

Exceeding 1% Cap on Participation in State Alternate Assessment Intermediate School District (ISD) Summary Justification Form FY 2021-2022

ISD Name: Ionia ISD

All intermediate school districts must complete this summary form regarding the percentage of students assessed using Michigan's alternate assessment (MI-Access). This includes justification forms from member districts/public school academies (PSA) that assessed more than 1% of students in the spring of 2021 using MI-Access.

Data

Below are the 1% Participation Rates for Ionia ISD:

Content Area	Total Tested	Alternate Tested	Spring 2021 Participation Rate
English Language Arts	4277	92	2.2
Mathematics	4259	91	2.1
Science	1749	34	1.9
Social Studies	1737	17	1.0

Data	Total
Number of member districts/PSAs including the ISD (only if the ISD runs internal programs)	8
Number of member districts/PSAs including the ISD (only if the ISD runs internal programs) that assessed more than 1% of all students tested in the spring of 2021 using MI-Access (in grades 3-8 and 11)	5

Technical Assistance and Professional Development

Tier I: Please provide a summary of technical assistance and/or professional development provided as a result of feedback from MDE regarding the 2021 test year data and justification form review. Include any professional development and targeted assistance the ISD offered to <u>all</u> member districts, provided by MDE and/or the ISD and MDE together.

Date Occurred	Summary of Technical Assistance and/or Professional Development
	County-Wide SE Coordinators' Meeting via Zoom 1) Review percentages and reminders of goal of 1% or lower 2) Shared and reviewed the guidance document from OSE for determining who takes alternative assessments

Tier II/III: Please provide a summary of technical assistance and/or professional development provided as a result of feedback from MDE regarding the 2021 test year data and justification form review. Include professional development and technical assistance the ISD provided for each specific member district that was flagged for disproportionality regarding assessment participation. Include technical assistance or professional development provided by MDE and/or the ISD and MDE together.

Member District	Date Occurred	Summary of Technical Assistance and/or Professional Development
Belding Area School District	08/17/2020	See above
Ionia Public Schools	08/17/2020	See above
Lakewood Public Schools	08/17/2020	See above
Portland Public Schools	08/17/2020	See above
Saranac Community Schools	08/17/2020	See above

What resources or support is needed from MDE for the ISD to carry out the plan?

None at this time.

Assurances

Please provide the following assurances.

The ISD has provided or will provide targeted assistance to member districts/PSAs that have been flagged for disproportionality for participation in the alternate assessment as outlined on the previous page.

• Yes • O No

Targeted assistance and professional development include an emphasis on member districts/PSAs using the state assessment selection guidance documents and online trainings.

⊙ Yes O No

Assessment selection is an IEP team decision and will not be overridden by administrative or procedural decisions.

• Yes • O No



Member District Exceeding 1% Cap Justification Form FY 2021-2022

Member District: Ionia ISD

The *Every Student Succeeds Act* (ESSA) places a 1% cap on alternate assessment (MI-Access) participation at the state level. Member districts that contribute to the state exceeding its participation cap must submit information to the Intermediate School District (ISD) justifying the need to exceed the 1% threshold. In addition, ISDs that run programs (functioning as a member district) must complete the form as a member district.

Each ISD collects information from member districts to submit to the state.

Data

Below are the 1% Participation Rates for Ionia ISD:

Content Area	Total Tested	Alternate Tested	Spring 2021 Participation Rate
English Language Arts	50	37	74
Mathematics	50	37	74
Science	26	14	53.8
Social Studies	12	0	0

Professional Development Provided

Did the individualized education program (IEP) teams utilize the state guidelines for participation in the alternate assessment to make assessment participation decisions?

• Yes • O No

Please list professional development, informational sessions, and technical assistance provided regarding the 1% Cap and/or assessment selection and participation for the 2020-2021 school year.

Audience	Date Occurred	Topics and Method of Training	Delivered by
Special Education Teachers	09/08/2021	Trained on the flowchart	ISD Staff
Special Education Teachers		Building administrator downloads and shares the Weekly Spotlight from MDE/OSEevery week.	ISD Staff

Contributing Factors

Did the district test fewer than 500 students total using statewide assessments?

• Yes • O No

Select the option that applies:

O Fewer than 8 students took MI-Access. O 8 or more students took MI-Access.

