

Justification Forms Summary Report Directions

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Exceeding 1% Cap on Participation in State Alternate Assessment Intermediate School District (ISD) Summary Justification Form FY 2019-2020

ISD Name: Midland County Educational Service Agency

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 2019 using MI-Access.

Please do not submit any student identifiable information with this form.

Data

Data	Total
Number of member districts/PSAs including the ISD (only if the ISD runs internal programs)	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 2019 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 2019 test year data and justification form review. Include any professional development and targeted assistance the ISD offered to all member districts, provided by MDE and/or the ISD and MDE together.

Date Occurred	Summary of Technical Assistance and/or Professional Development
02/07/2020	Special ed director designees shared information from Spotlight regarding updated flowchart to determine most appropriate state assessment.
05/20/2019	Reviewed 1% alternative assessment rosters
10/08/2019	Reviewed alternative assessment results

Tier II/III: Please provide a summary of technical assistance and/or professional development provided as a result of feedback from MDE regarding the 2019 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
Midland Public Schools	02/02/2020	IEP Team members are consistently reviewing prior state assessments & utilizing MDE flowchart to determine if student should take general state assessment or the alternative state assessment.
Midland Public Schools	04/04/2019	Reviewed MDE alternative assessment demographics spreadsheet

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 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 2019-2020

Member District: Midland County Educational Service Agency

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 MDE.

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Data

Please indicate the 1% participation rate data:

Content Area	Spring 2017 Participation Rate	Spring 2018 Participation Rate	Spring 2019 Participation Rate	Change
English Language Arts	95.1	82.7	71.6	-
Mathematics	95.1	82.7	71.6	-
Science	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Social Studies	75	71.4	50	-

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 No

Please list professional development, informational sessions, and technical assistance provided regarding the 1% Cap and/or assessment selection and participation from January 1, 2019 to present.

Audience	Date Occurred	Topics and Method of Training	Delivered by
Sp. ed. teachers & providers	11/16/2018	Special education staff and providers were required and completed the two online training modules to determine the proper state assessment.	MDE
IEP team members	02/07/2020	IEP team members are consistently reviewing prior state assessments and utilizing MDE flow chart to determine if student should take general state assessment or alternative assesments.	District Staff
Special ed providers	02/07/2020	Special Ed director designees shared information from Spotlight regarding updated flow chart to determine most appropriate state assessment.	District Staff

Contributing Factors

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

- Yes No

Select the option that applies:

- Fewer than 8 students took MI-Access. 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 No

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

Assessment Data Table	Number
Total Number of students tested overall	67
Total Number of students tested with MI-Access	48
Students in center-based program from outside district	67
Adjusted Total	0
Adjusted Participation Number	0
Adjusted Rate	0%

Is there other justification to provide?

- Yes No

2020 Projected Participation Rate

Using the Michigan School Data System (MSDS) and current data, complete the following table to calculate the 2020 projected participation rate.

Projected Participation Rate	Number
Total Number of students enrolled in grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11	67
Total Number of students whose IEPs currently designate MI-Access for state summative assessments in any content area	48
Projected Participation Rate	71.6%

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. At least one local development plan must be submitted to proceed.

Audience	Topics and Method of Training	Date
Special education providers	The special education designee will provide state assessment flow chart at IEPs when an alternative state assessment is being considered to guide the team in determining the appropriate assessment. Special ed teachers have already been provided the flow chart and have completed the online module.	02/20/2020
Special education providers	Review MI-Access student results from previous year	10/09/2020

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 2019-2020

Member District: Windover High School

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Data

Please indicate the 1% participation rate data:

Content Area	Spring 2017 Participation Rate	Spring 2018 Participation Rate	Spring 2019 Participation Rate	Change
English Language Arts	0	0	0	No change
Mathematics	0	0	0	No change
Science	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Social Studies	0	0	0	No change



Member District Exceeding 1% Cap Justification Form FY 2019-2020

Member District: Midland Public Schools

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Data

Please indicate the 1% participation rate data:

Content Area	Spring 2017 Participation Rate	Spring 2018 Participation Rate	Spring 2019 Participation Rate	Change
English Language Arts	1.5	1.4	1.3	-
Mathematics	1.4	1.4	1.3	-
Science	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Social Studies	1.1	1.4	1.6	+

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 No

Please list professional development, informational sessions, and technical assistance provided regarding the 1% Cap and/or assessment selection and participation from January 1, 2019 to present.

