R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T
U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U
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Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z

5 REPORTING CODE

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4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9

This form should be delivered to the school MI-Access coordinator. Instructions for return to the scoring contractor may be found in the MI-Access Test Administration Manual.



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Section 4. Write the last name of the teacher for whom a Reporting Code number(s) is being provided in the first 12 boxes and the teacher's first name in the following 10 boxes. Omit all spaces, hyphens, apostrophes, Jr., or Ill, and complete the grid.

Section 5. In the boxes, indicate the 4-digit Reporting Code number(s) assigned to this teacher and mark the corresponding bubbles in the grid. For teachers who need reporting for multiple groups, up to six different numbers may be marked on this form. If the numbers assigned to this teacher have fewer than four digits, use leading zeros ("0032" as an example).

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Functional Independence Assessment Administrator Quick List:

Major Tasks to Complete Before, During, and After Assessment Administration

● BEFORE

- Read "About the Assessments" to learn how the assessments are designed and should be administered for both paper and online students
- Complete and return an *OSA Security Compliance Form*
- Inventory the materials received
- Set aside the correct assessment booklets and answer documents for each student being tested
- Review the assessment booklets and answer documents to prepare for assessment administration
- Schedule the assessments
- Print, review, and have instructions available for the student-facing online testing from the manual posted on the MI-Access web page (if the students have been selected for this mode of testing).
- Read and the "New Administrator and Coordinator Primer" found on the MI-Access web page.

● DURING

- Administer the assessments as directed (using the scripts provided)
- Relay questions to the School MI-Access Coordinator as needed
- Ensure that professional assessment administration practices are followed

● AFTER

- Transfer students' answers from their booklets to their answer documents
- Complete the other components of the student answer documents
- Complete *Reporting Code Sheets* (if used)
- Return used and unused materials to the School MI-Access Coordinator
- Complete the online survey

IMPORTANT MI-Access DATES

IMPORTANT MI-Access DATES	
	Spring 2017 Grades 3-8, and 11
Assessment Materials Start Arriving in Districts	Week of March 27
MI-Access Assessment Window	April 10–May 26
Assessment Materials Return Date	Ship to the contractor no later than May 30

About the Assessments

In order to yield valid assessment data, it is imperative that assessment administrators understand how the Functional Independence assessments are designed and how they should be administered. Therefore, the first portion of this section is dedicated to providing detailed information about the assessments themselves. Then, the remainder of the section explains (1) the assessment administration process, and (2) how to use, complete, and return the Functional Independence assessment materials.

Students Tested

The Functional Independence assessments are designed for students who have, or function as if they have a significant, yet more mild cognitive impairment. It is up to the student's IEP Team to determine if this assessment is appropriate for the student given his or her cognitive functioning level, curriculum, and instruction. MI-Access is designed for students working toward the alternate content standards: Essential Elements with Michigan Range of Complexity, Extended Grade Level Content Expectations, Extended High School Content Expectations, or Extended Benchmarks. Students whose instruction is based on Michigan's general content standards should be assessed using the **general** assessments appropriate for the student's grade level (M-STEP, PSAT, SAT).

It is the responsibility of the IEP team to determine if a student-facing or computer-based mode of testing is appropriate for a student and is part of their routine instruction. If this is not the case, the student should be assessed using the paper version, along with the appropriate supports outlined by the IEP team for the assessment.

Assessment Administrators

Because the MI-Access Functional Independence assessments rely on written and/or oral responses from students, they will most likely be administered by the student's teacher. Other professionals in the school or district—such as school psychologists, teacher consultants, resource room teachers, or related services providers—may also administer the assessments if necessary. Highly qualified paraprofessionals, teacher aides, and others, may *assist* with administration (by making sure the student is on the correct page, addressing the correct question, and so forth), but may not be the lead administrator.

Content Areas Assessed

At this time, the Functional Independence assessments cover five content areas: ELA: Accessing Print and Using Language, ELA: Expressing Ideas, mathematics, science, and social studies. As required by federal law, the assessments reflect Michigan's state standards, Grade Level Content Expectations (GLCEs) and/or Benchmarks in these content areas. Alternate content standards, reflecting the previously mentioned general content areas, exist as an option for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities so they are appropriate for the student population being tested. The Essential Elements with Michigan range of complexity (EEs), Extended GLCEs (EGLCEs) and Extended Benchmarks (EBs) on which the Functional Independence assessments are based can be downloaded from the MI-Ac-

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cess web page (www.mi.gov/mi-access). Following is a brief description of each content area assessment.

Functional Independence ELA: Accessing Print and Using Language (APUL)

The Functional Independence ELA: APUL Assessments have five parts: Vocabulary, Language, Listening, Understanding Text, and Research/Inquiry. The format is primarily multiple choice with three answer choices. In some cases, there is a short stimulus that goes with a question or a passage that goes with several questions. Question stimuli and passages are of content and vocabulary that are appropriate for the students being tested at any given grade level.

The assessment is based on several claims:

Claim 1: Students can comprehend text in increasingly complex ways.

Claim 2: Students can produce writing for a range of purposes and audiences.

Claim 3: Students can communicate for a range of purposes and audiences.

Claim 4: Students can engage in research/inquiry to investigate topics and present information.

The assessment is broken into parts: Vocabulary, Language, Listening, Understanding Text and Research/Inquiry.

Functional Independence ELA: Expressing Ideas

In the Functional Independence ELA: Expressing Ideas assessments, students are asked to respond to two prompts by “expressing ideas” related to practical, real-world situations. The prompts have been developed to accommodate various response modes, which means that students may write, draw, or use a combination of the two modes to express themselves. (Students whose disabilities prevent them from writing or drawing may dictate their responses.) Student responses are evaluated by external, specially trained hand-scorers using a four-point rubric that measures topic focus, organization, and use of language and visual conventions. The scoring rubric is shown in Appendix I of this manual. ELA: Expressing Ideas is assessed in grades 3–8, and 11 this year and will have separate booklets since it will be administered in paper format only. Also, ELA: Expressing Ideas will only be available as a paper/pencil assessment and must be ordered for all FI students taking the ELA assessment.

Important Note: All students who take any FI: ELA assessment must:

- **participate in BOTH Accessing Print and Using Language (APUL) as well as the Expressing Ideas (EI) tests,**
- **complete the paper version of EI, even if APUL is completed online**
- **complete both APUL and EI in order to receive overall valid ELA scores**

Since the Expressing Ideas is a paper version of the test, this part of the ELA test is routinely overlooked and consequently missed. Failure to have students take both of these content areas will result in an invalid ELA score.

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Functional Independence Mathematics Assessments

The FI Mathematics assessments are also based on several key areas or claims. They are:

Claim 1: Students demonstrate increasingly complex understanding of number sense.

Claim 2: Students demonstrate understanding of increasingly complex spatial reasoning and understanding of geometric principles.

Claim 3: Students demonstrate increasingly complex understanding of measurement, data and analytic procedures.

Claim 4: Students solve increasingly complex mathematical problems, making productive use of algebra and functions.

Each claim contains a few different strands such as: Operations in Base 10; Numbers and Operations-Fractions; Geometry; Measurement and Data; Problem Solving, etc. For more specificity, please see the Essential Elements with Michigan Range of Complexity for any given grade level as posted on the MI-Access web page.

The mathematics assessments for students in grades 3-8 and 11 will each have 34 multiple-choice items. Each question is followed by three answer choices. The items are designed so that any data, tables, charts, advertisements, and/or text that are needed to respond to a question are presented as part of the item, not supplied by the assessment administrator. However, because of the student population being tested, there may be instances where assessment administrators choose to have actual materials on hand instead of relying solely on the pictures/graphics in the assessment booklets (coins, bills, clocks, and base ten blocks are some examples). Using actual materials is allowed as long as it does NOT change the nature of a question or elicit a different response.

Students may also use calculators on the mathematics assessment if they are routinely used during classroom instruction. It should be noted, however, that no items were written to be rulers – or calculators–dependent. Students may record their answers and perform computations directly in their assessment booklets; assessment administrators will transfer the answers later to the students' answer documents.

Functional Independence Science Assessments

The Functional Independence Science assessments focus on five areas or strands—(1) Constructing New Scientific Knowledge, (2) Reflecting on Scientific Knowledge, (3) Using Life Science, (4) Using Earth Science, and (5) Using Physical Science. To make the assessments meaningful for students, as many items as possible are presented in one of three real-world contexts: daily living, community experience, or employment.

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The grade 4 science assessments have 43 multiple-choice items; assessments for students in grade 7 have 50 multiple-choice items; and assessments for students in grade 11 have 55 multiple-choice items. Each question is followed by three answer choices (sometimes just words alone, and other times graphics with or without words or labels). Like mathematics, the science items are designed so that any data, tables, charts, graphics, and/or text that are needed to respond to a question are presented as part of the item, not supplied by the assessment administrator. However, because of the student population being tested, there may be instances where assessment administrators choose to have actual materials on hand instead of relying solely on the pictures/graphics in the assessment booklets. Using actual materials is allowed as long as it does NOT change the nature of a question or elicit a different response.

Functional Independence Social Studies Assessments

The Functional Independence Social Studies assessments for grades 5 and 8 focus on two major areas (1) United States History and Geography, and (2) Public Discourse, Decision Making, and Citizenship. Grade 11 focuses on four major areas (1) World History and Geography, (2) United States History and Geography, (3) Civics, and (4) Economics. To make the assessments meaningful for students, as many items as possible are presented in one of three real-world contexts: daily living, community experience, or employment.

The grade 5 assessments have 40 multiple-choice items; grade 8 have 42 multiple-choice items; and grade 11 have 52 multiple-choice items. Each question is followed by three answer choices (sometimes just words alone, and other times graphics with or without words or labels). Because of the student population being tested, there may be instances where assessment administrators choose to have actual materials on hand instead of relying solely on the pictures/graphics in the assessment booklets. Using actual materials is allowed as long as it does NOT change the nature of a question or elicit a different response. This assessment also has a section of passages that tell a brief story followed by several questions. This passage format is to familiarize the student with events and places in a effort to introduce context to the test item.

