

**Revised Category One Requirements:  
Revised January 28, 2013**

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) understands and acknowledges that some of these requirements may be fulfilled by an Intermediate School District (ISD) or consortium acting on behalf of the district.

1. The district agrees to participate in one statewide or regional consortium identified through the Category Two application process and agrees to confirm consortium participation and submit spending estimates in MEGS+ under Category Four.
2. The district, or a consortium on behalf of the district, agrees to join a statewide organization, which may be formed through activities related to this grant for the purpose of procuring E-rate network services from E-rate eligible State Master Contracts (SMCs). The district, or a consortium on behalf of the district, agrees to include E-rate eligible SMCs in its e-Rate bid evaluation process, using price as the primary factor per FCC rules.
3. ISDs/Districts that manage fiber networks, if requested, agree to negotiate a shared services agreement with the Michigan Department of Technology, Management, and Budget (DTMB) or its designate by June 30, 2014, and allow for the connection of the ISDs/Districts to a Statewide Education Network (SEN). ISDs/Districts will permit installation of electronics and/or software, provided by this grant, required for implementing and monitoring the SEN with the understanding that the electronics and/or software provided by this grant will not negatively interfere with nor control the ISDs/Districts' servers, routers, switches or Wide Area Network (WAN) equipment. The term "shared services agreement" refers generically to an agreement between the State and ISDs/Districts to allow the State of Michigan to utilize ISDs/Districts' networks for interconnecting the SEN and State agencies. The MDE realizes this may impact ISDs/Districts' E-rate filings. The MDE will only request participating ISDs/Districts to sign such agreements at the request of the Michigan DTMB. No blanket agreement is required at this time.
4. The district must volunteer to participate in one or more Smarter Balanced, or State of Michigan provided, pilot online testing opportunities during **each** school year (2012-13 and 2013-14). This requirement includes installing any necessary software on instructional computing devices to participate in the online assessment pilots. It is understood that the software will not negatively interfere with ISDs/districts normal operations. Additionally, only software that is deemed necessary will be installed.
5. The ISDs/Districts selected to take part in the Michigan technology readiness planning process (i.e., Category Three, Activity Two) and/or the Michigan classroom readiness professional development program (i.e., Category Three, Activity Three) pilot(s) agree to install any hardware and/or software provided by this grant that is necessary to achieve "zero effort" in monitoring and reporting technology readiness at the ISD, district, and/or school building level with the understanding that

electronics and/or software provided by the grant will not negatively interfere with nor control ISDs/Districts' servers, routers, switches or, WAN equipment. Additionally, only electronics and software that are deemed necessary for successfully accomplishing the pilot(s) will be required to be installed.

6. ISDs/Districts agree to apply for E-rate discounts for all of their eligible cost effective Priority 1 services for E-rate funding years 2013-14 and 2014-15. Districts may abstain from applying for eligible E-rate funds in those areas where the cost of the E-rate compliance clearly outweighs the negligible reimbursement opportunity. For the E-rate funding year 2014 (school year July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015), participating districts and ISDs that are eligible under E-rate guidelines are required to file for E-rate individually or as a member of an E-rate consortium. The MDE intends to structure a statewide E-rate consortium filing for all cost effective E-rate services for funding year 2015 (school year July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016) through category three, activity one activities. Participating districts and ISDs that are eligible under E-rate guidelines would be expected to participate in the statewide E-rate consortium filing for funding year 2015 (school year July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016).

7. The district agrees to inform its parents of programs offered within the district's community to provide discounted home Internet service for qualified students by June 30, 2013. The MDE will provide districts with a list of available programs in the state for dissemination. Example: In certain communities, Comcast Internet Essentials offers \$9.99/month for home connectivity for families qualifying for Free and Reduced Lunch (<http://www.internetessentials.com/default.aspx>).

8. The district agrees to limit Category One funds spending to the following uses and agrees to submit a budget under Category Four explaining how funds will be spent:

- Network services off SMC
- Computer/device purchasing pilot (Category Three, Activity Four)
- In-building wireless connectivity
- Technology Readiness Planning (Category Three, Activity Two)
- Online/Digital Assessment

9. The district understands that its ISD must also agree to these requirements for the district to receive Category One funds.