Audience	Date Occurred	Topics and Method of Training	Delivered by
Special Ed teachers and Ancillary Staff	01/15/2019	Shared out Alt assessment data, MDE flow chart, and student results from previous MI Access testing	District Staff
Special Ed teachers and Ancillary Staff	03/08/2019	Discussion about "significant cognitive impairment" during district PD	District Staff
Special Ed teachers and Ancillary Staff	04/08/2019	All staff completed the online Alternative testing training offered by MDE	MDE
Special Ed teachers and Ancillary Staff	04/15/2019	Shared out 2018 MI Access data looking at students that surpassed in testing	District Staff
Special Ed teachers and Ancillary Staff	08/26/2019	PD Alt testing and 1% cap	District Staff
Special Ed teachers and Ancillary Staff	08/27/2019	PD small group discussion using MDE flow chart	District Staff
Special Ed teachers	01/20/2020	PD Alt testing, review of current % and IEP decision making using MDE flow chart	District Staff

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 significant cognitive impairments (serving students from in and outside of the district within a region or ISD)?

Yes No

Is there other justification to provide?

Yes No

Please describe other justification:

The district supports CI self contained classrooms using essential elements and modified MMC. We also house ISD classrooms in our local buildings and for some of those students, we act as PEPE.

2020 Projected Participation Rate

Using the Michigan School Data System (MSDS) and current data, complete the following table to calculate the 2020 projected participation rate.

Projected Participation Rate	Number
Total Number of students enrolled in grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11	3480
Total Number of students whose IEPs currently designate MI-Access for state summative assessments in any content area	63
Projected Participation Rate	1.8%

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. At least one local development plan must be submitted to proceed.

Audience	Topics and Method of Training	Date
Special Ed teachers, building principals, and ancillary staff	Review of MDE guidance and flowchart for determining alternative testing will be redistributed throughout district by email	06/05/2020

Disproportionality

Did the member district receive notification from the ISD regarding disproportionality in participation in the alternate assessment?

Yes No

The district reported disproportionality in participation in the alternate assessment. Please indicate below each sub-group of disproportionality, as well as the subject for which disproportionate use was demonstrated, and the district plan to address the indicated issues of disproportionality.

Economically Disadvantaged Status

Subject	Plan
English Language Arts	To continue to address the lack of knowledge and understanding within district staff, SE supervisors will continue training all special education team members and administrators. This includes providing information from MDE to all decision makers on the iep team. SE supervisors will identify students serviced with RR programming that are indicated to be taking alternative testing and meet with that team to review the flowchart and expectations and ensure that the team can justify their rationale for alternative testing. Focus additional training/guidance on schools within the district with higher numbers of students assigned to alternate testing. There must be consideration to the LEA that provides programming to students that would otherwise be attending a center-based program at an ISD.

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

District Comments

I would restate that MPS provides programming for a significant population of students, that would otherwise be attending programming at an ISD run program. In addition, MPS supports ISD programming within our local building to ensure those students have an opportunity to interact within a general education environment. Some of those students spend 50% or more of their time in MPS general ed settings and we become the PEPE for those students. This does have an impact on our ability to stay within the 1% cap.



Member District Exceeding 1% Cap Justification Form FY 2019-2020

Member District: **Bullock Creek School District**

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Data

Please indicate the 1% participation rate data:

Content Area	Spring 2017 Participation Rate	Spring 2018 Participation Rate	Spring 2019 Participation Rate	Change
English Language Arts	4.9	3.9	1.5	-
Mathematics	4.5	3.9	1.5	-
Science	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Social Studies	2.9	3.7	2.1	-

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 No

Please list professional development, informational sessions, and technical assistance provided regarding the 1% Cap and/or assessment selection and participation from January 1, 2019 to present.

Audience	Date Occurred	Topics and Method of Training	Delivered by
Special Education staff (MS) and Principal	04/04/2019	Reviewed stated flow chart, each staff completed the on-line training. Staff reviewed current IEPs in the area of state assessment	District Staff
Special Education staff (Elementary staff) and Principals	04/10/2019	Reviewed stated flow chart, each staff completed the on-line training. Staff reviewed current IEPs in the area of state assessment	District Staff

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 significant cognitive impairments (serving students from in and outside of the district within a region or ISD)?

Yes No

Is there other justification to provide?

Yes No

2020 Projected Participation Rate

Using the Michigan School Data System (MSDS) and current data, complete the following table to calculate the 2020 projected participation rate.

Projected Participation Rate	Number
Total Number of students enrolled in grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11	958
Total Number of students whose IEPs currently designate MI-Access for state summative assessments in any content area	9
Projected Participation Rate	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. At least one local development plan must be submitted to proceed.