Assessment Accommodations

Although the assessments were designed to be accessible to all students identified in their IEPs as taking the Functional Independence assessments, there may be students who still need assessment accommodations to participate fully and meaningfully. For example, if a student has a motor or visual impairment that routinely prohibits him or her from physically marking responses, the student may give answers orally or in some other way without affecting his or her score. The *General Information* section of this manual includes detailed information on the types of accommodations that may be used. Prior to administration, assessment administrators should review that part of the manual carefully and review each student's IEP to ensure that the appropriate accommodations are available and ready for use. Keep in mind that all assessment accommodation decisions must be made on a student-by-student basis and may affect how the assessment is administered.

The Administration Process and Assessment Materials

This portion of the manual describes the administrative steps that need to be taken before, during, and after assessment administration. Following is detailed information on the Functional Independence assessment materials that assessment administrators will receive from the School MI–Access Coordinator and a description of how and when to use and complete them. Please also note that **assessment administrator scripts have been provided in the “During” portion of this section; these scripts MUST be followed when administering the Functional Independence assessments.**

Before

Receiving Assessment Materials

The MI–Access contractor ships all assessment materials to District or the School MI–Access Coordinators. The coordinators are then responsible for distributing them to schools or to assessment administrators.

Some materials will be provided to ALL assessment administrators, including

- one *Reporting Code Sheet* (if used); and
- multiple *OSA Security Compliance Forms* (one for the assessment administrator and extras for any accommodations providers and/or proctors).

The MI–Access list of important assessment dates for the test cycle is available for download at **www.mi.gov/mi-access**.

The other assessment materials provided will vary depending on the grades the assessment administrator is assessing. (ELA: Accessing Print, ELA: Expressing Ideas, and mathematics are assessed in grades 3–8, and 11, science is assessed in grades 4, 7, and 11; and social studies is assessed in grades 5, 8, and 11.) The assessment materials may include some or all of the following:

- Functional Independence ELA: Accessing Print student assessment booklets (purple) (one for the assessment administrator to use and one for each student being tested at grades 3–8, and 11)

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- Functional Independence ELA: Expressing Ideas student assessment booklets (blue) (one for the assessment administrator to use and one for each student being tested at grades 3–8, and 11). Accessing Print materials will also include Listening Scripts to be used to read items to the students during the administration.
- Functional Independence mathematics student assessment booklets (orange) (one for the assessment administrator to use and one for each student being tested)
- Functional Independence science student assessment booklets (red/burgundy) (one for the assessment administrator to use and one for each student being tested at grades 4, 7, and 11)
- Audio CDs of the Functional Independence assessment booklets, if ordered (with companion standard print assessment booklets and student answer documents). **Note:** the CD for ELA: Accessing Print and ELA: Expressing Ideas is on one CD even though the booklets are separate materials. The label also indicates this.
- Braille versions of the Functional Independence assessment booklets, if ordered (with companion *Assessment Administrator Booklets for Braille, Listening Scripts for APUL, and student answer documents*)
- Enlarged print versions of the Functional Independence assessment booklets, if ordered (with companion standard print assessment booklets, Listening Scripts for APUL, and student answer documents)
- Functional Independence Student Answer Documents for ELA: Accessing Print (purple) (for grades 3–8, and 11) (one for the assessment administrator to keep and one for each student being tested)
- Functional Independence Student Answer Documents for ELA: Expressing Ideas (blue) (3–8, and 11) (one for the assessment administrator to keep and one for each student being tested)
- Functional Independence Student Answer Documents for Mathematics (orange) (one document for grades 3-8 and 11) (one for the assessment administrator to keep and one for each student being tested)
- Functional Independence Student Answer Documents for Science (red/burgundy) grades 4, 7, and 11 (one for the assessment administrator to keep and one for each student being tested)
- Functional Independence Student Answer Documents for Social Studies (green) (grades 5, 8, and 11) (one for the assessment administrator to keep and one for each student being tested)
- FI ELA listening scripts for all grades

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Please note that the school and/or assessment administrator is expected to provide

- any optional materials (such as actual bills, coins, or clocks) needed for specific assessment items;
- materials and/or assessment accommodations, if needed, for particular students; and
- Number 2 pencils for assessment administrators to use when completing the scan documents.

Completing, Distributing, and Returning Security Compliance Forms

Before inventorying the materials, obtain, complete, and sign an *OSA Security Compliance Form*, using the directions at the bottom of the form. (For more information on security, see page 14 of this manual.) Next, distribute security compliance forms to others who will assist in the classroom with administering the assessments, including accommodations providers and proctors. Make sure the forms are completed and signed prior to distributing any assessment materials. Then, return all the signed forms to the School MI-Access Coordinator BEFORE assessment administration begins.

Inventorying Assessment Materials

Keeping in mind the students being tested, conduct an inventory to make sure that the correct materials have been provided and that there are sufficient quantities. If any materials are missing, notify the School MI-Access Coordinator so that he or she may go through the appropriate channels to obtain them. (See Table 1 on page 8 of this manual for more information on which content areas must be assessed at which grades.)

If you have students selected to participate in the online student-facing version of the FI test you need to review the online administration manual posted on the MI-Access web page (www.mi.gov/MI-Access). This covers the critical areas of setting up the test and navigating the online test environment as well as other helpful tools to help students become familiar with this format.

Preparing for Assessment Administration

To start preparing for the assessments, thoroughly review the assessment booklets and answer documents to become familiar with the format, questions, administration directions, materials provided by the state, and optional materials (if applicable) provided by the school or assessment administrator.

Obtain the extra assessment administrator booklets that were provided by the MI-Access contractor. (One extra booklet was provided for each assessment the administrator is administering.) For each assessment, review the Do Not Read Aloud Table in the front of the booklet; then, mark those items that cannot be read aloud in the assessment administrator copy of the booklet so they are administered correctly. (General directions on the types of items that should not be read aloud can be found in Appendix B of this manual.)

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Also using the extra assessment administrator booklet, insert the appropriate page numbers in the assessment administrator scripts provided in this manual. (See pages 81–89.) The page numbers vary by content area and grade level. Be sure to review the assessment administrator scripts for each content area to become familiar with what can and cannot be said and done.

For each student being tested, obtain the correct assessment booklet and student answer document. In the space provided on the front of the student assessment booklet, fill in the student name (which should correspond with the Pre-ID student barcode label on the student answer document), teacher name, and school name.

Schedule the assessment keeping in mind that most students will need it administered individually, while a few will participate in group administration. (See general information section of this manual for more information about group administration of the Functional Independence assessments.) Remember, the assessments are NOT timed; therefore, it is up to each assessment administrator to determine how much time should be allotted for the assessment and how much of the assessment should be administered in one sitting.

For each student being tested, find out whether any assessment accommodations are needed. Keep in mind that an accommodation may be used ONLY if (1) a student's IEP indicates it is appropriate for the student, and (2) it is what he or she routinely uses or how he or she routinely responds during instruction. (See page 17 of this manual for more information on assessment accommodations.)

Also, determine whether optional materials are needed for the student being tested or if the graphics and words/labels in the assessment booklet are sufficient. If optional materials are needed, make arrangements to obtain them.

If a student will be using a Braille version of the assessment, be sure to have the *Assessment Administrator Booklet for Braille* (AABB) on hand as it includes transcriber notes indicating how items/directions have been adapted for Braille when necessary. Also, download the tables showing print and Braille page correspondences from the MI-Access web page (www.mi.gov/mi-access) and use them to ensure the student is looking at the correct item on the correct page. (The correspondence tables were developed because the student's assessment booklet is formatted somewhat differently than the AABB).

If a student will be using an audio CD version of the assessment, review the "Instructions for Using Audio CDs" section of Appendix A in this manual. Also, go over the instructions with the student immediately prior to assessment administration. In addition, download the track lists for CDs, which are posted on the MI-Access web page (www.mi.gov/mi-access).

If there are any questions or concerns about the assessments, refer them to the School MI-Access Coordinator. If he or she cannot answer them, they will be referred to the District MI-Access Coordinator for follow-up. (For information on District and School MI-Access Coordinators, consult the Educational Entity Master at www.mi.gov/eem.)

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Immediately prior to assessment administration, obtain the correct assessment booklet for each student being tested. Check to make sure the proper information has been recorded for each student on the front of the booklet in the space provided. Students' answers should be recorded directly in the assessment booklets, either by the students independently or with assistance from the assessment administrator. **Do NOT allow students to write or draw directly on their answer documents, except for ELA: Expressing Ideas prompt responses.** (Assessment administrators will transfer answers from the assessment booklet to the student's answer document after administration is complete.) Administer each question in the assessment booklet as directed, ensuring that professional assessment administration practices are followed. (See the directions and scripts below.)

Directions and Scripts

DIRECTIONS AND SCRIPTS FOR ADMINISTERING ELA: ACCESSING PRINT AND USING LANGUAGE (APUL)

The assessment administration directions for ELA: Accessing Print directions are divided into five distinct parts. Turn to the section of the assessment that you will be starting on. Specific directions are provided for each part.

1. Vocabulary

All directions printed in bold, italic type should be read aloud to students exactly as written. You will need to have the extra assessment booklet provided to you on hand to show students where the directions, questions, and answer choices appear in their booklets.

SAY: ***Turn to page 3 in your assessment booklet.***

Make sure all students are on page 3.

SAY: ***Part 1 of the assessment is called Vocabulary. It tells me what you know about words. Follow along as I read the directions aloud.***

Now, read each sentence then choose the best answer that belongs in that sentence.

Stop after you have reached the end of this part and wait for further directions.

If you are reading the assessment aloud to a student, you will need to fill in the bubble in Section 5 of the student's answer document indicating that a reader was used. Also keep in mind that readers may be used ONLY in small group (defined as five or fewer students) or one-on-one assessment situations.

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2. Language

All directions printed in bold, italic type should be read aloud to the students exactly as written. You will need to have the extra assessment booklet provided to you on hand to show students where the directions, questions, and answer choices appear in their booklets.

SAY: ***Turn to Part 2 in your assessment booklet.*** (The assessment administrator will need to fill in the page number prior to administration.)

Make sure students are looking at the correct page.

SAY: ***Part 2 of the assessment is called Language. It tells me how well you understand what words to use.***

Follow along as I read the directions aloud. "Read each question.

Choose the BEST answer for each question or choose the word that belongs in the sentence."

