

# 2013-2014 Michigan District & School Accountability Scorecards

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## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

### ◆ What are Michigan School Accountability Scorecards?

In the summer of 2012, Michigan was approved for flexibility from certain requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB). The approved flexibility waiver from the United States Department of Education has created a new and exciting method for looking at school accountability in the State of Michigan. Michigan will be implementing a new, rigorous and comprehensive system designed to improve the educational outcomes for all students. The new system will work to close achievement gaps, increase equity, and improve the quality of instruction in our public districts and schools across the state. Beginning with the 2012-2013 school year, the Michigan Department of Education released Michigan School Accountability Scorecards as an indicator of school and district compliance, assessment participation and assessment performance requirements.

### ◆ What has changed with the Michigan School Accountability Scorecard system for 2013-14 school year results?

New Color Status: The Michigan School Accountability Scorecards will now include a new overall color status possible as an outcome for your school or district. An overall color of purple indicates a school or district without proficiency data. This new indicator will highlight schools and districts that met all participation and compliance requirements but did not have any proficiency requirements due to not having any full academic year students. Purple schools/district will have to have met all applicable Participation and Compliance Factor requirements and have no full academic year students.

Changed Bottom 30% Subgroup Audit: In recognizing the challenges of attaining rigorous proficiency targets with a subgroup comprised of the lowest 30% of student achievers, the Michigan Department of Education has suspended the individual red cell audit for the Bottom 30% subgroup's proficiency cells. The audit for schools and districts with individual red cells in the Bottom 30% subgroup has changed to the school or district not earning higher than a Lime overall status color.

Previously, the presence of red cells limited a school or district to having an overall status color of Yellow as the best possible outcome.

◆ **What do the Michigan School Accountability Scorecards include?**

The Michigan School Accountability Scorecards will include indicators for assessment participation and proficiency on MEAP, MEAP-Access, MI-Access, and MME. The new scorecard indicators will also include attendance or graduation rates, educator effectiveness label-reporting completion rates, teacher-student data link collection completion rates, School Process Rubrics (SPR 40/90) or Self Assessment (SA) report completion, and School Improvement Plan (SIP) report completion.

◆ **When will the Michigan School Accountability Scorecards be released for the 2013-2014 school year?**

The Michigan School Accountability Scorecards will be released for district and school preview in late June/early July of 2014. After the preview window has completed, the scorecards will be released to the public in the month of August 2014.

◆ **How will districts and schools access the preliminary scorecards for review?**

Districts and schools will access the new scorecards on the Secure Site at <https://baa.state.mi.us/BAASecure/>. Users will login to the Secure Site with MEIS accounts that are authorized to view the site. New users will also have the opportunity to request and gain access to the Secure Site to preview their district or school accountability scorecards.

◆ **Will the scorecards displayed on the Secure Site be appealable?**

Yes, the preliminary scorecard window takes the place of the former preliminary school report cards window used for verification of Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in years past. As it was with the preliminary window used for AYP results, only certain accountability data will be appealable during this time. Data including graduation, enrollment, full academic year (FAY) and assessment participation will NOT be appealable as these data are appealed during previous windows throughout the school year leading up to the scorecard release. The 1% cap, student

attendance rates, the inclusion of formerly Limited English Proficient (FLEP), and the inclusion of Formerly Students with Disabilities (FSWD) WILL be appealable during the preliminary scorecard window.

◆ **Will districts and schools be able to appeal students with disabilities (SWD) subgroups not meeting their proficiency target in the preliminary scorecard window?**

Districts and schools that have a SWD subgroup that does not meet the proficiency target will be able to appeal this determination if the district has an approved 1% MI-Access Cap Exception Waiver on file with the DAS. Districts must apply for the 1% MI-Access Cap Exception Waiver in the late winter/early spring. If the district has an approved waiver on file with the department, it will be valid for three accountability cycles. This means, if your district applied during the 2011-2012 school year, the summer 2014 accountability release will be the last cycle where this waiver is valid and applicable for appeal. Districts that applied during the 2013-2014 school year will be able to use their waiver through the summer 2015 accountability release. The 1% Cap Exception Waiver application is currently closed and was open during the months of April and May 2014. A list of previously applied and approved districts is provided here:

[http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Current\\_Approved\\_1\\_Percent\\_Applications\\_388554\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Current_Approved_1_Percent_Applications_388554_7.pdf)

Districts with approved 1% cap waivers needing the 1% cap exception applied to their MI-Access proficient students will still need to submit an appeal during the preliminary scorecard window in July 2014. Note that the list above may not yet have districts that applied and are/have yet to be approved from the 2013-14 MI-Access 1% cap exception application window from offered in spring 2014.

◆ **How will the public access the new Michigan School Accountability Scorecards upon public release in August 2014?**

The public will be able to access the results of the 2013-2014 Michigan School Accountability Scorecards on [www.MISchoolData.org](http://www.MISchoolData.org). Summary scorecard data and reports will also be available on the Division of Accountability Service's website at [www.mi.gov/schoolscorecard](http://www.mi.gov/schoolscorecard).