Did the district operate a center-based program or regional collaborative for students with significant cognitive impairments (serving students from in and outside of the district within a region or ISD)?

⊙ Yes O No

Utilizing the Alternate Assessment data reports, complete the following table.

Assessment Data Table	Number
Total Number of students tested overall	50
Total Number of students tested with MI-Access	41
Students in center-based program from outside district	50
Adjusted Total	0
Adjusted Participation Number	0
Adjusted Rate	0%

Please describe other justification as it specifically relates to Covid-19 and the Coronavirus Pandemic:

During the fall of the 2020 school year, our learners had the option of continuing remote learning due to the medical fragile population we serve in our center based school. Our programs include SCI (Severely Cognitively Impaired), SEI (Severely Emotionally Impaired), and ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder) programs. This impacted the ability to test and would directly correlate to our accountability with required state and alternative testing. Our building, Freedom Acres, and ISD programs saw an increase in homebound certifications for learners. Data from absences increased due to positive COVID cases and quarantines and the data correlated state testing results. Please describe other justification:

Freedom Acres school is a center based and most restrictive programming for learners with disabilities therefore the alternate assessment is appropriate for more than 1% of the population based on the criteria set forth in the interactive state testing tool.

2022 Projected Participation Rate

Projected Participation Rate 2021	Number
District's Projected Participation Rate for 2021 (per the response on the 2020 alternate assessment projected participation form)	64.8%

Using students' IEP information, Michigan School Data System (MSDS), and other current data, complete the following table to calculate the 2022 projected participation rate.

Projected Participation Rate 2022	Number
Total number of students enrolled in grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11	50
Total number of students whose IEPs designate MI-Access for state summative assessments in any content area	41
Projected Participation Rate for 2022	82%

Local Plan

After reviewing all of the member district data for participation rates on the alternate assessment (MI-Access), detail below a summarized plan for providing professional development. This may include but is not limited to training on assessment selection, alternate assessment, alternate content standards, or planning for specialized instruction.

Audience	Topics and Method of Training	Date
All	Any diploma seeking student will take the M-Step. The majority of our student population is moderately to severely cognitively impaired and/or having severe multiple impairment Our numbers ebb and flow from year to year causing our data to fluctuate.	01/06/2022
	Continue to review the MDE Assessment Flowchart, especially for newer staff.	09/09/2022
Special Ed Teachers, parents, ancillary staff	Continuous assessment feedback during our IEP Facilitation Process (at every IEP)	01/06/2022

Resources and Technical Assistance

Does the member district require additional resources and technical assistance from the ISD or MDE to ensure students are being assessed using the most appropriate state summative assessment tool based on the state guidelines?

O Yes O No

Assurances

Please provide the following assurances.

The member district IEP team members follow the state guidelines for participation in the alternate assessment.

⊙ Yes O No

The member district allows IEP team members to decide which students take an alternate assessment.

• Yes • O No

The member district addresses any issues of disproportionality in statewide assessment.

• Yes • O No

Ionia Public Schools (34010)

Instructions

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Data

Below are the 1% Participation Rates for Ionia Public Schools (34010):

Content Area	Total Tested	Alternate Tested	Spring 2021 Participation Rate
English Language Arts	1323	25	1.9
Mathematics	1318	25	1.9
Science	548	9	1.6
Social Studies	545	8	1.5

Professional Development Provided

Question	Yes	No
Did the individualized education program (IEP) teams utilize the state guidelines for participation in the alternate assessment to make assessment participation decisions?	۲	0

Please list professional development, informational sessions, and technical assistance provided regarding the 1% Cap and/or assessment selection and participation for the 2020-2021 school year.

Audience	Date Occurred	Topics and Method of Training	Delivered by
Special Education staff	8/12/2021	Department meetings.	District Staff
Special Education staff, parents	9/1/2021	Review of the MDE Guidelines - Should my Student Take the Alternate Assessment?	District Staff

Contributing Factors

Question		No
Did the district test fewer than 500 students total using statewide assessments?		۲
Fewer than 8 students took MI-Access.		0
8 or more students took MI-Access.		0

Question	Yes	No
Did the district operate a center-based program or regional collaborative for students with significant cognitive impairments (serving students from in and outside of the district within a region or ISD)?	0	۲

Utilizing the Alternate Assessment data reports, complete the following table.

