General Questions

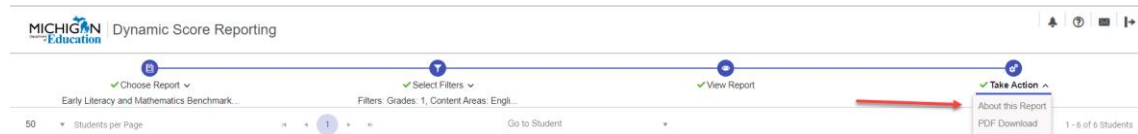**What is the link to the Michigan Department of Education's Benchmark Assessment Site:**

https://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-22709_102327---,00.html

Where will this recording be posted?

The recording and slide deck for both sessions will be posted at https://www.midatahub.org/support/trainings/ shortly after each presentation.

Is there a document available that explains the Early Literacy Data Student report before sending it home to parents

All reports available through the Dynamic Score Reporting Site include an About This Report document that explains the report. MDE recommends the Individual Student Report be shared with parents. The About This Report document is accessed through the Take Action button after the report has been generated.

Is it correct that the 2022-23 Benchmark Assessment offer in the legislation makes this optional next year? Meaning that you only have to do all of this if you want the reimbursement of $12.50 next school year?

Section 104h of Public Act 48 provides the for the same benchmark administration and reporting requirements in the 2022-23 school year as for the current 2021-22 school year. Specifically, districts will need to administer benchmark assessments to all students in grades K-8 twice a year in the first nine weeks and again before the end of the 2022-23 school year. The benchmark assessment options remain the same: a) a benchmark assessment provided by an MDE-approved vendor, b) a benchmark assessment that provide progress monitoring, c) a local benchmark assessment, d) or any combination of thereof. Reporting and funding requirements are also the same as the current school year.

Assessment

For importing Renaissance data, where do we enter the district ID

The district ID and State ID are both required to be added in the export from Renaissance. The process to complete this is found on page 13 of the configuration guide. https://www.midatahub.org/downloads/data_integration/michigan_return_to_learn_renaissance_setup.pdf

If our assessment isn't one of the approved 4, do we have to do the Aggregation template and submit to the Data Hub AND answer the questions in GEMS/Mars?

> If you are using a local benchmark assessment or another benchmark assessment with progress monitoring tools for any segment of the K-8 population, you only need to report in GEMS/MARS for that segment of the population.

> Please see the chart below for guidance on how to report based on the assessment type:

Type of Benchmark Assessment	Reporting Method
Benchmark assessment from MDE-approved provider list	Assessment Data To MDE via Michigan Data Hub (MDH)
Assessment providing progress monitoring	GEMS/MARS
Local benchmark assessment	GEMS/MARS
Any combination of the above 3 choices	Michigan Data Hub and/or GEMS/MARS depending on type of assessments being administered

So, if we are doing the NWEA assessment we do not need to report in GEMS/MARS?

> No, since NWEA is one of the 4 MDE identified assessments, the data can be aggregated via the Aggregate API directly in the MiDataHub Cockpit.   Another scenario to consider is if your district is using a local benchmark assessment or an assessment with progress monitoring for some grades - for example, NWEA in grades 3-8 but a local assessment in grades K-2 - or for different student populations - for example, NWEA for most students but a local assessment for students with significant disabilities - then the local assessment(s) would need to be reported through the GEMS/MARS form.

There is some confusion about what is required for districts *not* using an MDE-approved vendor. Are districts administering a non-MDE approved assessment still required to publicly report the data at a board meeting and on their district website as described in http://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S(1nddpqtb3w5vmzxp5udonm3u))/mileg.aspx?page=GetObject&objectname=mcl-388-1698b-added?

> Yes, districts will still need to report on their goals. For the K-8 grades that have benchmarks from 104a associated with them, they will have to report on the goals associated with the benchmarks – including all of the disaggregation…student group, mode of instruction, etc.

We are using NWEA and are using Clever this year to load our NWEA. Clever is not loading our demographics, for instance if the student has a 504, is an English Learner etc. Do you know if we must provide that information by loading it into our NWEA, or will the Secure Site data cover this?

> The aggregate will be calculated using data pulled from MSDS, not based on demographics from assessment vendor data or the MiDataHub ODS.

MiDataHub Cockpit

Where are the aggregate results located?

The aggregate results are located in the MiDataHub cockpit under the District folder link. The file is available in the "District Folder" for a limited time, as MiDataHub automatically deletes files in the secure area every 7 days for security purposes. Only the authorization of Superintendent or Technical contact can access this file. Documentation is available on how to access this file at the following link:

[Michigan 2020-21 Benchmark Assessments Report](#)

My district has a new superintendent this year. How do I go about getting the two superintendent accounts updated in the MiDataHub Cockpit?

