



Technology Readiness Infrastructure Grant

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Weekly Update



E-Rate Trainings

There are still spots available for the last three E-Rate Trainings being held. If you are in charge of applying for E-Rate at your district or want to know more about the E-Rate process, be sure to register for one of these free E-Rate trainings listed at the link below. If you employ a Consultant to apply for E-Rate for your district, please pass along this information and encourage them to attend this training.

The remaining training dates and locations are:

- **December 6th** at Winding Brook Conference Center
- **December 11th** at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids
- **December 12th** at the Troy Marriott

Each session will be from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with lunch provided.

The five scheduled events will provide:

- 1) a short overview of the E-rate program,
- 2) a more detailed review of the E-rate application process with overall requirements, form preparation and tips for success,
- 3) a session on any program changes for the upcoming 2014 Funding Year,
- 4) a short presentation on the next generation of the E-rate program driven by the FCC's recent rulemaking seeking input on major revisions to create "E-Rate 2.0."

In addition, participants will be provided with TRIG E-Rate Activity specific information on how to utilize the results of the TRIG sponsored work.

These sessions are being held at a variety of locations across the state to facilitate ease for attending. Training is being conducted by Dan Farslow of E-Rate Central, and Bill Thompson, TRIG E-Rate Project Manager.

To register for any of these, please visit: <https://www.miemeseries.org/source/Events/ByDate.cfm?Section=events> and look for "E-Rate Training and TRIG E-Rate Update" sessions.



MTRAx UPDATE

Don't forget that the deadline for completion of your MTRAx survey is fast approaching. All districts (ISDs, LEAs and PSAs) have until **December 15, 2013** to complete their data in MTRAx in order to be eligible to participate in year two of the TRIG grant. Please visit the 22itrig.org website for a listing of all districts showing as complete as of December 2, 2013. If you believe that you have completed your data but are not showing on the report, please contact us at <http://mtrax.org/contact-us> for assistance in identifying what still needs to be completed.

2013-14 TRIG RFP District Participation Requirement #4 FAQ

1. Can my district participate in multiple authorized pilot and/or field test opportunities to satisfy requirement #4?

Yes. Any combination of the authorized opportunities may be used to satisfy requirement #4. For example, a 5,500 student district might choose to satisfy the requirement using a combination of the Smarter Balanced Field Test, Michigan Interim Assessment Pilot, and MI-Access FI Pilot as follows:

Smarter Balanced Field Tests Administered

4th grade ELA = 400
7th grade math = 400

Michigan Interim Assessment Pilot Tests Administered

Kindergarten ELA = 25
Kindergarten math = 25
2nd grade ELA = 50
2nd grade math = 50
Biology = 50
Chemistry = 50

MI-Access FI Pilot Tests Administered

5th grade social studies = 20
8th grade social studies = 20
11th grade social studies = 20

Total Pilot and/or Field Tests Administered = 1,110 (meets requirement)

Number of Students (FTE) = 5,500

20% of the FTE pupil count: = 1,100

2. My school administered the science or social studies MEAP online this fall. Does that count toward satisfying requirement #4?

No. The MEAP online science and social studies were operational tests, not pilots, and therefore do not count toward satisfying requirement #4.

3. Will MDE expand the list of authorized assessments that count toward satisfying requirement #4?

No. The main objective of this requirement is to ensure adequate participation in the pilot and field tests listed below. Without adequate participation, these assessments will not be ready for operation in 2015. The secondary objectives of this requirement are to provide schools with an opportunity to test their technology configuration and to provide students with online testing experiences in a low-stakes environment.

State of Michigan Authorized Pilot and/or Field Test Opportunities for 2013-2014 School Year

<u>Description</u>	<u>When</u>	<u>Grades</u>	<u>Content Areas</u>
Michigan Interim Assessment Pilot	Fall 2013	3 through 12	Science and Social Studies
Smarter Balanced Field Test	Spring 2014	3 through 11	ELA and Math
Michigan Interim Assessment Pilot *	Spring 2014	K, 1, and 2	ELA and Math
Michigan Interim Assessment Pilot *	Spring 2014	3 through 12	Science and Social Studies
MI-Access FI Pilot	Spring 2014	5, 8, and 11	Social Studies
ASSETS for ELLs Field Test	Spring 2014	K through 12	Reading
Dynamic Learning Maps Field Test	Spring 2014	3 through 12	ELA and Math
ATEA Field Test **	Spring 2014	3, 5, and 7	ELA and Math

* Registration is now open at <http://tinyurl.com/s14-ia-pilot>

** For students with blindness, low vision, or motor disabilities (ateassessments.org)

For specific questions, contact Matt Ayotte at ayottem@michigan.gov

Get Tech Ready, Set... Go! Mini Workshop Videos

Thanks to the amazing tech crew at Oakland Schools, the TRIG Mini Workshops were able to be recorded and are now available to be viewed. If you were unable to attend a session or if you were there but need additional information, please go to the links provided below.

Overview of TRIG

What is TRIG? What are the benefits of TRIG? Overview of TRIG sessions

Presenter: Tim Hall

Direct Link: <http://mistreamnet.org/videos/2917>

E-Rate

Ensuring that all schools can afford to purchase the needed connectivity is a critical foundation for high-stakes assessments. This statewide project will ensure that every Michigan school receives the most competitive price possible for Internet access and connectivity. As a result schools will be able to acquire the bandwidth needed for online assessments and that will enhance the educational process year round.