Assessment Data Table	Number
Total Number of students tested overall	1323
Total Number of students tested with MI-Access	25
Students in center-based program from outside district	
Adjusted Total	
Adjusted Participation Number	
Adjusted Rate	1.7%

Please describe other justification as it specifically relates to Covid-19 and the Coronavirus Pandemic:

None.

Please describe other justification:

We are a rural, low socio-economic district with 56.3% of our students qualifying as Economically Disadvantaged. We have a higher than the State average number of Students with Disabilities of 16.8%. Ionia houses 4 State prisons and we experience families moving to the district to be near an incarcerated family member.

Projected Participation Rate 2021	Number
District's Projected Participation Rate for 2021 (per the response on the 2020 alternate assessment projected participation form)	1.7%

Using students' IEP information, Michigan School Data System (MSDS), and other current data, complete the following table to calculate the 2022 projected participation rate.

Projected Participation Rate 2022	Number
Total Number of students enrolled in grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11	
Total number of students whose IEPs designate MI-Access for state summative assessments in any content area	
Projected Participation Rate for 2022	

Local Plan

After reviewing all of the member district data for participation rates on the alternate assessment (MI-Access), detail below a summarized plan for providing professional development. This may include but is not limited to training on assessment selection, alternate assessment, alternate content standards, or planning for specialized instruction.

Audience	Topics and Method of Training	
Special Education Teachers, General Education Teachers, Building Administrators	Ongoing staff meetings and 2022 Opening Day Agenda Use of 'Should My Student Take the Alternate Assessment?'. Discussion of significant CI functioning. Difference between accommodations and modifications. Alternate achievement standards vs participation in general ed instruction with IEP goals. Use of Essential Elements, EGLCEs, and/or Extended Benchmarks. If a student has an IEP and is not proficient, but has met IEP goals teachers are not penalized.	8/15/2022
Parents	lonia Public Schools will continue to work with parents to effectively use the guidance questions when defining a student as having a significant cognitive impairment.	

Disproportionality

Question	Yes	No
Did the member district receive notification from the ISD regarding disproportionality in participation in the alternate assessment?	0	۲

Resources and Technical Assistance

Question	Yes	No
Does the member district require additional resources and technical assistance from the ISD or MDE to ensure students are being assessed using the most appropriate state summative assessment tool based on the state guidelines?		۲

Please detail the need for additional resources and technical assistance.

Assurances

Please provide the following assurances.

Question		No
The member district IEP team members follow the state guidelines for participation in the alternate assessment.	۲	0
The member district allows IEP team members to decide which students take an alternate assessment.		0
The member district addresses any issues of disproportionality in statewide assessment.		0

District Comments

Lakewood Public Schools (34090)

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Data

Below are the 1% Participation Rates for Lakewood Public Schools (34090):

Content Area	Total Tested	Alternate Tested	Spring 2021 Participation Rate
English Language Arts	784	9	1.1
Mathematics	783	9	1.1
Science	275	1	0.4
Social Studies	283	5	1.8

Professional Development Provided

Question	Yes	No
Did the individualized education program (IEP) teams utilize the state guidelines for participation in the alternate assessment to make assessment participation decisions?	۲	0

Please list professional development, informational sessions, and technical assistance provided regarding the 1% Cap and/or assessment selection and participation for the 2020-2021 school year.

Audience	Date Occurred	Topics and Method of Training	Delivered by
Special education staff	8/17/2021	department meetings	District Staff
Special Education staff and parents	9/1/2021	Review of he MDE Guidelines - Should My Student Take the Alternate Assessment? On-going throughout the school year during IEPs.	District Staff

Contributing Factors

Question		No
Did the district test fewer than 500 students total using statewide assessments?		۲
Fewer than 8 students took MI-Access.	0	0
8 or more students took MI-Access.	0	0

Question	Yes	No
Did the district operate a center-based program or regional collaborative for students with significant cognitive impairments (serving students from in and outside of the district within a region or ISD)?	0	۲

Utilizing the Alternate Assessment data reports, complete the following table.

Assessment Data Table	Number
Total Number of students tested overall	
Total Number of students tested with MI-Access	
Students in center-based program from outside district	
Adjusted Total	0
Adjusted Participation Number	
Adjusted Rate	0%

Please describe other justification as it specifically relates to Covid-19 and the Coronavirus Pandemic:

None

Please describe other justification:

We are a rural district with about 41% of our students that qualify as economically disadvantaged.