Stop after you have reached the end of this part and wait for further directions.

3. Research and Inquiry

All directions printed in bold, italic type should be read aloud to the students exactly as written. You will need to have the extra assessment booklet provided to you on hand to show students where the directions, questions, and answer choices appear in their booklets.

SAY: ***Turn to Part 3 in your assessment booklet.*** (The assessment administrator will need to fill in the page number prior to administration.)

Make sure students are looking at the correct page.

SAY: ***Part 3 of the assessment is called Research/Inquiry. It tells me how well you understand and use printed information. Follow along as I read the directions aloud. "Read each question. Choose the BEST answer for each question."***

Turn to the next page of your assessment booklet. You may begin with the first question now.

Stop after you have reached the end of this part and wait for further directions.

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4. Listening

All directions printed in bold, italic type should be read aloud to the students exactly as written. You will need to have the listening script provided to you on hand to read to the student(s) for each item in this part.

SAY: ***Turn to Part 4 in your assessment booklet.***

(The assessment administrator will need to find the page number prior to administration). Make sure students are looking at the correct part. Also be prepared to read each of the listening items for the student(s).

SAY: ***Part 4 of the assessment is called Listening. It tells me how well you understand and respond to details read to you.***

There will be no text to read. Listen to the passage or information and answer the question that follows.

Choose the BEST answer for each question.

Stop after you have reached the end of this part and wait for further directions.

5. Understanding Text

All directions printed in bold, italic type should be read aloud to the students exactly as written. You will need to have the extra assessment booklet provided to you on hand to show students where the directions, questions, and answer choices appear in their booklets.

SAY: ***Turn to Part 5 in your assessment booklet.*** (The assessment administrator will need to fill in the page number prior to administration.)

Make sure students are looking at the correct page.

SAY: ***Part 5 of the assessment is called Understanding Text. It tells me how well you understand what you have read (or heard). Follow along as I read the directions aloud. "Read the passage. Then, answer the questions that follow. Choose the BEST answer for each question."***

Turn to the next page of your assessment booklet. There are four passages in this part of the assessment. Each passage is followed by some questions to answer. You may begin with the first passage now.

Stop after you have reached the end of this part and wait for further directions.

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DIRECTIONS AND SCRIPT FOR ADMINISTERING ELA: EXPRESSING IDEAS

In this assessment, students are asked to respond to two different prompts contained in questions 1 and 2 of each ELA: Expressing Ideas assessment booklet. Students may respond by writing, drawing, or using a combination of the two response modes to express their ideas. Students may also dictate their responses if their disability prevents them from writing or drawing them. The scoring rubric in Appendix I of this manual provides additional details on how students may respond to the prompts.

The assessment administrator and the student should work together to determine which mode the student will use to respond to each of the prompts. (Students do NOT have to use the same response mode for both prompts.) Please note that the student is permitted to use one mode or a combination of modes as necessary and appropriate.

There are two places on the student answer document where students can complete their responses to each prompt. Option 1 contains lines and, therefore, is probably best suited for written or transcribed responses. Option 2 contains a blank space, which is probably best suited for visual representations (or drawings). The assessment administrator will need to direct each student to record his or her response in the most appropriate place given his or her chosen response mode. If a student needs more space than is available, he or she may use the adjacent page of the student answer document. Please note that ALL responses—written, drawn, or dictated/transcribed—MUST be completed using a Number 2 pencil.

Following is some important information regarding each of the different response modes.

- If a student **writes** his or her response, the assessment administrator may NOT transcribe and/or translate what the student has written. Scorers are trained to read all types of student handwriting.
- If a student **visually represents** (or draws) his or her response, he or she may enhance the drawing with labels (one or more words or sentences) or provide a brief oral explanation of the drawing for the assessment administrator to transcribe onto the student's answer document. See the scoring rubric in Appendix I of this manual for more information.
- If the student **dictates** or **Brailles** his or her response, the assessment administrator must transcribe the response verbatim onto the student answer document using Option 1. Then, he or she must indicate that the response was transcribed by initialing the space at the bottom of the student's answer document where indicated and by filling in the appropriate accommodation section.
- If the student **word processes** his or her response, the assessment administrator should (1) label each word-processed page as described on page 21 of this manual, (2) fill in the appropriate bubble in accommodation section of the student's answer document, and (3) insert the word-processed response into the student's answer document.

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Prior to beginning this part of the assessment, distribute the students' assessment booklets, but keep the answer documents until distribution is called for. The assessment administrator will also need to keep a copy of the appropriate assessment booklet AND the corresponding student answer document on hand to refer to while giving directions.

The directions printed in bold, italic type should be read aloud to the student exactly as written.

SAY: ***Turn to page 4 of your assessment booklet.***

Make sure students are looking at the correct page.

SAY: ***This assessment is called ELA: Expressing Ideas. It shows me how well you can tell about your ideas. Follow along as I read the directions aloud.***

“Read the prompt. Complete your response to the prompt on the student answer document. Then, use the checklist to review and proofread your response.”

Now turn to the next page of your assessment booklet. Listen and follow along as I read the prompt for question 1.

Read the prompt aloud from the booklet.

SAY: ***You will complete your response to the prompt on the student answer document that I give you. I will show you where you should put your response.***

Give the students their answer documents and direct them to the page where they should complete their response, either Option 1 or Option 2, for question 1 depending on the response mode chosen. Make sure they have a Number 2 pencil to record their responses.

SAY: ***When you are finished with your response, you may use the checklist in your booklet to review and proofread what you have written (drawn or said).***

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Review the checklist with the students and encourage them to use it. A reprint of the checklist is provided below.

DIRECTIONS: Use this checklist as you review and proofread your response to the prompt.

- Did I answer each part of the prompt?
- Did I support my ideas with details?
- Did I organize my ideas and details clearly?
- Did I review my response one more time to make sure it is just the way I want it?
- Did I put my response on the student answer document?

SAY: **Now, complete your response to the prompt in question 1. Raise your hand when you are finished.**

The assessment administrator may reread the prompt if necessary. He or she also will need to determine when students are ready to continue with the prompt in **question 2**. If the assessment administrator decides to continue with question 2 at a later time, he or she **MUST** collect the student answer documents and store them in a **SECURE** location. If not, the assessment administrator may continue with the following directions.

SAY: **Now, turn to page 6 of your assessment booklet.**

Make sure students are looking at the correct page.

SAY: **Follow along as I read the directions aloud.**

“Read the prompt. Complete your response to the prompt on the student answer document. Then, use the checklist to review and proofread your response.”

Now, turn to the next page of your assessment booklet. Listen and follow along as I read the prompt for question 2.

Make sure students are looking at the correct page. Then, read the prompt aloud from the booklet.

SAY: **As before, you will complete your response to the prompt on your student answer document. I will show you where to put your response to question 2.**

Direct students to the page on their answer documents where they should complete their response, either Option 1 or Option 2, for question 2 depending on the response mode chosen. Make sure they have a Number 2 pencil to record their responses.

SAY: **When you are finished with your response, you may use the checklist in your booklet to review and proofread what you have written (drawn or said).**

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Review the checklist with the students and encourage them to use it. A reprint of the checklist is provided below.

DIRECTIONS: Use this checklist as you review and proofread your response to the prompt.

- _____ Did I answer each part of the prompt?
- _____ Did I support my ideas with details?
- _____ Did I organize my ideas and details clearly?
- _____ Did I review my response one more time to make sure it is just the way I want it?
- _____ Did I put my response on the student answer document?

SAY: ***Now, complete your response to the prompt in question 2. Raise your hand when you are finished.***

The assessment administrator may reread the prompt if necessary. When all the students are finished, collect their booklets and students answer documents and store them in a SECURE location. Note: If additional pages are used for student response please affix a student label to it.

DIRECTIONS AND SCRIPT FOR ADMINISTERING MATHEMATICS

Directions that are printed in bold, italic type should be read aloud to students exactly as written. You will need to have the extra booklet provided to you on hand to show students where the directions, questions, and answer choices appear in their booklets.

SAY: ***Turn to page 3 in your assessment booklet.***

Make sure all students are on page 3.

SAY: ***This assessment will help me know what you understand about mathematics. Follow along as I read the directions aloud.***

“Read each question. Choose the BEST answer for each question.”

You may begin now. Start with question 1 and continue until you have completed all the questions in your booklet. (These directions will need to be altered if you are not administering the entire assessment in one sitting.)

If you are reading aloud to a student, begin reading now. You will need to fill in the bubble in Section 5 of the student’s answer document indicating that a reader was used. Keep in mind, however, that readers may be used ONLY in small group (defined as five or fewer students) or one-on-one assessment situations, and that some item stems, answer choices, and/or keys must NOT be read aloud. Refer to the Do Not Read Aloud Table in the front of each student’s assessment booklet for a list of those items, or parts of items, that cannot be read.

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DIRECTIONS AND SCRIPT FOR ADMINISTERING SCIENCE

Directions that are printed below in bold, italic type should be read aloud to students exactly as written. You will need to have the extra assessment booklet provided to you on hand to show students where the directions, questions, and answer choices appear in their booklets.

SAY: ***Turn to page 3 in your assessment booklet.***

Make sure all students are on page 3.

SAY: ***This assessment will help me know what you understand about science. Follow along as I read the directions aloud.***

“Read each question. Choose the BEST answer for each question.”

You may begin now. Start with question 1 and continue until you have completed all the questions in your booklet. (These directions will need to be altered if you are not administering the entire assessment in one sitting.)

If you are reading aloud to a student, begin reading now. You will need to fill in the bubble in Section 5 of the student’s answer document indicating that a reader was used. Keep in mind, however, that readers may be used ONLY in small group (defined as five or fewer students) or one-on-one assessment situations, and that some answer choices (those with graphics and no accompanying labels) must NOT be read aloud. Refer to the Do Not Read Aloud Table in the front of each student’s assessment booklet for a list of those answer choices.

DIRECTIONS AND SCRIPT FOR ADMINISTERING SOCIAL STUDIES

Directions that are printed below in bold, italic type should be read aloud to students exactly as written. You will need to have the extra assessment booklet provided to you on hand to show students where the directions, questions, and answer choices appear in their booklets.

