

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

## ISD Name: Hillsdale 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 Hillsdale ISD:

Content Area	Total Tested	Alternate Tested	Spring 2023 Participation Rate
<b>English Language Arts</b>	2713	32	1.2
<b>Mathematics</b>	2711	30	1.1
<b>Science</b>	1124	18	1.6
<b>Social Studies</b>	1115	9	0.8

Data	Total
Number of member districts/PSAs including the ISD	11
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)	2

## 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
08/22/2023	PD focused on Mi-Access overview and decision making tree.

**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
Hillsdale Community Schools	04/12/2024	Mi-Access decision making overview. development of districtwide process

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?

*none*

## 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: Hillsdale 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 Hillsdale ISD:

Content Area	Total Tested	Alternate Tested	Spring 2023 Participation Rate
English Language Arts	16	15	93.8
Mathematics	16	15	93.8
Science	10	10	100
Social Studies	1	1	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.

<b>Assessment Data Table</b>	<b>Number</b>
Total number of students taking spring summative assessments in grade 3-8 and 11 only (M-STEP + PSAT Grade 8 + SAT + MI-Access).	16
Total Number of students tested with MI-Access in grades 3-8 and 11.	15
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).	16
<b>Adjusted Total</b>	0
<b>Adjusted Participation Number</b>	0
<b>Adjusted Rate</b>	0%

## 2024 Projected Participation Rate

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

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

<b>Projected Participation Rate 2024</b>	<b>Number</b>
Total number of students enrolled in grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11 with or without an IEP	27
Total number of students whose IEPs designate MI-Access for state summative assessments in any content area	8
<b>Projected Participation Rate for 2024</b>	29.6%

## 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
ISD Cooperative Teachers	Mi-Access Decision Making Tree	08/16/2023	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: Camden-Frontier School

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.

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## Data

Below are the 1% Participation Rates for Camden-Frontier School:

Content Area	Total Tested	Alternate Tested	Spring 2023 Participation Rate
English Language Arts	228	2	0.9
Mathematics	227	1	0.4
Science	100	2	2
Social Studies	100	2	2

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:

*One of the students transferred in from another school district prior to testing and was placed on our roster.*

## 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)	%

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	229
Total number of students whose IEPs designate MI-Access for state summative assessments in any content area	2
<b>Projected Participation Rate for 2024</b>	0.9%

## 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
All Special Education Staff	MDE Guideline information training found on the MI Access website	02/08/2023	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: Hillsdale Community Schools

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### Data

Below are the 1% Participation Rates for Hillsdale Community Schools:

Content Area	Total Tested	Alternate Tested	Spring 2023 Participation Rate
English Language Arts	630	5	0.8
Mathematics	631	5	0.8
Science	236	4	1.7
Social Studies	236	4	1.7

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

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:

*Hillsdale Community Schools is a full-inclusion school district. When selecting LRE for our students exhibiting the most severe difficulties, we consider first the Local Education Agency and our own supports for students before considering a move to a self contained or separate facility. Many students with significant cognitive disabilities benefit from an educational programming within our school district. These plans involve specialized supports in order to allow students success within their own LEA.*

## 2024 Projected Participation Rate

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

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	650
Total number of students whose IEPs designate MI-Access for state summative assessments in any content area	4
<b>Projected Participation Rate for 2024</b>	0.6%

## 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 Department Staff Pk-12	Shared the notice from MDE regarding students selected to take the MiAccess rather than the MStep test.	09/13/2023	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: Litchfield Community Schools

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 Litchfield Community Schools:

Content Area	Total Tested	Alternate Tested	Spring 2023 Participation Rate
English Language Arts	144	2	1.4
Mathematics	143	2	1.4
Science	54	1	1.9
Social Studies	54	1	1.9

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:

*We have done our absolute best to make each of these decisions based on data for each individual student. We have only 240 students K-12 and a high population percentage wise identified as cognitively impaired, or SLD with minimal ability to perform on the State Tests, thus choosing MI-Access to determine a more accurate reading of their abilities.*

## 2024 Projected Participation Rate

Projected Participation Rate 2023	Number
<b>District's Projected Participation Rate for 2023 (per the response on the 2022 alternate assessment projected participation form)</b>	1.4%%

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	169
Total number of students whose IEPs designate MI-Access for state summative assessments in any content area	2
<b>Projected Participation Rate for 2024</b>	1.2%

## 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 Teachers	In person meeting, going through the results of last year's results and utilizing the State recommended flow chart to guide decisions	05/30/2023	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: North Adams-Jerome Public Schools

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 North Adams-Jerome Public Schools:

Content Area	Total Tested	Alternate Tested	Spring 2023 Participation Rate
English Language Arts	163	2	1.2
Mathematics	164	1	0.6
Science	69	0	0
Social Studies	69	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:

*Those intense needs are provided by the ISD.*

## 2024 Projected Participation Rate

Projected Participation Rate 2023	Number
<b>District's Projected Participation Rate for 2023 (per the response on the 2022 alternate assessment projected participation form)</b>	0.6%%

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	176
Total number of students whose IEPs designate MI-Access for state summative assessments in any content area	3
<b>Projected Participation Rate for 2024</b>	1.7%

## 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
District Staff	Special Education and Differentiation - In person	08/21/2023	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