

Exceeding 1% Cap on Participation in State Alternate Assessment Intermediate School District (ISD) Summary Justification Form FY 2023-2024

ISD Name: Gogebic-Ontonagon 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 2023 using MI-Access.

Data

Below are the 1% Participation Rates for Gogebic-Ontonagon ISD:

Content Area	Total Tested	Alternate Tested	Spring 2023 Participation Rate
English Language Arts	970	27	2.8
Mathematics	968	27	2.8
Science	411	11	2.7
Social Studies	410	9	2.2

Data	Total
Number of member districts/PSAs including the ISD	7
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 2023 using MI-Access (in grades 3-8 and 11)	1

Technical Assistance and Professional Development

Tier I: In the winter of 2023, MDE provided feedback to each ISD, providing recommendations regarding technical assistance or professional development for their constituent districts. ISDs responded to this feedback in a variety of ways and carried out support to districts as appropriate. In the first table below, outline the general technical assistance or professional development provided to **all** districts regarding state assessment decisions or better targeting instruction. Specific or targeted technical assistance provided to a small groups of districts to address specific concerns should not be listed here, but rather in the next section (Tier II/III).

Date Occurred or Planned	Summary of Technical Assistance and/or Professional Development
08/24/2023	Meeting with GOISD staff serving all LEAs and CBP on IEP development and use of assessment decision making tool.
11/01/2023	General supervision monitoring activities and training at individual districts.
11/02/2023	General supervision monitoring activities and training at individual districts.
01/09/2024	Guide to State Assessments with making individual decisions information provided to LEA administration to share with staff.

Tier II/III: MDE’s response to ISDs in 2023 (based on 2022 data) provided specific recommendations for each LEA, based on their participation rate or other information provided on Justification Forms. Please outline targeted assistance provided (or planned) to member districts following MDE’s recommendation. Please include assistance provided that may have exceeded MDE recommendations.

Member District	Date Occurred or Planned	Summary of Technical Assistance and/or Professional Development
Watersmeet Township School District	03/19/2024	Will meet with Administration and special education staff to discuss the trainings and technical assistance regarding the state assessment decision tools. The data on alternate assessments will be analyzed to determine next steps to ensure all IEP teams utilize the decision-making tool and guidance available from the ISD and MDE.

What resources or support does the ISD need from MDE to continue to provide targeted assistance or professional development to member districts on the topic of alternate assessment participation?

The ISD will continue to utilize the Statewide Assessment Information provided by MDE for targeted assistance and professional development as needed.

The ISD is providing additional support through general supervision monitoring activities.

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 No

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

Yes No

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

Yes No

Member District Exceeding 1% Cap Justification Form FY 2023-2024

Member District: Gogebic-Ontonagon 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 Gogebic-Ontonagon ISD:

Content Area	Total Tested	Alternate Tested	Spring 2023 Participation Rate
English Language Arts	26	26	100
Mathematics	26	26	100
Science	11	11	100
Social Studies	9	9	100

By checking this box, the user acknowledges the data in the above table can be verified against the district level data provided in the ISD level report.

Contributing Factors

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

Yes No

Select the option that applies:

Fewer than 5 students took MI-Access. 5 or more students took MI-Access.

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

Yes No

Utilizing the Alternate Assessment data (page 1), complete the following table.

Assessment Data Table	Number
Total number of students taking spring summative assessments in grade 3-8 and 11 only (M-STEP + PSAT Grade 8 + SAT + MI-Access).	28
Total Number of students tested with MI-Access in grades 3-8 and 11.	28
Students from outside the district placed in district's regional center-based program by IEP team (do not include students who are residents of the district or who have enrolled through school of choice processes).	0
Adjusted Total	28
Adjusted Participation Number	28
Adjusted Rate	100%

2024 Projected Participation Rate

Projected Participation Rate 2023	Number
District's Projected Participation Rate for 2023 (per the response on the 2022 alternate assessment projected participation form)	100%%

Using students' IEP information, Michigan School Data System (MSDS), and other current data, complete the following table to calculate the 2024 projected participation rate.

Projected Participation Rate 2024	Number
Total number of students enrolled in grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11 with or without an IEP	28
Total number of students whose IEPs designate MI-Access for state summative assessments in any content area	28
Projected Participation Rate for 2024	100%

Local Plan

Member districts are expected to provide professional development and technical assistance to staff to ensure high expectations are being held for all students, including students with the most significant cognitive disabilities. This includes reviewing local data, IEPs, student outcomes, and ISD feedback as part of that process.

Did the district provide professional development to new and existing staff regarding the definition of "Students with the Most Significant Cognitive Disabilities"?