Projected Participation Rate 2021	Number
District's Projected Participation Rate for 2021 (per the response on the 2020 alternate assessment projected participation form)	0.6%

Using students' IEP information, Michigan School Data System (MSDS), and other current data, complete the following table to calculate the 2022 projected participation rate.

Projected Participation Rate 2022	Number
Total Number of students enrolled in grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11	861
Total number of students whose IEPs designate MI-Access for state summative assessments in any content area	8
Projected Participation Rate for 2022	0.9%

Local Plan

After reviewing all of the member district data for participation rates on the alternate assessment (MI-Access), detail below a summarized plan for providing professional development. This may include but is not limited to training on assessment selection, alternate assessment, alternate content standards, or planning for specialized instruction.

Audience	Topics and Method of Training	Date
Special Education Teachers, General Education Teachers, Building Administrators	Ongoing staff meetings and 2022 opening day agenda Use of "Should My Student Take an Alternate Assessment?" Difference between accommodations and modifications	8/15/2022

Disproportionality

Question	Yes	No
Did the member district receive notification from the ISD regarding disproportionality in participation in the alternate assessment?	0	۲

Resources and Technical Assistance

Question	Yes	No
Does the member district require additional resources and technical assistance from the ISD or MDE to ensure students are being assessed using the most appropriate state summative assessment tool based on the state guidelines?	0	۲

Please detail the need for additional resources and technical assistance.

Assurances

Please provide the following assurances.

Question	Yes	No
The member district IEP team members follow the state guidelines for participation in the alternate assessment.	۲	0
The member district allows IEP team members to decide which students take an alternate assessment.		0
The member district addresses any issues of disproportionality in statewide assessment.		0

District Comments

ISD Comments

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Portland Public Schools (34110)

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Data

Below are the 1% Participation Rates for Portland Public Schools (34110):

Content Area	Total Tested	Alternate Tested	Spring 2021 Participation Rate
English Language Arts	943	12	1.3
Mathematics	943	11	1.2
Science	404	6	1.5
Social Studies	400	2	0.5

Professional Development Provided

Question	Yes	No
Did the individualized education program (IEP) teams utilize the state guidelines for participation in the alternate assessment to make assessment participation decisions?	۲	0

Please list professional development, informational sessions, and technical assistance provided regarding the 1% Cap and/or assessment selection and participation for the 2020-2021 school year.

Audience	Date Occurred	Topics and Method of Training	Delivered by
Special Education Staff	8/25/2020	Opening day agenda item - who should take the alternative assessment	District Staff Natalie Fuller
Special Education Staff	10/12/2020	Ongoing Department Meetings - Who should take the alternative assessment	District StaffNatalie Fuller

Contributing Factors

Question	Yes	No
Did the district test fewer than 500 students total using statewide assessments?		۲
Fewer than 8 students took MI-Access.		0
8 or more students took MI-Access.	0	0

Question	Yes	No
Did the district operate a center-based program or regional collaborative for students with significant cognitive impairments (serving students from in and outside of the district within a region or ISD)?	0	۲

Utilizing the Alternate Assessment data reports, complete the following table.

Assessment Data Table	Number
Total Number of students tested overall	
Total Number of students tested with MI-Access	
Students in center-based program from outside district	
Adjusted Total	0
Adjusted Participation Number	0
Adjusted Rate	0%

Please describe other justification as it specifically relates to Covid-19 and the Coronavirus Pandemic:

N/A

Please describe other justification:

We are a rural district with a high population of special education resulting in a higher number of students needing to take the alternative assessment.

Projected Participation Rate 2021	Number
District's Projected Participation Rate for 2021 (per the response on the 2020 alternate assessment projected participation form)	1.5%

Using students' IEP information, Michigan School Data System (MSDS), and other current data, complete the following table to calculate the 2022 projected participation rate.

Projected Participation Rate 2022	Number
Total Number of students enrolled in grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11	992
Total number of students whose IEPs designate MI-Access for state summative assessments in any content area	13
Projected Participation Rate for 2022	1.3%

Local Plan

After reviewing all of the member district data for participation rates on the alternate assessment (MI-Access), detail below a summarized plan for providing professional development. This may include but is not limited to training on assessment selection, alternate assessment, alternate content standards, or planning for specialized instruction.

