



Assessment Participation At-Risk School Information

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) has released the list of “Assessment Participation At-Risk” schools based on 2014-15 state assessments.

“Assessment Participation At-Risk” schools are those failing to meet the 95% participation requirements for multiple subjects/student-group areas for one year (i.e., 2014-15). If these schools again fail to meet participation requirements in 2015-16 they will be named “Assessment Participation Non-Compliant” schools and be required to begin a series of supports and interventions to help them meet the participation requirements.

Under Michigan’s approved ESEA Flexibility Waiver, schools named “Assessment Participation Non-Compliant” will begin the series of supports and interventions below. All schools named “Assessment Participation Non-Compliant” based on 2014-15 state assessments are in Year 1 of the supports and interventions. Schools will no longer be “Assessment Participation Non-Compliant” when they meet the 95% participation requirement for state assessments.

- **Year 1:** School will receive a “Letter of Warning” outlining escalating consequences for years 2, 3, and 4 of assessment participation non-compliance.
- **Year 2:** School will receive a MDE/DAS investigation and be required to develop a plan to address root causes for low participation that will require MDE/DAS approval.
- **Year 3:** Under revision due to the passage of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)
- **Year 4:** Under revision due to the passage of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)
- If at any time the lack of student participation becomes egregious, the school may be placed under the authority of the State of Michigan School Reform Office.

To ensure accurate reporting of participation rates, all schools should carefully monitor their assessment participation and verify enrollment records in the Michigan Student Data System (MSDS) are up-to-date. The MSDS End-of-Year General Collection is **NOT** able to update the enrollment and demographic information used in assessment and accountability reporting so it is important any such updates are submitted in MSDS using Student Record Maintenance (SRM) uploads. Only SRM uploads certified by **5:00 PM on June 10, 2016** and having an “AS OF” date of **May 27, 2016** or earlier will be used for assessment and accountability reporting. Schools will continue to have the opportunity to submit reasons for non-participating students during the Students Not Tested window (tentatively set for mid-June through early-July).

To view the list of schools at-risk, please visit:

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Participation_At-Risk_Schools_521396_7.xlsx

Questions regarding participation rates and their calculations may be directed to the Office of Evaluation, Strategic Research, and Accountability (OESRA): mde-accountability@michigan.gov OR 877-560-8378.

Questions about supports and interventions for “Assessment Participation Non-Compliant” schools may be directed to the Office of Education Improvement and Innovation (OEII): 517-241-3147 or the Office of Field Services (OFS): 517-373-3921.