◆ **Will Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) results be released also?**

No, because of the approval of Michigan's ESEA flexibility waiver by the U.S. Department of Education, Michigan will not be releasing AYP results for the 2013-2014 school year. ESEA flexibility has permitted the Michigan Department of Education to use the new Michigan School Accountability Scorecards in place of AYP designations utilized in years past.

◆ **What are the proficiency targets for the new Michigan School Accountability Scorecards?**

Proficiency targets or Annual Measurable Objectives (AMOs) for the new scorecards are individual to every school entity in the State Of Michigan. These targets are based on school-wide proficiency percentages by subject from the 2011-2012 (baseline) school year and incrementally increase each year until the 2021-2022 school year. Schools and districts are expected to attain 85% proficiency rates in all assessed content areas by the end of the 2021-2022 school year. Proficiency targets are also unique by subject for each school. All students with a valid subject-level assessment will contribute to the school's baseline and incremental targets. The proficiency targets will be applied equally across all student subgroups applicable within a school entity. For more details on proficiency targets please visit:

[http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/ProficiencyTargetsFAQ\\_413494\\_7.doc](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/ProficiencyTargetsFAQ_413494_7.doc)

◆ **What is the required assessment participation rate for the new Michigan School Accountability Scorecard?**

As in the past several years, the State Of Michigan has a required assessment participation rate of 95% for districts and schools. This requirement is not new; however, what is new for the scorecard system is the inclusion of all subjects for assessment participation indicator. Districts and schools with grades that take science, social studies, and writing assessments will have these subjects included for the test participation indicator on the new scorecard system. Assessment participation will NOT be appealable during the preliminary scorecard window as such appeals already have taken place in the Tested Roster and Students Not Tested windows.

◆ **What is the required attendance rate for the new Michigan School Accountability Scorecard?**

Districts and schools with attendance as a scorecard indicator will be subject to a required attendance rate of 90%. The attendance data that will be used in the scorecard system is from the 2012-2013 school year. The review and appeal window for this information will take place during the preliminary scorecard window in late June/early July.

◆ **What is the required graduation rate for the new Michigan School Accountability Scorecard?**

Districts and schools with graduation rates as a scorecard indicator will be subject to a required graduation rate of 80%. The graduation rates that will be used in the scorecard system are from the 2012-2013 school year. Unless the district was an operator or member of a Shared Education Entity (SEE) or Specialized Shared Educational Entity (S2E2) for accountability during the 2012-2013 school year, the graduation rates to be used on the scorecards are already available through the Michigan Center for Educational Performance and Information (CEPI) at this website: [http://www.michigan.gov/cepi/0,4546,7-113-21423\\_30451\\_51357---.00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/cepi/0,4546,7-113-21423_30451_51357---.00.html). Districts that operated or participated in a SEE or S2E2 for accountability during the 2012-2013 school year will have special district graduation rates reported on the scorecards that follow the SEE/S2E2 accountability model. More information in SEEs and S2E2s can be found at [www.mi.gov/sees](http://www.mi.gov/sees).

◆ **How is the Michigan Department of Education planning on distributing information to administrators prior to the release of the public accountability scorecards?**

The department has prepared documentation and materials for district and school administrators prior to the release of the public accountability scorecards to help them adequately prepare for supporting and explaining the results of the new scorecard system to local stakeholders and parents. The department understands that changes and new implantations of such systems can cause a great deal of questions for local school districts from members of the public. Many materials will be produced to help make the accountability system transparent for local school districts and members of the public.

◆ **How is the Michigan Department of Education planning on supporting the public release of the new Michigan School Accountability Scorecards?**

The department will have a press release and documentation available on its websites to support the release of the latest scorecard and ranking results. Making this information accessible and understandable to the public is crucial to the success of this Michigan’s accountability systems.

◆ **Will nonpublic schools receive a Michigan School Accountability Scorecard?**

No, scorecards will only be released for Intermediate School District (ISD), Local Education Agency (LEA), and Public School Academy (PSA) district and school entities.

◆ **Where can I find resources on the web regarding the district and school accountability topics included in this FAQ?**

The department has many web resources available regarding general and technical details of topics within this document. Below is a listing of topics and their associated links for web resources.

Division of Accountability Services (DAS)	<a href="http://www.mi.gov/baa">www.mi.gov/baa</a>
Center for Educational Performance and Information (CEPI)	<a href="http://www.mi.gov/cepi">www.mi.gov/cepi</a>
MI School Data Portal	<a href="http://www.mischooldata.org">www.mischooldata.org</a>
Michigan School Accountability Scorecards	<a href="http://www.mi.gov/schoolscorecard">www.mi.gov/schoolscorecard</a>
Legacy Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Information	<a href="http://www.mi.gov/ayp">www.mi.gov/ayp</a>
Top-to-Bottom School Rankings	<a href="http://www.mi.gov/ttb">www.mi.gov/ttb</a>
Information on Focus Schools	<a href="http://www.mi.gov/focusschools">www.mi.gov/focusschools</a>
Information on Priority Schools	<a href="http://www.mi.gov/priorityschools">www.mi.gov/priorityschools</a>

Information on Reward Schools

[www.mi.gov/rewardschools](http://www.mi.gov/rewardschools)

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