SAY: ***Turn to page 3 in your assessment booklet.***

Make sure all students are on page 3.

SAY: ***Part 1 of this assessment will help me know what you understand about social studies. Follow along as I read the directions aloud.***

“Read each question. Choose the BEST answer for each question.”

You may begin now. Start with question 1 and continue until you have completed all the questions in Part 1. (These directions will need to be altered if you are not administering the entire assessment in one sitting.)

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If you are reading aloud to a student, begin reading now. You will need to fill in the bubble in Section 5 of the student's answer document indicating that a reader was used. Keep in mind, however, that readers may be used **ONLY** in small group (defined as five or fewer students) or one-on-one assessment situations, and that some answer choices (those with graphics and no accompanying labels) must **NOT** be read aloud. Refer to the Do Not Read Aloud Table in the front of each student's assessment booklet for a list of those answer choices.

When the student has completed part 1 you may proceed to part 2 below.

SAY: **Turn to page __ in your assessment booklet.** (The page number for grade 5 is 19, grade 8 is 17, and grade 11 is page 25.)

Make sure students are looking at the correct page.

SAY: **Part 2 of this assessment tells me how well you understand what you have read (or heard) in each passage. Follow along as I read the directions aloud.**

“Read the passage. Then, answer the questions that follow. Choose the BEST answer for each question.” Turn to the next page of your assessment booklet. There are five passages in this part of the assessment. Each passage is followed by four questions to answer. You may begin with the first passage now.

If you are reading the assessment aloud to a student, begin reading the passages and questions now. The passages, questions, and answer choices may be read (by the student and/or the assessment administrator) as many times as necessary. However, each time a passage or question is read aloud by the assessment administrator, he or she **MUST** read it from beginning to end, unless the student requests to have a specific sentence, paragraph, or word reread. Be sure to fill in the bubble in Section 5 of the student's answer document indicating that a reader was used. Keep in mind that readers may **ONLY** be used in small group (defined as five or fewer students) or one-on-one assessment situations.

If you want students to stop between each passage (as they are directed to in the student assessment booklet) or if you are not administering all five passages in one sitting, tell your students when you would like them to stop and start. Otherwise, direct them to continue reading the passages and answering the questions until they have answered all the questions. Please note that, if all the passages are not administered in one sitting, you must reread the part 2 directions above each time you begin.

After

Completing the Student Answer Document

Obtain the student’s answer document and complete all sections using a Number 2 pencil. (Be sure to print all requested information AND mark all corresponding grids unless otherwise directed.) Detailed directions, along with a graphic representation of one or more answer documents, are provided on pages 92 and 93 of this manual and **MUST** be followed. (The directions apply to ALL Functional Independence answer documents, regardless of the content area or grade assessed, because they are formatted in similar ways.)

Please note that each answer document has a “Student Status” section that should be marked if they apply to the student being tested. Following are definitions for those report codes.

- Home Schooled (NOT Homebound): A student who is tested, but because he or she is home schooled, should not be included in the district’s or school’s reports. Home-schooled students are not required to take MI–Access assessments, but may be tested during the district’s assessment window if they wish. (Public school districts are required to administer MI–Access assessments to home-schooled students who want to be tested.) Districts will receive separate *Individual Student Reports* for home-schooled students, as well as separate *Parent Reports*. The reports should be forwarded to the parents of each home-schooled student.
- Student Prohibited Behavior: A student engages in prohibited behavior when he or she
 - communicates or collaborates in any way with another student (including written, electronic, verbal, or gestured forms of communication);
 - copies another student’s answers, or requests or accepts help from another person;
 - uses any material or equipment that is not expressly permitted by the OSA;
 - answers an assessment question or any part of an assessment for another student or provides any other assistance to another student before or while that student is being tested;
 - uses prohibited communication or information storage devices (e.g., pagers, cell phones, etc.) and/or;
 - engages in any other practice with the intent of artificially affecting a student’s score or the score of another student.

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If an assessment administrator observes a student who appears to be engaged in one or more of these behaviors, he or she should allow the student(s) to finish the assessment and code the student's answer document by filling in the "Student Prohibited Behavior" bubble, then follow the procedural directions for reporting the behavior in the *Assessment Integrity Guide* available at www.mi.gov/mi-access.

Once each student answer document is complete, go back over it one more time to make sure everything has been recorded accurately and there are no stray marks. Then, put the completed answer documents in one pile, making sure they are all facing the same direction.

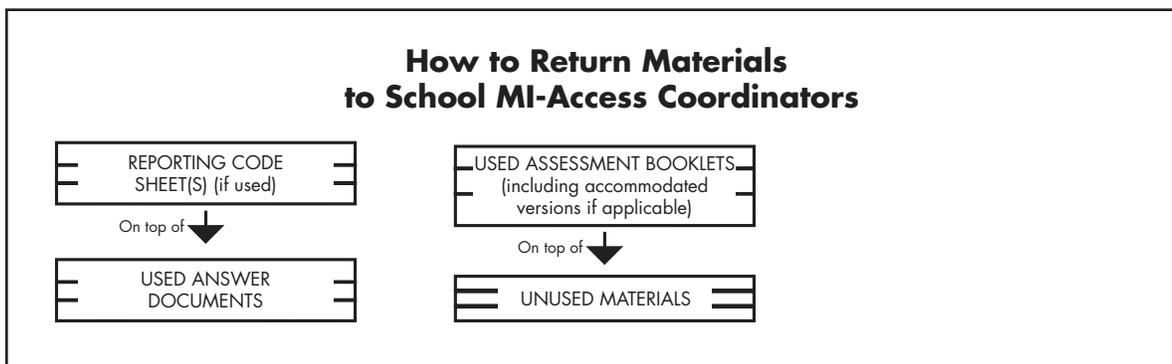
Completing the Reporting Code Sheet

If your district or school has opted to use *Reporting Code Sheets*, complete the sheets as instructed. Detailed directions, along with a graphic representation of the sheet, are provided on page 94 of this manual and **MUST** be followed.

Returning Materials to the School MI-Access Coordinator

Gather up all **used** student answer documents and put them in one pile. Then, place the completed *Reporting Code Sheet(s)* (if used) on top of that pile. Next, put all the other used and unused assessment materials in a separate pile and return both piles to the School MI-Access Coordinator by the date requested. Do **NOT** return manuals (they may be shredded or recycled). (See Figure 8 which illustrates how to prepare the materials for return.)

Figure 8



Completing the Coordinator/Assessment Administrator Feedback Survey

Once materials have been returned to the School MI-Access Coordinator, complete the *Coordinator/Assessment Administrator Feedback Survey* at www.mi.gov/mi-access. The MDE conducts this survey every test cycle to obtain feedback from the field on the assessment administration process.

Student Answer Documents – Front

Pre-ID Label. Make sure the correct Pre-ID label for the student who used the answer document is affixed here. If the label is incorrect or missing, a \$10 processing fee will be assessed to the district to cover the costs associated with researching to whom the document belongs.

Section 1. Print the student's first and last name, the teacher's first and last name, the school name, the district name, and the date the assessment was administered.

Section 2. Mark the student's birth month, day, and year in the grid. Also, write the student's birth day and year in the boxes above the grid.

Section 3. Write in optional Reporting Code numbers only if the School MI-Access Coordinator has requested that it be done and has provided the proper codes. Mark the corresponding bubbles in the grid, using leading zeros if necessary ("0027" as an example).

Section 4. Fill in research codes only if the School MI-Access Coordinator has requested that it be done and has provided the proper codes.

Section 5. Fill in the appropriate bubbles to indicate which accommodation(s) the student used, if any. (See the *M-STEP, MI-Access, and WIDA Students Supports and Accommodations Table* on the MI-Access web page [www.mi.gov/mi-access] that indicates the universal tools, designated supports, and assessment accommodations that are standard.)

NOTE: Filling in the "nonstandard" bubble will indicate an unacceptable accommodation was used and this will invalidate student responses.

Section 7. AP, EI, M, S, & SS. Print the form number in the box and fill in the appropriate bubble to indicate the grade and form number of the assessment taken by the student. The form number can be found in the top right-hand corner of the front cover of the student's assessment booklet. This number **MUST** be filled in correctly because it determines which answer key is used to score the assessment. (Please note that accommodated versions of the assessment booklets may not have the same form number as the other booklets being used in your school/district. Be sure to print and bubble in the form number that is on the front of the accommodated version if that is what the student was administered.)

Section 6. AP, EI, M, S, & SS. Mark as many codes as apply to the student. These codes are used to disaggregate assessment data as required by federal law. Please note that information regarding whether a student is home schooled may already entered in the Secure Site. Therefore, if this report code is filled in on the student's answer document, it will override what is entered in the site. (For code definitions, see page 87 of this manual.)

Student Answer Documents – Back

Section 8-12. AP, EI, M, S, & SS. Working from the student’s assessment booklet, transfer the student’s responses for each question to the student’s answer document. Fill in the A, B, or C bubbles to indicate which selected-response answers were marked by the student (independently or with assessment administrator assistance). Check to make sure that the student’s answers have been accurately transferred to the answer document.

Student Answer Document
YOU MUST USE A NO. 2 PENCIL TO COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS

Directions: Complete Sections 8 through 12 as described in the *2017 MI-Access Test Administrator Manual*.