Audience	Topics and Method of Training	Date
Special Education Teachers	Ongoing staff meetings and Opening Day Agenda topic "Should My Student Take an Alternative Assessment" training	8/15/2022

Disproportionality

Question	Yes	No
Did the member district receive notification from the ISD regarding disproportionality in participation in the alternate assessment?	0	۲

Resources and Technical Assistance

Question	Yes	No
Does the member district require additional resources and technical assistance from the ISD or MDE to ensure students are being assessed using the most appropriate state summative assessment tool based on the state guidelines?	0	۲

Please detail the need for additional resources and technical assistance.

Assurances

Please provide the following assurances.

Question	Yes	No
The member district IEP team members follow the state guidelines for participation in the alternate assessment.	۲	0
The member district allows IEP team members to decide which students take an alternate assessment.		0
The member district addresses any issues of disproportionality in statewide assessment.	۲	0

District Comments

ISD Comments

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Saranac Community Schools (34120)

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Data

Below are the 1% Participation Rates for Saranac Community Schools (34120):

Content Area	Total Tested	Alternate Tested	Spring 2021 Participation Rate
English Language Arts	421	3	0.7
Mathematics	416	3	0.7
Science	178	2	1.1
Social Studies	175	0	0

Professional Development Provided

Question	Yes	No
Did the individualized education program (IEP) teams utilize the state guidelines for participation in the alternate assessment to make assessment participation decisions?	۲	0

Please list professional development, informational sessions, and technical assistance provided regarding the 1% Cap and/or assessment selection and participation for the 2020-2021 school year.

Audience	Date Occurred	Topics and Method of Training	Delivered by
Special Education teachers	8/25/2021	ED Camp style presentations. Topics include Modifications vs Accommodations and how we select these.	District Staff Melissa Chaffins/Jennifer Johnson
Special education teacher	5/14/2021	Department level special education training to discuss path for selecting MSTEP alternatives.	District StaffSarah Milbratz

Contributing Factors

Question		No
Did the district test fewer than 500 students total using statewide assessments?	۲	0
Fewer than 8 students took MI-Access.		0
8 or more students took MI-Access.		۲

Question	Yes	No
Did the district operate a center-based program or regional collaborative for students with significant cognitive impairments (serving students from in and outside of the district within a region or ISD)?	0	۲

Utilizing the Alternate Assessment data reports, complete the following table.

Assessment Data Table	Number
Total Number of students tested overall	
Total Number of students tested with MI-Access	
Students in center-based program from outside district	
Adjusted Total	0
Adjusted Participation Number	0
Adjusted Rate	0%

Please describe other justification as it specifically relates to Covid-19 and the Coronavirus Pandemic:

Please describe other justification:

If a student needs this programming, they are served through Ionia ICD

Projected Participation Rate 2021	Number
District's Projected Participation Rate for 2021	0.8%
(per the response on the 2020 alternate assessment projected participation form)	0.070

Using students' IEP information, Michigan School Data System (MSDS), and other current data, complete the following table to calculate the 2022 projected participation rate.

Projected Participation Rate 2022	Number
Total Number of students enrolled in grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11	453
Total number of students whose IEPs designate MI-Access for state summative assessments in any content area	
Projected Participation Rate for 2022	

Local Plan

After reviewing all of the member district data for participation rates on the alternate assessment (MI-Access), detail below a summarized plan for providing professional development. This may include but is not limited to training on assessment selection, alternate assessment, alternate content standards, or planning for specialized instruction.

Audience	Topics and Method of Training	Date
Special Education Teachers	Training on assessment selection	5/16/2022

Disproportionality

Question	Yes	No
Did the member district receive notification from the ISD regarding disproportionality in participation in the alternate assessment?	0	۲

Resources and Technical Assistance

Question	Yes	No
Does the member district require additional resources and technical assistance from the ISD or MDE to ensure students are being assessed using the most appropriate state summative assessment tool based on the state guidelines?	0	۲

Please detail the need for additional resources and technical assistance.

Assurances

Please provide the following assurances.

Question		No
The member district IEP team members follow the state guidelines for participation in the alternate assessment.	۲	0
The member district allows IEP team members to decide which students take an alternate assessment.		0
The member district addresses any issues of disproportionality in statewide assessment.		0

District Comments

We do not have a large percentage of students who take this exam. Each IEP that designates an alternative assessment uses the checklist to determine if this assessment is appropriate for the student.

ISD Comments

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