



K-2 Teachers and Students Needed



Michigan Department of Education's Bureau of Assessment and Accountability (BAA) is pleased to announce the launch of a new assessment program, the Michigan Interim Assessment Program. These new assessments will be online, pre-post assessments (at the beginning of the year and end of the year), and may be used as one measure of student growth. The Interim Assessment Program will include K-2 Reading, Writing, and Mathematics computer-adaptive assessments, which are aligned to the Common Core State Standards. Michigan elementary school educators will play a critical role in helping BAA design the Interim Assessments. The first opportunity this school year for K-2 teachers and students to be involved is Cognitive Labs, which will be held in late November and early December 2012.

What is a Cognitive Lab?

Cognitive Labs will help BAA learn more about what types of online items and item types work best with a variety of K-2 students across Michigan. Both K-2 students and their teachers will be part of the Cognitive Labs and will provide BAA with important information about whether the items and different online item types work well and are accessible to students across Michigan.



Who can participate?

Students currently enrolled in grades K-2 and receiving instruction in grade level content, including students whose first language is other than English and students who have an Individual Education Plan (IEP). As a person who the K-2 student knows well, educators of participating students will be asked to help in the administration of the Cognitive Lab to their participating students.

How can you help?

Districts and Schools have the opportunity to participate in the K-2 Cognitive Labs by providing assistance in identifying teachers and students to participate and working with BAA to coordinate the Cognitive Lab sessions.



When will the Cognitive Labs take place?

Late November and early December 2012

Where will the Cognitive Labs take place?

Cognitive Labs will be conducted at the teacher and students' own school.

To participate or obtain additional information, please contact Erika Bolig in the Bureau of Assessment and Accountability at 517-241-6397 or BoligE@michigan.gov