8. Part 1 - Vocabulary	
1. <input type="radio"/> A <input type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/> C	7. <input type="radio"/> A <input type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/> C
2. <input type="radio"/> A <input type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/> C	8. <input type="radio"/> A <input type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/> C
3. <input type="radio"/> A <input type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/> C	9. <input type="radio"/> A <input type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/> C
4. <input type="radio"/> A <input type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/> C	10. <input type="radio"/> A <input type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/> C
5. <input type="radio"/> A <input type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/> C	11. <input type="radio"/> A <input type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/> C
6. <input type="radio"/> A <input type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/> C	12. <input type="radio"/> A <input type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/> C

9. Part 2 - Language	
13. <input type="radio"/> A <input type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/> C	17. <input type="radio"/> A <input type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/> C
14. <input type="radio"/> A <input type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/> C	18. <input type="radio"/> A <input type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/> C
15. <input type="radio"/> A <input type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/> C	19. <input type="radio"/> A <input type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/> C
16. <input type="radio"/> A <input type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/> C	

10. Part 3 - Research/Inquiry	
20. <input type="radio"/> A <input type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/> C	23. <input type="radio"/> A <input type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/> C
21. <input type="radio"/> A <input type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/> C	24. <input type="radio"/> A <input type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/> C
22. <input type="radio"/> A <input type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/> C	

11. Part 4 - Listening	
25. <input type="radio"/> A <input type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/> C	26. <input type="radio"/> A <input type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/> C

12. Part 5 - Understanding Text		
27. <input type="radio"/> A <input type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/> C	32. <input type="radio"/> A <input type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/> C	37. <input type="radio"/> A <input type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/> C
28. <input type="radio"/> A <input type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/> C	33. <input type="radio"/> A <input type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/> C	38. <input type="radio"/> A <input type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/> C
29. <input type="radio"/> A <input type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/> C	34. <input type="radio"/> A <input type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/> C	39. <input type="radio"/> A <input type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/> C
30. <input type="radio"/> A <input type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/> C	35. <input type="radio"/> A <input type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/> C	40. <input type="radio"/> A <input type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/> C
31. <input type="radio"/> A <input type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/> C	36. <input type="radio"/> A <input type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/> C	41. <input type="radio"/> A <input type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/> C

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS AREA

DO NOT WRITE BEYOND THIS AREA
DO NOT WRITE IN THIS AREA

IMPORTANT! After all of the student’s answers have been transferred, go back over the answer document one more time to make sure everything has been recorded accurately and there are no stray marks. If a mistake was made, be sure to erase it completely.

Reporting Code Sheet

Section 1. Write the name of the person filling out this sheet, as well as the district name and school name.

Section 2. Verify the preprinted district code. (If it is incorrect, please notify the School MI-Access Coordinator. Do NOT try to correct the information on the sheet.) If the information is not preprinted, enter the correct information.

Section 3. Verify the preprinted school code. (If it is incorrect, please notify the School MI-Access Coordinator. Do NOT try to correct the information on the sheet.) If the information is not preprinted, enter the correct information.



REPORTING CODE SHEET

INSTRUCTIONS: This is an optional form. The purpose of this form is to allow districts and schools to receive reports by class or group designation(s). It is the decision of the school or district to use this option and to define the 4-digit reporting codes that are most useful to the district or school. **Assigned reporting codes must be UNIQUE within a school.**

This form needs to be completed for every teacher. It may be completed by the teacher or the district or school MI-Access coordinator. The person completing this form will need a teacher name and the reporting code(s) assigned to the teacher. Reporting codes should be assigned by the district or school coordinator.

Instructions for each area on the form are as follows:

- Provide the name of the person completing this form (teacher or district/school coordinator) and the district and school name.
- In the boxes under the DISTRICT CODE, indicate the district number. Fill in the corresponding circles.
- In the boxes under SCHOOL CODE, indicate the school number. Fill in the corresponding circles.
- In the boxes under TEACHER NAME, left justify the name of the teacher for whom reporting code(s) are being provided and fill in the corresponding circles.
- In the boxes under REPORTING CODE, indicate the 4-digit reporting codes assigned to this teacher and fill in the corresponding circle under each block. For teachers who need reporting for multiple groups, up to six (6) different numbers can be included on this form. If less than a 4-digit number is used, fill in with zeros ahead of the number.

This form should be delivered to the school MI-Access coordinator. Instructions for return to the scoring contractor may be found in the MI-Access Test Administration Manual.

MARKING INSTRUCTIONS

- Use only soft lead pencil (No. 2)
- Do NOT use ink or ball point pen.
- Make heavy dark marks that completely fill in the circles.
- Erase completely any marks that you wish to change.
- Make NO stray marks on this sheet.

CORRECT MARK **INCORRECT MARKS**

○ ○ ○ ⊗ ⊗ ⊗ ⊗

1 PLEASE PRINT

Name of Person Completing this Form _____

District Name _____

School Name _____

2 DISTRICT CODE

0	0	0	0	0
1	1	1	1	1
2	2	2	2	2
3	3	3	3	3
4	4	4	4	4
5	5	5	5	5
6	6	6	6	6
7	7	7	7	7
8	8	8	8	8
9	9	9	9	9

3 SCHOOL CODE

0	0	0	0	0
1	1	1	1	1
2	2	2	2	2
3	3	3	3	3
4	4	4	4	4
5	5	5	5	5
6	6	6	6	6
7	7	7	7	7
8	8	8	8	8
9	9	9	9	9

4 TEACHER NAME

LAST NAME		FIRST NAME	
A	A	A	A
B	B	B	B
C	C	C	C
D	D	D	D
E	E	E	E
F	F	F	F
G	G	G	G
H	H	H	H
I	I	I	I
J	J	J	J
K	K	K	K
L	L	L	L
M	M	M	M
N	N	N	N
O	O	O	O
P	P	P	P
Q	Q	Q	Q
R	R	R	R
S	S	S	S
T	T	T	T
U	U	U	U
V	V	V	V
W	W	W	W
X	X	X	X
Y	Y	Y	Y
Z	Z	Z	Z

5 REPORTING CODE

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1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
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8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9



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Section 4. Write the last name of the teacher for whom a Reporting Code number(s) is being provided in the first 12 boxes and the teacher's first name in the following 10 boxes. Omit all spaces, hyphens, apostrophes, Jr., or III, and complete the grid.

Section 5. In the boxes, indicate the 4-digit Reporting Code number(s) assigned to this teacher and mark the corresponding bubbles in the grid. For teachers who need reporting for multiple groups, up to six different numbers may be marked on this form. If the numbers assigned to this teacher have fewer than four digits, use leading zeros ("0032" as an example).

Appendix A

Additional Information on Accommodated Versions

Accommodated versions of the assessment booklets may be used on the Functional Independence assessments. Following is information on these versions as well as assessment administrator and student instructions for using audio CDs.

Braille Versions of the Assessments

Braille versions of the Functional Independence assessments are available for students with visual impairment whose IEPs indicate that Braille is an appropriate assessment accommodation and who routinely use it during instruction. All Braille booklets (1) are produced by the American Printing House (APH) for the Blind, (2) follow APH transcription and printing standards, (3) use contracted Braille, (4) use tactile graphics (in place of print graphics), and (5) where needed, use Nemeth numbers.

All Braille versions of the assessments come packaged with a companion *Assessment Administrator Booklet for Braille* (which includes transcriber notes indicating how the items and/or directions have been adapted for Braille), and a student answer document. Braille kits for ELA: APUL will include listening scripts. Students are to indicate their answers in the assessment booklet during administration; the assessment administrator will transfer the responses later to the student's answer document.

Enlarged Print Versions of the Assessments

Enlarged print versions of the Functional Independence assessments are available for students with visual impairment whose IEPs indicate that enlarged print is an appropriate assessment accommodation and who routinely use it during instruction. Enlarged print booklets are produced by APH and printed in approximately 15-point font.

All enlarged print versions of the assessments will come packaged with a companion standard print booklet and a student answer document. Enlarged Print kits for ELA: APUL will include listening scripts. Students are to mark their answers in the assessment booklet during administration; the assessment administrator will transfer the responses later to the student's answer document.

Audio CD Versions of the Assessments

Audio CD versions of the Functional Independence assessments are available for students whose IEPs indicate that CDs are an appropriate assessment accommodation and who routinely use them during instruction. The audio CDs will come packaged with a companion standard print assessment booklet and a student answer document.

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CDs may be used to administer the Functional Independence assessments to small groups (defined as five or fewer students) as long as each student is able to (1) mark his or her own answers in the assessment booklet, and (2) use a headset. Otherwise, CDs may only be used in one-on-one assessment situations.

Instructions for Using Audio CDs

Audio CDs function in very specific ways; therefore, assessment administrators may want to walk students through the following steps on how to use CD versions of the Functional Independence assessments prior to testing.

- CDs must be handled with great care. They will not work properly if they are damaged by fingerprints and scratches.
- If you need to temporarily stop the CD during the assessment, be sure to hit the “Pause” button. When the “Pause” button is hit, the CD will pause and can be restarted at the same place. If you hit the “Stop” button, most CD players will return to the beginning of the CD.
- CD track listings are posted on the MI–Access web page (www.mi.gov/mi-access). These listings include a question number and a page number for each CD track. They may be printed out for use during the assessment.
- To avoid confusion, the CD tracks are set up so that the question number always corresponds with the track number on the CD. So, for example, question 11 is located on track 11.
- Please note that CDs may NOT be copied onto a computer hard drive, nor may any copies of the CDs be made.
- All CD versions of the assessments—as well as other accommodated versions—must be returned to the School MI–Access Coordinator along with the other used and unused assessment materials (except manuals). He or she will pass them along to the District MI–Access Coordinator for ultimate return to the MI–Access contractor.
- The CD for ELA: Accessing Print and using language and ELA: Expressing Ideas will continue to be on **one** CD as in the past even though the test booklets are separate booklets.

Appendix B

General Directions for “Do Not Read Aloud” Items

Although readers are a standard assessment accommodation on all MI-Access assessments, there are a number of items, or parts of items, that cannot be read aloud because doing so would give the answer away. Therefore, Do Not Read Aloud Tables have been developed and included at the front of each MI-Access assessment booklet. Assessment administrators need to review the tables prior to testing and note any items that cannot be read aloud in their own assessment booklets.

Following are descriptions—organized by content area—of the general types of items where reading aloud would be considered a nonstandard accommodation.

ELA: Accessing Print and Using Language (FI)/English Language Arts (P/SI)

- All the MI-Access ELA items have been developed in such a way that they do not have specific limitation on reading aloud. The Do Not Read Aloud table on the inside cover should show N/A.)
- For items where picture answer choices are NOT accompanied by labels, the answer choices cannot be read aloud.

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- For all coin/money items, the coin(s) or bill(s) must never be identified by name. The item stem can be read, but the money must not be named.
- For all base 10 block items, only the item stem should be read, never the key or answer choices.
- For items where reading the numeral or corresponding word in either the item stem or the answer choices would give the answer away, the answer choices cannot be read aloud. (See the example below.)

Example: What numeral represents the number seventeen?

- A** 7
- B** 17
- C** 27

- For FI sequencing items with numbers (e.g., 8, 10, __, 14, 16), the numbers in the stem cannot be read aloud.

