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## FUN FACT

Charter schools across the United States are funded at 61% of their district counterparts.

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## Did You Know?

### Compliance Standards for Special Education (October 2013)

The state must ensure that each public agency implements the requirements of both the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and the Michigan Administrative Rules for Special Education (MARSE). These Compliance Standards outline the compliance requirements for both the IDEA and the MARSE. These compliance standards must be met by all public agencies.

- [Compliance Standards \(PDF\)](#)
- [Compliance Standards \(Word\)](#)

Specifically, under § 300.149 of the IDEA,

(a) The State Educational Agency (SEA) is responsible for ensuring:

- (1) That the requirements of this part are carried out; and
- (2) That each educational program for children with disabilities administered within the state, including each program administered by any other state or local agency:
  - (i) Is under the general supervision of the persons responsible for educational programs for children with disabilities in the SEA; and
  - (ii) Meets the educational standards of the SEA (including the requirements of this part).

Public agencies are required to maintain records to show compliance with program requirements, pursuant to § 76.731 of the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) and the MARSE. Documentation must include sufficient written detail to demonstrate compliance.

Within this document, the first column, "Citation," lists the rule or regulation from the IDEA, or the MARSE. The second column lists the standard that the public agency must meet. A citation from the IDEA is noted with a section symbol, such as § 300.300. A citation from the MARSE is noted with a rule abbreviation, such as R 340.1721b. The use of the third column is at the discretion of each public agency. The third column is intended to be used to indicate specifically how the public agency complies with each standard. For example, the public agency may list the names of forms or policy numbers. It may also indicate where to find applicable procedures in the public agency's procedure manuals.

## QUICK LINKS:

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MAASE

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OSEP

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- MITS
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- MIBLSI
- MI<sup>2</sup>
- MI Alliance for Families
- Project Find MI
- RTSL
- START

## Resource

### Can You Trust Information from that Web Site?

Knowing when to trust a website depends in part on who publishes the website, what information they want, and what you want from the site. If you are not sure whether to trust a website, consider the following information:

*Find out who owns the site - is it who it seems to be?*

The WHOIS public database displays a domain name holder's contact information.

[www.networksolutions.com/en\\_US/whois/index.jhtml](http://www.networksolutions.com/en_US/whois/index.jhtml)

*Tips for evaluating the quality and reliability of Internet resources.*

[www.virtualsalt.com/evalu8it.htm](http://www.virtualsalt.com/evalu8it.htm)

*More tips-techniques to apply & questions to ask.*

From the library at UC Berkeley.

[www.lib.berkeley.edu/TeachingLib/Guides/Internet/Evaluate.html](http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/TeachingLib/Guides/Internet/Evaluate.html)

*Help with evaluating and selecting resources.*

More from Monroe Community College to guide users of research.

[www.monroecc.edu/depts/library/eval.htm](http://www.monroecc.edu/depts/library/eval.htm)

*How to evaluate the trustworthiness of a website.*

<http://websearch.about.com/od/referencesearch/a/evaluatesource.htm>

Train your mind to think critically, even suspiciously by asking a series of questions that will help you assess how much a site should be trusted. The burden is on you as the reader to establish the validity, authorship, timeliness, and integrity of what you find. Documents can easily be copied and falsified or copied with omissions and errors. If you are using a website for serious work, you need to cultivate the habit of healthy skepticism, of questioning everything you find with critical thinking.

## You Need to Know

### Continuous Improvement and Monitoring System - CIMS

Get it on your calendar now! Join the CIMS group for a webinar to be held on December 12, 2013. The *CIMS December Workbook Preview* will take place from 10:30-11:30 a.m. For more information regarding previous and upcoming events, [click here](#).

### Office of Special Education (OSE)

The Michigan Administrative Rules for Special Education became effective September 26, 2013 and can be accessed at [http://www7.dleg.state.mi.us/orr/Files/AdminCode/1113\\_2012-106ED\\_AdminCode.pdf](http://www7.dleg.state.mi.us/orr/Files/AdminCode/1113_2012-106ED_AdminCode.pdf).

### Office of Educational Assessment & Accountability (OEAA)

#### Fall 2013 Testing Reminders

- The last date for Emergency and Additional Material Orders for MI-Access is Friday, November 1, 2013. Please do not delay the filing of any Incident Reports so that materials can be ordered by these dates as necessary.
- On-line Science and Social Studies tests may be given through Tuesday, November 5, 2013.
- The last day for MI-Access testing is Friday, November 8, 2013. For MI-Access results to be included in Test Verification, materials must be shipped no later than Tuesday, November 5, 2013. All MI-Access materials must be shipped no later than Wednesday, November 13, 2013.

## LearnPort

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- \* Common Core
- \* iPads and Mobile Learning
- \* School Safety
- \* Google
- \* Special Education
- \* STEM
- \* And many more!

## Office of Education Improvement & Innovation

[October 2013 Newsletter](#)

## Upcoming Professional Development & Events

### 16th Annual MAPSA Michigan Charter School Conference

Cobo Hall , Detroit

Innovative Conference Format & Agenda: In the style of "Ted Talks," Monday will consist of 4 content-driven general sessions with networking opportunities throughout the day. Tuesday will offer session options and the Event Marketplace will be open.

[Register Here!](#)

### Office of Special Education 1st Annual Fall Forum

**November 4 & 5**

Lexington Hotel, Lansing

The Fall Forum will provide educational leaders critical information to support the effective implementation of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). The Office of Special Education (OSE) continues to focus on strengthening student outcomes while maintaining high levels of compliance. Attendees will have an opportunity to learn about the current issues and trends specific to the delivery of special education services in Michigan.

[Full - wait list only.](#)

### Michigan Department of Education - Fall 2013 School Improvement Conference

*School Improvement: Taking it to the Next Level - Implement, Monitor Progress, Evaluate and Adjust*

**November 18-19**

Lansing Center, 333 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing

Register Online at: [www.gomiem.org](http://www.gomiem.org)

### Michigan Association of Administrators of Special Education (MAASE)

Upcoming Events Crowne Plaza Lansing West Hotel, Lansing

**12/10 - 12/11/13**

Workshop A: Behavior Intervention - Implementing Multi-Tier Systems

Workshop B: Key Principles and Essential Practices for Quality Early Intervention Services

**01/23 - 01/24/14**

SLIP PBIS Summit & Winter Conference

Click [here](#) for additional information and/or to register.

## **National School Choice Week 2014**

National School Choice Week is on track to break records in 2014. Already, more than 2,500 schools have registered to hold events during National School Choice Week 2014. These schools, which span all 50 states, have a combined student enrollment of 1.1 million children! During National School Choice Week, everyone can plan an event. Whether you work in a school or just care about the need to provide every child with access to quality education options, get involved.

[Click here to take the first step.](#)

**November 4 & 5**