Please contact the MiDataHub support team by sending an email to support@midatahub.org indicating your district, and the requested updates.

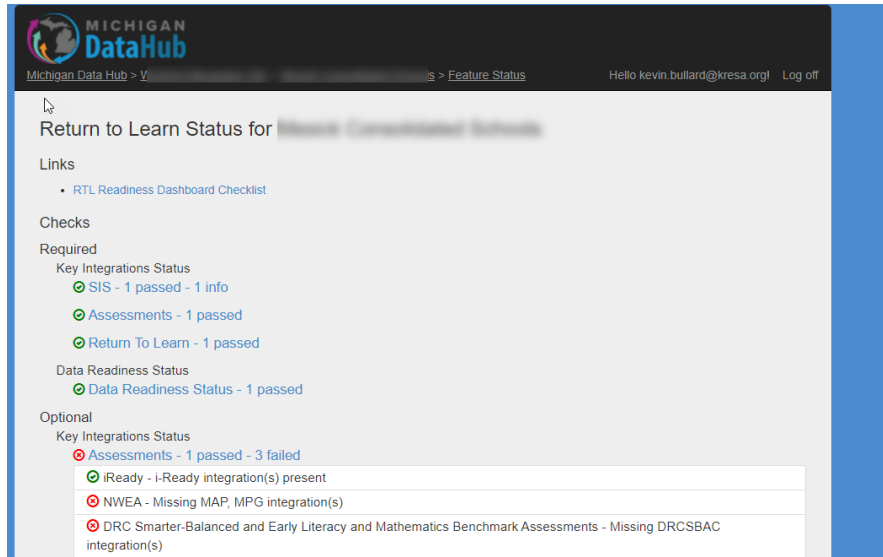**What do we do if we have an integration with a product that we no longer use?**

In the MiDataHub Cockpit, navigate to the integration no longer used, select the integration by clicking on it, and change the status > Inactive, and click submit. This will deactivate the integration. If you have any questions or need assistance, please email support@midatahub.org

Do the vendors charge for the API Integration?

No, the API integration is a free service to districts

Is there a way to verify that the API Integration with vendor has been set up? How do you know if your SIS is connected or not?

There is a new feature in the MiDataHub Cockpit, allowing districts to verify the current status of Return to Learn for their district. This feature is similar to the MICIP dashboard and provides the readiness of your district for Return To learn based on predetermined validation parameters. You can review the readiness by logging into the MiDataHub Cockpit and selecting Features > Return to Learn:

If our benchmark assessment (Star) is under Inbound Integration, but not under the API integrations, then we would need to add the API Integration - is that correct?

Currently the STAR Assessments are configured as an inbound integration only. STAR has not developed the API integration yet. You can review what type of integration a vendor is using by visiting their product catalog entry at https://www.midatahub.org/product-catalog/

The NWEA integration is under Inbound but it is not showing in the API although we used it successfully last year.

That is correct, the NWEA integration is currently an inbound integration only. NWEA has not developed the API Integration yet. You can review what type of integration a vendor is using by visiting their product catalog entry at https://www.midatahub.org/product-catalog/

MODE OF INSTRUCTION

Is the mode of instruction only for the current school year?

The Mode of Instruction is a new data collection point for the 2021-22 school year. The Legislation calls for districts to provide the mode of instruction in their aggregates. There are 3 ways this is reported: Fully In-Person, Hybrid, and Fully Remote during the fall and End of Year assessment testing window. Section 104h(f) of Public Act 48 indicates Mode of Instruction will collected in the 2022-23 school year as well.

Who will be sharing the ways to track Mode of Instruction when the SIS vendors develop ways to track it? Should we work on a way to track it independently?

MiDataHub is working with SIS vendors on how they might track the information. As this work progresses, we will communicate the process of recording and collecting that information during our monthly calls with the Student Information System vendors, and the MiDataHub newsletter. We also anticipate the vendors providing documentation on this as well. MDE will also provide a resource to this

process either directly on the MDE Benchmark Assessments web page or embedded in the Fact Sheet/FAQ.

When mode of instruction changes do we need to record it only for when the test was taken?

> The Mode of Instruction will indicate the status of students during the Fall and End of Year assessment windows (when test was taken). Some Student Information Systems (SISs) may track by date, in which case we will identify the date value that was in place during the assessment period to build the aggregate. Other SISs will track a status during the fall and spring test windows. In those cases, SIS vendors will provide the status with a default date for the appropriate timeframe.

Is there a way to indicate primary Mode of Instruction in PowerSchool?

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