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- For sequencing items comprised of pictures/symbols (e.g., heart, circle, square, heart, circle, _____), the pictures/symbols in the stem and the answer choices cannot be read aloud.
- Keys cannot be read aloud.
- Picture answer choices that are NOT accompanied by labels cannot be read aloud.

Science

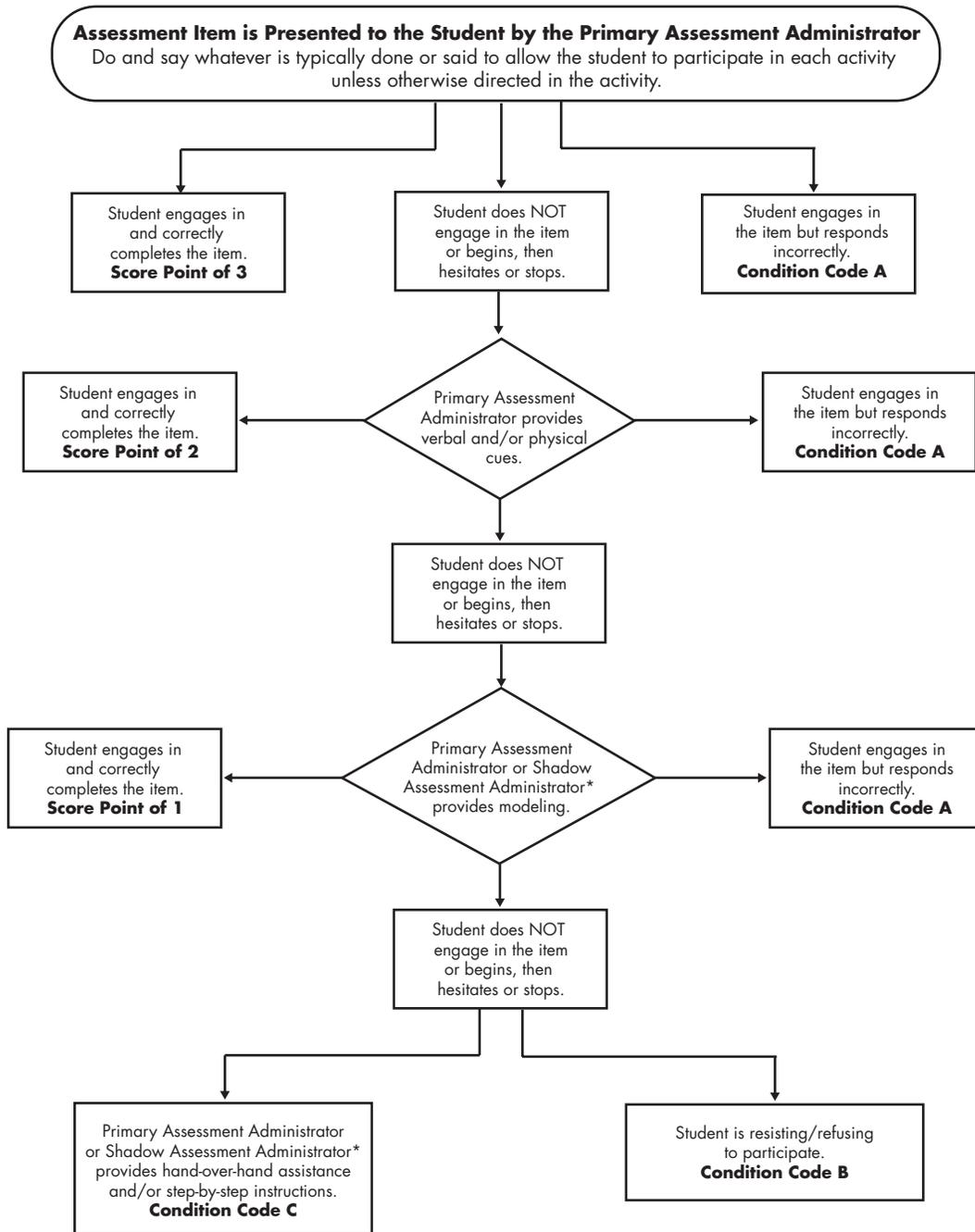
- Picture answer choices that are NOT accompanied by labels cannot be read aloud.

Social Studies

- Social Studies assessments do not contain any “Do Not Read Aloud” items.

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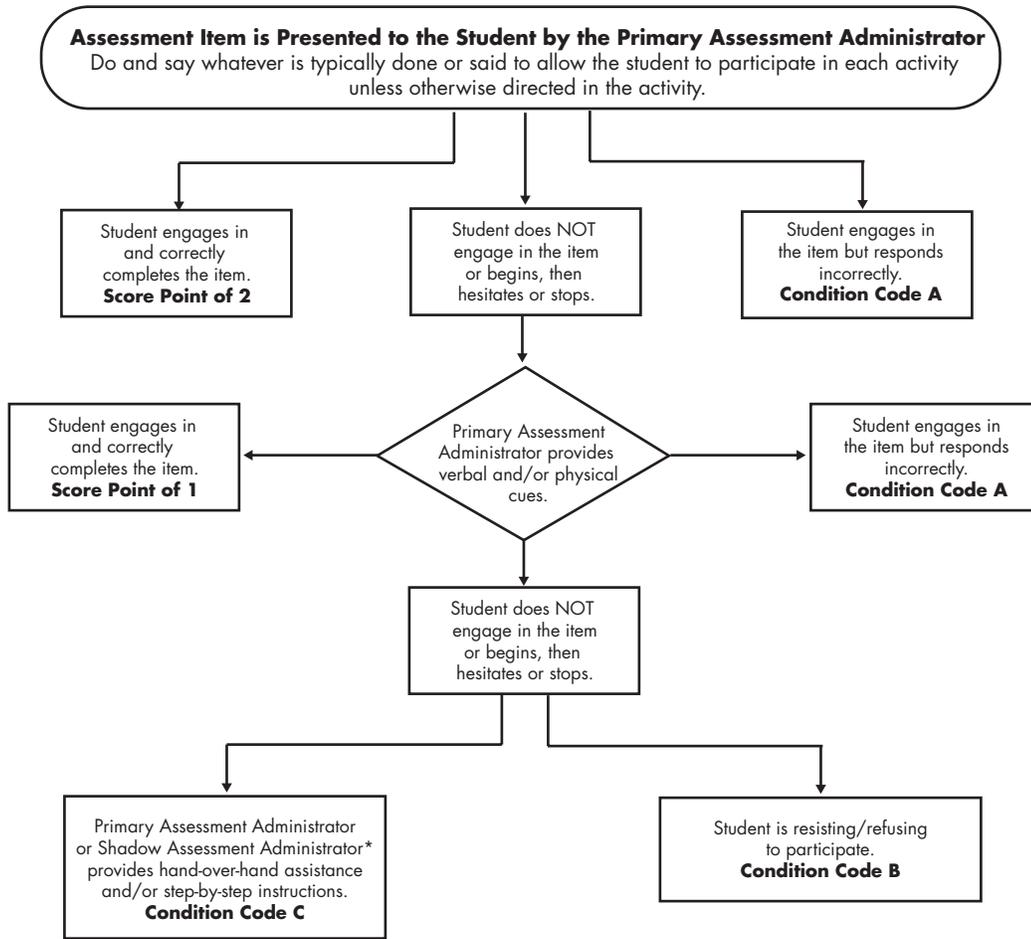
Participation Scoring Rubric Flow Chart



* If directed to do so by the Primary Assessment Administrator.

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Supported Independence Scoring Rubric Flow Chart



* If directed to do so by the Primary Assessment Administrator.

Appendix E

Participation Scoring Rubric Score Point and Condition Code Definitions

Following are definitions for the terms used in the score points and condition codes that comprise the MI-Access Participation scoring rubric. Some definitions are accompanied by examples of how to apply them, using sample assessment items that are available for public use.

NOTE: There may be assessment items in which students with physical limitations and or sensory impairment know how to complete the item correctly, but cannot do so—because of their disability—without physical help from another individual. Providing physical assistance in these cases should NOT adversely affect a student’s score if he/she is capable of directing and then receiving the requested assistance. For example, if a student in a wheelchair is cognitively able to demonstrate his or her understanding of maps and directions by navigating through the school building to designated locations but he or she needs help to move the wheelchair or open and close doors, the student should not be penalized (or given a lower score) if he or she can direct another person on where to go and when to open and close the doors.

Score Point 3

Correct with No Assessment Administrator Assistance: The student correctly answers/engages in the assessment item without assistance from the Primary Assessment Administrator (PAA), the Shadow Assessment Administrator (SAA), or anyone else.

Score Point 2

Verbal and/or Physical Cues: The student does not answer/engage in the item or begins then hesitates or stops, necessitating prompting—or cues—from the PAA to encourage the student to start, continue effort, or get back on track. Verbal and/or physical cues include prompting to continue (e.g., saying “Good,” “Keep going,” “What’s next,” or “Show me your answer”; pointing to the area where picture cards are located or where a task is to be completed; or touching the student’s arm to bring him/her back on task). The PAA can choose to (1) give verbal OR physical cues within an assessment item, (2) give verbal AND physical cues but at separate times within an assessment item, or (3) give both types of cues simultaneously (e.g., saying “Keep going” while touching the student’s arm to bring him/her back on task). Verbal/physical cues, however, must not give the answer away, tell the student how much of the assessment item remains, or cue the student that he/she has reached the end of the assessment item.

Score Point 1

Modeling: The student does not answer/engage in the assessment item after being provided verbal and/or physical cues, necessitating the PAA, or the SAA if asked, to demonstrate the correct comple-

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tion of the assessment item in a manner that permits the student to observe what he or she is being asked to accomplish, short of hand-over-hand assistance.

Examples of Modeling

- **English Language Arts**

The student might be asked to participate in a verbal exchange (e.g., demonstrating a common courtesy word and/or phrase) with the PAA. If the student appears not to understand the directions and is unresponsive to physical and/or verbal cues, the task could be demonstrated, or modeled, by having the PAA and the SAA complete the communication exchange, thereby showing the correct process. Following modeling, the PAA would once again attempt to complete the item with the student.