Presenter: Jim Rarus

Direct Link: <http://mistreamnet.org/videos/2918>

State Education Network

Network connectivity plays a key role in efforts to eliminate duplication and – in the case of K-12 – meet the growing demand for bandwidth required by on-line testing and Any Time, Any Place, Any Way, Any Pace learning. See how the funding will help leverage existing K-12 networks to meet the increased need for bandwidth required by these initiatives and how K12 networks around Michigan will use Grant funds to improve connection options.

Presenter: Dave Childs

Direct Link: <http://mistreamnet.org/videos/2919>

Michigan Technology Readiness Assessment Tool (MTRAx)

A state-wide technology readiness planning process has been established through the deployment of the Michigan Technology Readiness Tool (MTRAx) to all schools (LEAs, PSAs and ISDs) in the state. Take a look at where the project is and how it can assist your district.

Presenter: Matt Lindner

Direct Link: <http://mistreamnet.org/videos/2920>

Classroom Readiness

Using a train-the-trainer model, this pilot project will provide collaboration opportunities for a statewide professional development network of K-12 educators with a training ground and resource base to improve technology proficiency and local district readiness for online assessments. See how your district is engaged with this project.

Presenter: Melissa White and Jan Harding

Direct Link: <http://mistreamnet.org/videos/2921>

Device Purchasing

See how a pilot was developed and implemented around a statewide bidding process for personal computing devices and desktop computers to support on-line testing and the "Any Time, Any Place" initiative.

Presenter: Karen Hairston

Direct Link: <http://mistreamnet.org/videos/2922>

Data Integration

A longstanding issue in Michigan schools has been the inconsistent ways in which student data is managed and handled. Each school district or PSA makes its own set of choices of which systems to use for student information, food services, transportation, data warehousing, Special Education data, library systems and more. All of those systems use student data, and schools are left to solve on their own, or in small groups, the problem of how to share data among those systems. The result is a massive duplication of effort as the same problem is solved over and over in the many school systems around the state. See how this activity seeks to solve this inefficiency.

Presenter: Don Dailey

Direct Link: <http://mistreamnet.org/videos/2923>

Assessment & Curriculum

Assessment & Curriculum will focus on giving schools the knowledge, skills, and resources to help teachers effectively use the data from assessments to inform classroom instruction and help support student learning. See what the components of this plan will look like.

Presenter: Amber Kowatch

Direct Link: <http://mistreamnet.org/videos/2924>



Completion of Year Two Application Process

The deadline for Year Two District Participation in TRIG is right around the corner. To comply, follow these simple steps:

1. Have you completed the MTRAx survey? The deadline is December 15, 2013.

A list of the districts that have completed the MTRAx survey will be included as an attachment every Wednesday along with the Weekly Update and posted as [MTRAx List](#). The list will be current as of the prior Monday.

2. Have you completed the MEGS+ Application process? The deadline is December 20, 2013.

A list of districts that have completes the MEGS+ application process can be found at [MEGS+ List](#). This list will be updated every Monday and Thursday.

Once you have completed both of these steps, you are all set for now. Your TRIG participation payment of \$10/FTE based on the Fall Blended Count should be included in the January SAMS payment.

Requirement #4 Definition from RFP

4. The district agrees to satisfactorily participate in one or more of the State of Michigan authorized online pilot and/or field test opportunities. To satisfy this requirement, the total number of online pilot and/or field tests administered in the district during the 2013-14 school year, must equate to at least 20% of your district's full-time equivalency (FTE) pupil count from the Fall 2013 Michigan Student Data System (MSDS) Collection. Please see participation examples below.

This requirement includes necessary activities related to online testing such as installing software, attending training, and performing online test preparation procedures. It is understood that the software will not negatively interfere with the district's normal operations. The grant will not require the installation of software under these participation requirements after June 30, 2014.

Example #1: If a charter school with 150 student FTEs administers the science and social studies interim pilot assessments to 15 students in the fourth grade, that equates to 30 tests administered and therefore satisfies this participation requirement.

Example #2: If a K-12 school district with 1,700 student FTEs administers the ELA and math interim pilot assessments to 180 students in grades K through 2, that equates to 360 tests administered and therefore satisfies this participation requirement.

Example #3: If a K-12 school district with 5,000 student FTEs administers the US history, world history, biology, and chemistry interim assessments to 250 students (each), that equates to 1,000 tests administered and therefore satisfies this participation requirement.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & DEADLINES	
<p>December 5, 2013</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TRIG PM Call-in Mtg - State Tech Director's Mtg - Classroom Readiness Advisory Group 	<p>December 11, 2013</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Data Integration Development Planning - E-Rate Training & Update
<p>December 6, 2013</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TRIG Steering Committee Mtg - E-Rate Training & Update 	<p>December 15, 2013</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MTRAx Survey Completion Due
<p>December 9, 2013</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TRIG Update with Wexford-Missaukee - TRIG MDE Mtg 	<p>December 20, 2013</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MEGS+ Applications Due