Audience	Topics and Method of Training	Date
Special education staff/ Building Principals	Continued updates on planning the best fit state assessment for students	03/20/2020

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

District Comments

Our district has improved our understanding of when to use an alternate assessment. Our students are receiving the state assessment that best matches their current curriculum and IEP.

ISD Comments (if ISD returned to district for modifications)

Contributing Factors needs question 2 and 3 answered. Assessment Data Table needs questions 1, 2 and 3 answered. Total number 2019 taking assessments should be 934 Total number taking MI-ACCESS is 14 Total Center Based is 0



Member District Exceeding 1% Cap Justification Form FY 2019-2020

Member District: Coleman Community Schools

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Data

Please indicate the 1% participation rate data:

Content Area	Spring 2017 Participation Rate	Spring 2018 Participation Rate	Spring 2019 Participation Rate	Change
English Language Arts	2.1	2.7	1.8	-
Mathematics	2.2	3	1.8	-
Science	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Social Studies	3	2.3	2.7	+

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
- No

Please list professional development, informational sessions, and technical assistance provided regarding the 1% Cap and/or assessment selection and participation from January 1, 2019 to present.

Audience	Date Occurred	Topics and Method of Training	Delivered by
Special Education Teachers & Providers	11/16/2018	Special education staff and providers were required and completed the two online training modules to determine the proper state assessment.	MDE
IEP team members	02/07/2020	IEP team members (gen ed and spec ed teachers) are consistently reviewing prior state assessment scores and utilizing MDE flow chart to determine if student should take general state assessment or alternative assessment.	District Staff
Special education providers	02/07/2020	Special Education Designee provided information from the February 6th edition of Spotlight regarding the updated flow chart to determine most appropriate state assessment.	District Staff

Contributing Factors

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

Yes No

Select the option that applies:

Fewer than 8 students took MI-Access. 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 No

Is there other justification to provide?

Yes No

2020 Projected Participation Rate

Using the Michigan School Data System (MSDS) and current data, complete the following table to calculate the 2020 projected participation rate.

Projected Participation Rate	Number
Total Number of students enrolled in grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11	366
Total Number of students whose IEPs currently designate MI-Access for state summative assessments in any content area	3
Projected Participation Rate	0.8%

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. At least one local development plan must be submitted to proceed.

Audience	Topics and Method of Training	Date
special education providers, general education teachers & parents,	The special education designee will provide state assessment flow chart at IEPs when an alternative state assessment is being considered to guide the team in determining the appropriate assessment. Special education teachers have already been provided with the updated flow chart and have completed the online training module.	02/19/2020

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 2019-2020

Member District: Meridian Public Schools

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Data

Please indicate the 1% participation rate data:

Content Area	Spring 2017 Participation Rate	Spring 2018 Participation Rate	Spring 2019 Participation Rate	Change
English Language Arts	2.3	2.2	1.8	-
Mathematics	2	1.7	1.7	No change
Science	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Social Studies	1.6	2.5	2	-

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 No

Please list professional development, informational sessions, and technical assistance provided regarding the 1% Cap and/or assessment selection and participation from January 1, 2019 to present.

Audience	Date Occurred	Topics and Method of Training	Delivered by
Special Education Teachers	04/04/2019	MDE Webinar, Flowcharts/Guidance Documents, and Discussion.	District Staff
Special Education Teacher	10/21/2019	Professional Development reviewing the results of 2019 testing.	District Staff

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 significant cognitive impairments (serving students from in and outside of the district within a region or ISD)?

Yes No

Is there other justification to provide?

Yes No

2020 Projected Participation Rate

Using the Michigan School Data System (MSDS) and current data, complete the following table to calculate the 2020 projected participation rate.

Projected Participation Rate	Number
Total Number of students enrolled in grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11	699
Total Number of students whose IEPs currently designate MI-Access for state summative assessments in any content area	15
Projected Participation Rate	2.1%

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. At least one local development plan must be submitted to proceed.

Audience	Topics and Method of Training	Date
Special Education Teachers	Staff Professional Development	03/20/2020

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

District Comments

The staff has been following the flowchart from MDE and has looked at the testing results from the previous year to ensure that students are taking the appropriate assessment. All students based on MDE guidance and the previous test results are taking the most appropriate assessment.



Member District Exceeding 1% Cap Justification Form FY 2019-2020

Member District: Academic and Career Education 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.

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Data

Please indicate the 1% participation rate data:

Content Area	Spring 2017 Participation Rate	Spring 2018 Participation Rate	Spring 2019 Participation Rate	Change
English Language Arts	0	0	0	No change
Mathematics	0	0	0	No change
Science	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Social Studies	0	0	0	No change