

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

ISD Name: **Manistee 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 Manistee ISD:

Content Area	Total Tested	Alternate Tested	Spring 2023 Participation Rate
English Language Arts	2788	79	2.8
Mathematics	2783	77	2.8
Science	1285	38	3
Social Studies	1280	32	2.5

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)	3

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
09/19/2023	The ISD presented to all local district superintendents outlining the process and procedure to accurately determine what state test is most appropriate for each individual student.
09/06/2023	MISD personnel presented to all local and ISD special education teachers and district designees on the state assessment and appropriate selection especially for students with the most significant cognitive difficulties.

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
Manistee Area Public Schools	08/17/2023	MISD personnel presented to the local special education teachers and district designee on the state assessment and appropriate selection especially for students with the most significant cognitive difficulties.
Kaleva Norman Dickson School District	10/13/2023	MISD personnel presented to the local special education teachers and district designee on the state assessment and appropriate selection especially for students with the most significant cognitive difficulties.
Bear Lake Schools	10/18/2023	MISD personnel presented to the local special education teachers and district designee on the state assessment and appropriate selection especially for students with the most significant cognitive difficulties.
Caskan Alternative Academy	10/23/2023	MISD personnel presented to the local special education teachers and district designee on the state assessment and appropriate selection especially for students with the most significant cognitive difficulties.
Onokama Consolidated Schools	10/02/2023	MISD personnel presented to the local special education teachers and district designee on the state assessment and appropriate selection especially for students with the most significant cognitive difficulties.

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?

We continually use the resources available in Catamaran and attend the MDE webinars pertaining to state assessment. There is no further assistance needed.

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: **Manistee 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 Manistee ISD:

Content Area	Total Tested	Alternate Tested	Spring 2023 Participation Rate
English Language Arts	20	16	80
Mathematics	20	16	80
Science	9	8	88.9
Social Studies	5	4	80

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).	2
Total Number of students tested with MI-Access in grades 3-8 and 11.	19
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	2
Adjusted Participation Number	19
Adjusted Rate	950%

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)	84.2%%

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	21
Total number of students whose IEPs designate MI-Access for state summative assessments in any content area	19
Projected Participation Rate for 2024	90.5%

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
Center Based Classroom Teachers and District designee	Training was provided on 9/29/23 At 2:00 District/State assessment obligation and appropriate state assessment selection regarding students with the most significant cognitive disabilities.	09/29/2023	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: Bear Lake 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.

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Data

Below are the 1% Participation Rates for Bear Lake Schools:

Content Area	Total Tested	Alternate Tested	Spring 2023 Participation Rate
English Language Arts	138	1	0.7
Mathematics	138	1	0.7
Science	53	1	1.9
Social Studies	52	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:

Bear Lake School consists of a high school student body of less than 100 students. The student who took the MI-Access transferred to Bear Lake School with an IEP designating the MI-Access as his state test, and this high school has a student body well above the threshold to not interfere with the 1% participation cap. The student is autistic and of low cognitive abilities with limited attention. He is earning a Certificate of Completion vs. a high school diploma, and the IEP team determined the appropriate testing for him was the Mi-Access.

With our low student population, even 1 student taking the Mi-Access testing takes us above the 1% participation cap. This decision was solely based on this student's cognitive function and what was best for the student in terms of state testing. State testing is required, and this was the best course for this student, as he did not even understand how to navigate this testing and cried throughout the whole experience.

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	135
Total number of students whose IEPs designate MI-Access for state summative assessments in any content area	0
Projected Participation Rate for 2024	0%

Local Plan

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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 Ed Coordinator, Principal, Teachers	Reviewed the "The Alternate Achievement Standards for Students with the Most Significant Cognitive Disabilities	03/20/2023	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: Kaleva Norman Dickson School District

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 Kaleva Norman Dickson School District:

Content Area	Total Tested	Alternate Tested	Spring 2023 Participation Rate
English Language Arts	287	8	2.8
Mathematics	287	9	3.1
Science	121	4	3.3
Social Studies	121	4	3.3

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:

Students who took the MI Access were identified as Cognitively Impaired and/or function as if cognitively impaired. Students are on a modified curriculum.

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)	2.4%%

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	278
Total number of students whose IEPs designate MI-Access for state summative assessments in any content area	10
Projected Participation Rate for 2024	3.6%

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 Ed Teachers for CI	Every fall: Shared document with links to MDEs MI-Access page for information. FI Administration Training Video link, Should My Child Take The Alternate Assessment guidance document, and the Guide to State Assessments link.	11/15/2023	Completed
IEP Team	The Assessment Coordinator (who is also SE District Rep. & College Board SSD Coord. - Student Supports and Accommodations) meets with SE teachers to discuss appropriate tests and accommodations for students throughout the school year. During IEP meetings, SE teachers and SE District Designee ensure appropriate assessments and accommodations are assigned in the IEP as well as in College Board when appropriate. The IEP Team discusses the implications of assigned assessments.	08/28/2023	Planned
Special Ed and General Ed Staff	Every fall, Administrators and teachers discuss classes and schedules to ensure students are provided LRE. Alternate Content Expectations / Essential Elements link is provided for planning & reference.	08/28/2023	Completed
SE Teachers	Manistee ISD Special Education Monitor provides professional learning 1 x a month for 6 months from October to March covering modules in IEP Compliance and Quality. Technical assistance in IEP development and individual case manager IEP monitoring.	10/13/2023	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

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

Member District: Michigan Great Lakes Virtual Academy

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 Michigan Great Lakes Virtual Academy:

Content Area	Total Tested	Alternate Tested	Spring 2023 Participation Rate
English Language Arts	1560	49	3.1
Mathematics	1558	46	3
Science	761	23	3
Social Studies	759	21	2.8

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:

We have seen increased enrollment trends (year-over-year) in the amount of students coming to us taking MI ACCESS as a state assessment. We do have some self-contained programs (which have increased in numbers), but do not have center-based ISD programming.

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)	2.8%%

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	1987
Total number of students whose IEPs designate MI-Access for state summative assessments in any content area	52
Projected Participation Rate for 2024	2.6%

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 Teachers	MDE MI-ACCESS Decision-Making Criteria shared with staff.	12/18/2023	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