- **Mathematics**

The student might be asked to complete a sequence by passing a therapy ball back and forth with the PAA. If the student appears not to understand the directions and is unresponsive to physical and/or verbal cues, the task could be demonstrated, or modeled, by having the PAA and the SAA pass the ball back and forth, thereby showing the correct sequence. Following modeling, the PAA would once again attempt to complete the item with the student.

- **Science**

In a selected-response item, the student might be asked to indicate which animal lives in water (a frog or a mouse). If the student's response mode is pointing, the PAA could ask the SAA the question and the SAA would point to the correct answer, thereby modeling what the student is being asked to do. Following modeling, the PAA would once again attempt to complete the item with the student.

Condition Code A

Incorrect Response: The student provides a response that is incorrect after he or she has engaged in the assessment item.

Condition Code B

Resists/Refuses: The student resists and/or refuses to answer/engage in the item.

Condition Code C

Step-by-Step Directions: Specific step-by-step verbal/signed/pictorial instructions provided to the student in order to inform him/her how to complete the task. After providing step-by-step directions, the PAA might ask the student to answer the item to assess instruction; however, the student would still receive a condition code of "C" rather than a score point, regardless of his or her response.

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Examples of Step-by-Step Directions

- **English Language Arts**

The student might be asked to participate in a verbal exchange (e.g., demonstrating a common courtesy word and/or phrase) with the PAA. If the student has not responded to verbal and/or physical cues or modeling, the PAA may provide step-by-step directions to the student by explaining each step of the verbal exchange (i.e., telling the student what needs to be said next).

- **Mathematics**

If the student has not responded to verbal and/or physical cues or modeling, the PAA may provide step-by-step directions to the student by explaining each step of the activity. For example, an assessment item might call for a student to perform a specified number of repetitions of an exercise. Since the student regularly does sit-ups as part of his or her physical education routine, the assessment administrator decides to observe the student performing sit-ups. Each step in the sequence of the sit-up is explained to the student for each of the repetitions (i.e., if the student is being observed performing 20 sit-ups, he or she is given step-by-step directions 20 times, perhaps by saying, "Up, down, up, down, up, down," etc.).

- **Science Selected Response**

The student might be asked to indicate which animal lives in water (a frog or a mouse). If the student's response mode is pointing, the PAA might say, "The correct answer is frog, so point to the frog."

- **Science Activity-Based Observation**

The student might be asked to indicate his/her hand during a familiar dressing routine when given directions (e.g., "Show me where your hand is," or "Point to your hand"). If the student has not responded to verbal and/or physical cues or modeling, the PAA might touch the student's hand and say, "This is your hand. Point to your hand."

Keep in mind that the purpose of step-by-step instructions is to give the student an opportunity to complete the assessment item for instructional purposes only.

Hand-over-Hand Assistance: Hand-over-hand assistance, which may be used alone or along with step-by-step directions, is provided when a student requires an assessment administrator to physically guide him or her through each step of the item or activity. After providing hand-over-hand assistance, the PAA might ask the student to answer the item to assess instruction; however, the student would still receive a condition code of "C" rather than a score point, regardless of his or her response.

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Examples of Hand-over-Hand Assistance

- **English Language Arts**

An assessment item might require a student to select words paired with pictures that are associated with a specific task. If the student does not respond to the initial attempt to engage him or her in the activity and then does not respond to subsequent verbal/physical cues and/or modeling, the PAA may request that the SAA take the student's hands and physically guide him or her through the process of selecting the correct word or picture.

- **Mathematics**

An assessment item might call for the student to complete a sequence by passing a therapy ball back and forth with the PAA. If the student does not respond to the initial attempt to engage him or her in the activity and then does not respond to subsequent verbal/physical cues and/or modeling, the PAA may request that the SAA take the student's hands and physically guide him or her through each portion of the sequence.

- **Science Selected Response**

The student might be asked to indicate which animal lives in water (a frog or a mouse). If the student's response mode is pointing, the PAA might say, "The correct answer is frog." He/she would then pick up the student's hand and use it to point to the frog.

- **Science Activity-Based Observation**

The student might be asked to indicate his/her hand during a familiar dressing routine when given directions (e.g., "Show me where your hand is," or "Point to your hand"). If the student has not responded to verbal and/or physical cues or modeling, the PAA might pick up the student's right hand and say, "This is your hand." Then, he/she might use the student's left hand to point to the right hand, or wave the student's right hand to indicate it is the answer.

Keep in mind that the purpose of hand-over-hand assistance is to give the student an opportunity to complete the assessment item for instructional purposes only.

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Supported Independence Scoring Rubric Score Point and Condition Code Definitions

Following are definitions for the terms used in the score points and condition codes that comprise the MI-Access Supported Independence scoring rubric. Some definitions are accompanied by examples of how to apply them, using sample assessment items that are available for public use.

Score Point 2

Correct with No Assessment Administrator Assistance: The student correctly answers the assessment item without assistance from the Primary Assessment Administrator (PAA), the Shadow Assessment Administrator (SAA), or anyone else.

Score Point 1

Verbal and/or Physical Cues: The student does not attempt to answer the item or begins then hesitates or stops, necessitating prompting—or cues—from the PAA to encourage the student to start, continue effort, or get back on track. Verbal and/or physical cues include prompting to continue (e.g., saying “Good,” “Keep going,” “What’s next,” or “Show me your answer”; pointing to the area where the task is to be completed; or touching the student’s arm to bring him/her back on task). The PAA can choose to (1) give verbal OR physical cues within an assessment item, (2) give verbal AND physical cues but at separate times within an assessment item, or (3) give both types of cues simultaneously (e.g., saying “Keep going” while touching the student’s arm to bring him/her back on task). Verbal/physical cues, however, must not give away the answer, tell the student how much of the assessment item remains, or cue the student that he/she has reached the end of the assessment item.

Condition Code A

Incorrect Response: The student provides an incorrect response after he/she has engaged in the assessment item.

Condition Code B

Resists/Refuses: The student resists and/or refuses to respond to the item.

Condition Code C

Step-by-Step Directions: Specific step-by-step verbal/signed/pictorial instructions provided to the student in order to inform him/her how to answer the question. After providing step-by-step directions, the PAA might ask the student to answer the item to assess instruction; however, the student would still receive a condition code of “C” rather than a score point, regardless of his/her response.

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Examples of Step-by-Step Directions

- **English Language Arts**

The student might be asked to participate in a verbal exchange (e.g., demonstrating a common courtesy word and/or phrase) with the PAA. If the student has not responded to verbal and/or physical cues, the PAA may provide step-by-step directions to the student by explaining each step of the verbal exchange (i.e., telling the student what needs to be said next).

- **Mathematics**

If the student has not responded to verbal and/or physical cues, the PAA may provide step-by-step directions to the student by explaining each step of the activity. For example, an assessment item might call for a student to perform a specified number of repetitions of an exercise. Since the student regularly does sit-ups as part of his or her physical education routine, the assessment administrator decides to observe the student performing sit-ups. Each step in the sequence of the sit-up is explained to the student for each of the repetitions (i.e., if the student is being observed performing 20 sit-ups, he or she is given step-by-step directions 20 times, perhaps by saying, “Up, down, up, down, up, down,” etc.).

- **Science**

The student might be asked to indicate which animal is a reptile (a turtle, a frog, or a mouse). If the student’s response mode is pointing, the PAA might say, “The correct answer is turtle, so point to the turtle.”

Keep in mind that the purpose of step-by-step instructions is to give the student an opportunity to complete the assessment item for instructional purposes only.

Hand-over-Hand Assistance: Hand-over-hand assistance, which may be used alone or along with step-by-step directions, is provided when a student requires an assessment administrator to physically help him/her answer the item. After providing hand-over-hand assistance, the PAA might ask the student to answer the item to assess instruction; however, the student would still receive a condition code of “C” rather than a score point, regardless of his/her response.

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Examples of Hand-over-Hand Assistance

- **English Language Arts**

An assessment item might require a student to select words paired with pictures that are associated with a specific task. If the student does not respond to the initial attempt to engage him or her in the activity and then does not respond to subsequent verbal/physical cues, the PAA may request that the SAA take the student's hands and physically guide him or her through the process of selecting the correct word or picture.

- **Mathematics**

An assessment item might call for the student to complete a sequence by passing a therapy ball back and forth with the PAA. If the student does not respond to the initial attempt to engage him or her in the activity and then does not respond to subsequent verbal/physical cues, the PAA may request that the SAA take the student's hands and physically guide him or her through each portion of the sequence.

