

General Information

SECTION 1 — INTRODUCTION

MI-Access assessments are administered each school year in districts across Michigan. After administration is complete, assessment materials are submitted to the MI-Access contractor—Questar Assessment, Incorporated—for scanning and scoring, and results are returned to the districts in which students were assessed. The purpose of this handbook is to assist educators, parents, and other stakeholders with understanding, interpreting, and using those results.

This handbook includes general information on how and why MI-Access was developed, as well as specific information on

- how the MI-Access assessments are designed,
- how students are scored,
- how performance standards are determined,
- how assessment results are reported and distributed, and
- how results can be used to improve programs, instruction, and student performance.

Understanding MI-Access results is important because when they are used in meaningful ways, they translate into better learning and improved student achievement.