Yes No

Did the district use a formal process to review and record decisions made by IEP Teams regarding assessment selection?

Yes No

Did the district use outcomes data (current and past results from MI-Access, district level data, progress monitoring data, and other formative classroom data) for the purposes of targeting instruction for students who took and are designated to take MI-Access?

Yes No

Did the district receive feedback on the participation rate for students taking MI-Access with recommended action from the ISD as a result of the submitted justification forms last year (this may have come later in the spring)?

Yes No

Please outline the professional development and technical assistance provided to staff regarding targeting student instruction and assessment selection decisions in the table below. This should include activity from January 1, 2023 to current day, as well as any planned or scheduled activity that is yet to be carried out for this school year.

Audience	Topics and Method of Training	Date	Planned/Completed
Center Based Teachers and Principal	Mi Access Assessment Training	01/13/2023	Completed

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?

Yes No

Assurances

Please provide the following assurances.

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

Yes No

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

Yes No

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

Yes No

Member District Exceeding 1% Cap Justification Form FY 2023-2024

Member District: Watersmeet Township School District

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

Data

Below are the 1% Participation Rates for Watersmeet Township School District:

Content Area	Total Tested	Alternate Tested	Spring 2023 Participation Rate
English Language Arts	65	1	1.5
Mathematics	65	1	1.5
Science	29	0	0
Social Studies	29	0	0

By checking this box, the user acknowledges the data in the above table can be verified against the district level data provided in the ISD level report.

Contributing Factors

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

Yes No

Select the option that applies:

Fewer than 5 students took MI-Access. 5 or more students took MI-Access.

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

Yes No

Please describe other justification:

During the 2022-2023 School year, 65 students in grades 3-11 took the Michigan State Assessment in the areas outlined for their grade level. 1 student participated in the state alternative assessment MI-Access for English Language Arts and Mathematics, resulting in a 1.5 % participation rate in English Language Arts and Mathematics. Due to the low number of students assessed at each grade level, the district could not avoid exceeding the 1% cap.

2024 Projected Participation Rate

Projected Participation Rate 2023	Number
District's Projected Participation Rate for 2023 (per the response on the 2022 alternate assessment projected participation form)	1%%

Using students' IEP information, Michigan School Data System (MSDS), and other current data, complete the following table to calculate the 2024 projected participation rate.

Projected Participation Rate 2024	Number
Total number of students enrolled in grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11 with or without an IEP	65
Total number of students whose IEPs designate MI-Access for state summative assessments in any content area	1
Projected Participation Rate for 2024	1.5%

Local Plan

Member districts are expected to provide professional development and technical assistance to staff to ensure high expectations are being held for all students, including students with the most significant cognitive disabilities. This includes reviewing local data, IEPs, student outcomes, and ISD feedback as part of that process.

Did the district provide professional development to new and existing staff regarding the definition of "Students with the Most Significant Cognitive Disabilities"?

Yes No

Did the district use a formal process to review and record decisions made by IEP Teams regarding assessment selection?

Yes No

Did the district use outcomes data (current and past results from MI-Access, district level data, progress monitoring data, and other formative classroom data) for the purposes of targeting instruction for students who took and are designated to take MI-Access?

Yes No

Did the district receive feedback on the participation rate for students taking MI-Access with recommended action from the ISD as a result of the submitted justification forms last year (this may have come later in the spring)?

Yes No

Please outline the professional development and technical assistance provided to staff regarding targeting student instruction and assessment selection decisions in the table below. This should include activity from January 1, 2023 to current day, as well as any planned or scheduled activity that is yet to be carried out for this school year.

Audience	Topics and Method of Training	Date	Planned/Completed
Special Education Staff	Meeting with the GOISD Monitor	01/10/2023	Completed
Special Education Staff	Meeting with the GOISD Monitor	01/25/2023	Completed
Special Education Staff	Meeting with the GOISD Monitor	02/22/2023	Completed
General and Special Education Staff	MDE Assessment Security 2022-2023 Full Course and Refresher - Online	04/25/2023	Completed
Special Education Staff	MI-Access Training - Online	04/26/2023	Completed
Special Education Staff	2023 Upper Peninsula Special Education Conference	10/13/2023	Completed
General and Special Education Staff	MDE Assessment Security 2023-2024 Full Course and Refresher - Online	04/01/2024	Planned
Special Education Staff	MI-Access Training 2023-2024- Online	04/01/2024	Planned

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?

Yes No

Assurances

Please provide the following assurances.

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

Yes No

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

Yes No

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

Yes No