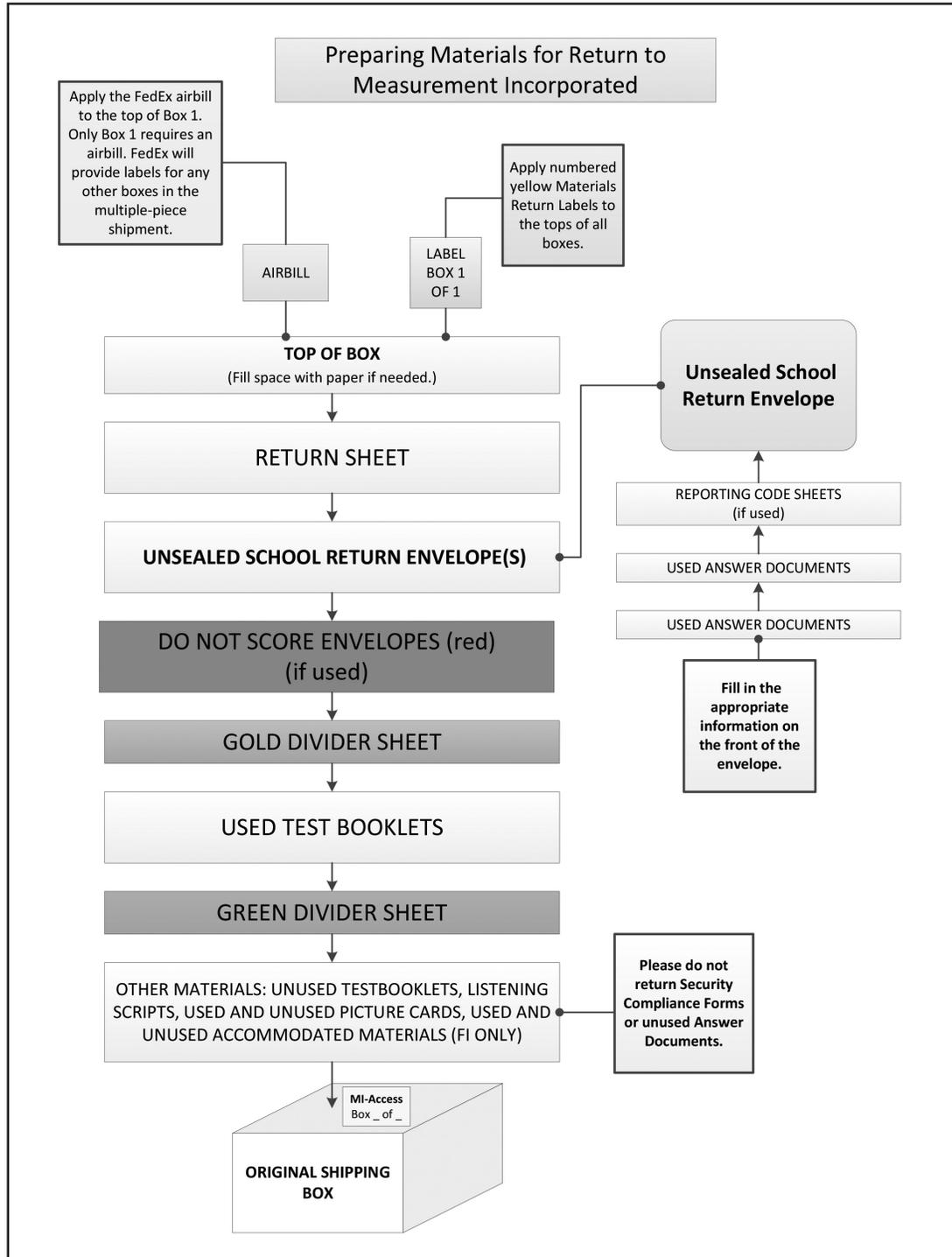
- **Science**

The student might be asked to indicate which animal is a reptile (a turtle, a frog, or a mouse). If the student's response mode is pointing, the PAA might say, "The correct answer is turtle." He/she would then pick up the student's hand and use it to point to the turtle.

Keep in mind that the purpose of hand-over-hand assistance is to give the student an opportunity to complete the assessment item for instructional purposes only.

Appendix G

Return Materials Packing Diagram



Appendix H

Passage Readability

ELA: Accessing Print–Text Comprehension

The readability target for all narrative, expository, and functional reading passages has been determined by the professional judgment of the MI–Access Functional Independence Assessment Plan Writing Team, item writers, content editors, and item-review committees composed of Michigan educators.

In addition, the Degrees of Reading Power® (DRP®) software has been used to analyze the difficulty levels of passages. All Text Comprehension passages are written to approximate the following word count and DRP ranges:

Grades	Difficulty Level	Narrative Length (number of words)	Informational/Functional Length (number of words)
3	35–45 DRP units	200–275	100–175
4/5	40–50 DRP units	225–300	150–225
6/7/8	45–55 DRP units	250–325	200–275
11	50–60 DRP units	275–350	250–325

Readability is a systematic method—typically embodied in one formula or another—of quantifying the differences that educators intuitively know exist in written materials. While there are many different formulas for measuring readability (e.g., Dale-Chall, Flesch-Kincaid), all, or nearly all, include the following features of text: word length, sentence length, and the frequency of word use in the language as a whole. This last feature, referred to as word frequency, can be known from the many counts of words in English that have been made over the years. While many of these features are related to one another—for example, the tendency of shorter words to also be words that occur with higher frequency—each feature makes its own contribution to the various formulas and, therefore, to the measures that each formula provides of readability. While the many formulas share features in common, each has been developed to serve slightly different purposes.

The DRP approach to readability makes use of many of the surface, countable features of text mentioned above to measure readability. DRP readability values reflect the important features of text that will interact with a student’s reading ability to determine the likelihood of success in reading comprehension. Because DRP values are based upon such things as word length, word frequency, and sentence length, they also reflect the semantic (i.e., vocabulary) and syntactic challenges that students will confront and will need to master if they are to become successful readers.

APPENDIX H

Passage Readability

ELA: Accessing Print–Text Comprehension (cont’d)

In order to illustrate the DRP readability scale, the table below provides selected titles that might be used at various MI–Access Functional Independence grade levels, along with their DRP readability values. The selections are mostly award winners, popular titles, and newer copyrights.

Grades	Difficulty Levels	Selections
3	33 DRP units	<i>One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish</i> , Dr. Seuss
	37 DRP units	<i>Clifford, the Big Red Dog</i> , Bridwell
	41 DRP units	<i>Frog and Toad Together</i> , Lobel (Newbery Honor) <i>Strong to the Hoop</i> , Coy (32 pgs)
4/5	42 DRP units	<i>What a Trip</i> , Amber Brown, Danziger <i>Teach Us</i> , Amelia Bedelia, Parish
	45 DRP units	<i>Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing</i> , Blume <i>Train to Somewhere</i> , Bunting (Children’s Notable—Middle Readers) <i>Superfudge</i> , Blume
	48 DRP units	<i>Because of Winn-Dixie</i> , DiCamillo <i>The Middle Moffat</i> , Estes (Newbery Honor)
6/7/8	47 DRP units	<i>Toning the Sweep</i> , Johnson (Coretta Scott King Award) <i>Somewhere in the Darkness</i> , Myers (Boston Globe-Horn Honor, Coretta Scott King Honor, Newbery Honor)
	49 DRP units	<i>Holes</i> , Sachar (Boston Globe-Horn Award, National Book Award, Newbery Medal) <i>My Louisiana Sky</i> , Holt (Boston Globe-Horn Honor, Children’s Notable—Older Readers, Josette Frank Award)
	53 DRP units	<i>A Girl Named Disaster</i> , Farmer (Newbery Honor) <i>Postcards from No Man’s Land</i> , Chambers (Michael L. Printz Award)
11	48 DRP units	<i>The Cuckoo’s Child</i> , Freeman (Children’s Book Award) <i>Miracle’s Boy</i> , Woodson
	52 DRP units	<i>Before We Were Free</i> , Freeman (Children’s Notable—Older Readers) <i>Hope Was Here</i> , Bauer (National Book Award)
	55 DRP units	<i>The Amber Spyglass</i> , Pullman (Children’s Notable—Older Readers) <i>Kit’s Law</i> , Morrissey (Alex Award)

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Appendix I

ELA: Expressing Ideas Scoring Rubric

Scoring Rubric - Grades 3–8, and 11		
	Writing	Drawing
4	The writing focuses on the topic. The topic may not be explicitly stated, but can be easily inferred by the reader. The text includes appropriate details and/or examples based on the student’s prior knowledge and experience. There is a clear organizational structure with transitions between ideas, resulting in a unified whole. The writing demonstrates use of mostly precise word choice and syntax. Errors in language conventions (e.g., grammar, spelling, punctuation, and capitalization) do not interfere with understanding.	The drawing focuses on the topic. Pertinent details and/or examples based on the student’s prior knowledge and experience are (1) clearly present in the drawing, (2) present in the drawing and enhanced through written explanation by the student and/or oral explanation transcribed by the assessment administrator, or (3) provided solely through written and/or transcribed oral explanation. The visual text presents a logical organization and arrangement of figures. Errors in language and visual conventions (e.g., composition, perspective, shape, and clarity) do not interfere with understanding.
3	The writing is mostly on topic. The topic may not be explicitly stated, but can be inferred with little effort by the reader. There is some development of the topic with appropriate details and/or examples. The text reflects a mostly organized structure and may include transitions between ideas. The writing demonstrates some attention to word choice and syntax. Errors in language conventions (e.g., grammar, spelling, punctuation, and capitalization) may slightly interfere with understanding.	The drawing is mostly on topic. Some details and/or examples are (1) present in the drawing, (2) mostly present in the drawing and supported through written and/or transcribed oral explanation, or (3) are provided solely through written and/or transcribed oral explanation. The visual text presents an attempt at logical organization and arrangement of figures. Errors in language and visual conventions (e.g., composition, perspective, shape, and clarity) may slightly interfere with understanding.
2	The writing is somewhat on topic. If not explicitly stated, the topic may not be easily inferred. There is limited development with simplistic details and/or examples. The focus may wander. The writing lacks a clear organizational structure and ideas may be repetitive. Errors in language conventions (e.g., grammar, spelling, punctuation, and capitalization) may make understanding difficult.	The drawing is somewhat on topic, but is developed with limited details and/or examples that are (1) present in the drawing, (2) present in the drawing and supported through minimal written and/or transcribed oral explanation, or (3) presented solely through minimal written and/or transcribed oral explanation. The visual text lacks a clear structure and arrangement of figures. Errors in language and visual conventions (e.g., composition, perspective, shape, and clarity) may make understanding difficult.
1	The writing shows some evidence of an attempt to respond to the prompt, although there is little or no development of the topic and little direction. The vocabulary may be limited to one or two words, not a complete sentence. The text may show minimal sound/letter correspondence and use of language conventions. Errors may make understanding nearly impossible.	The drawing shows some evidence of an attempt to respond to the prompt, yet it presents little or no development of the topic and is supported with little to no written or transcribed oral explanation. The visual text lacks direction or organization. Errors in language and/or visual conventions (e.g., composition, perspective, shape, and clarity) may make understanding nearly impossible.

Not ratable if:
A — off topic, **B** — illegible, **C** — written in a language other than English, **D** — blank/refused to respond



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Important MI-Access Dates

	Spring 2017 Grades 3–8, and 11
Assessment Materials Start Arriving in Districts	Week of March 27
MI-Access Assessment Window	April 10–May 26
Assessment Materials Return Date	Ship to the contractor no later than May 30

* At this time, there are no state-level alternate assessments covering social studies for P/SI. Therefore, Individualized Education Program Teams must determine how students in grades 5, 8, and 11 will be assessed in social studies. Please see page 11 of the "Accountable Students and Test Verification" document on secure site training page at www.michigan.gov/securesitetraining.



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