23.4.1 According to the USDE, these facilities are considered “programs” not schools and would not be assigned accountability labels.

23.4.2 If a student, who is still enrolled in MSIS, is in such a program and is not tested, the student will count as “not tested” in the participation rate calculations of the school/district. If the student is tested, his/her scores will count at his/her MSIS resident school.

23.5 Virtual Public Schools

23.5.1 Only schools classified under the U.S. Department of Education’s EDEN (Education Data Exchange Network) reporting requirements as a separate school entity will receive a grade.

24. 9th Grade Only Schools

24.1 Scores of a 9th grade only school will be combined with the high school to which that school feeds and calculated as one (1) school but reported as two (2) separate schools. In other words, both schools will earn the same school grade because it will be based on the same data calculations.

25. College & Career Readiness Indicator

The College & Career Readiness component will be dependent on legislative action. The following rules will apply only if the state legislature mandates statewide ACT testing and appropriates funding for such testing.

25.1 The ACT will be used as the College & Career Readiness Indicator.

25.2 The College & Career Readiness component will be comprised of a Mathematics and an English/Reading component. These two (2) components will be equally weighted and combined for one (1) score worth fifty (50) points: (Math + English/Reading) ÷ 2

25.3 A student will be included in the numerator for Mathematics if he/she is considered College & Career Ready in Mathematics by having a score on the Mathematics component of the ACT at or above the ACT College Readiness Benchmark for the Mathematics component at the time of the student’s assessment.

25.4 A student will be included in the numerator for English/Reading if he/she is considered College & Career Ready in English/Reading by having a score on the English component of the ACT at or above the ACT College Readiness Benchmark OR if his/her score on the Reading component of the ACT is at or above the ACT College Readiness Benchmark at the time of the student’s assessment.

Note: As of September 1, 2013, the ACT College Readiness Benchmarks are as follows: English - 18; Reading - 22; and Mathematics - 22.

25.5 Science ACT sub-scores will not be included in the College & Career Readiness component.

25.6 ACT Composite scores will not be included in the College & Career Readiness component. (Rationale: ACT does not designate a composite score to indicate college readiness.)

25.7 The highest sub-score for each student (at the time of the Senior Snapshot) in Mathematics and English/Reading, as described above, will be used in the College & Career Readiness Indicator accountability calculations.

25.7.1 Students included in the Senior Snapshot will have until February (pending availability of data) of the academic year to participate in the ACT and have their highest subscores in English/Reading and Mathematics included in the College and Career Readiness Component.

25.8 Contingent upon legislative funding, the state will pay for one (1) statewide ACT administration to be held in the spring for students classified in MSIS as juniors. Ungraded students whose birthdates link them to the cohort of students identified as juniors will also be included. Students may take the ACT as many additional times as they choose, at their own expense.

25.9 Students identified in MSIS as SCD will not be required to participate but may participate if the IEP committee deems it appropriate.
25.10 The ACT scores of all students identified in the Senior Snapshot will be included in the calculation except students identified in MSIS as SCD. However, if a student identified in MSIS as SCD takes the ACT, his/her score will be included in the calculations.

25.11 A student’s score will be applied to the school in which the student is enrolled in MSIS at the time of the Senior Snapshot.

25.12 No other assessments will be allowed as a substitution for the ACT in the College & Career Readiness component.

25.13 The participation rate numerator will include the state administration or non-state administration of the ACT. The denominator will include all students in the Senior Snapshot.

25.14 The denominator for the College and Career Readiness component calculation will consist of all students participating in the ACT as identified in the participation calculations.

26. Senior Snapshot

The Senior Snapshot (SS) is a method of identifying high school students for the high school assessment participation rate calculation required by the ED. Because students may take the high school level assessment at any time during high school to meet federal regulations, MDE uses this method to capture the status of students before the end of their fourth year in high school. The SS captures ALL students who have been enrolled in a MS public school for three (3) years (grades 10-12). If the student does not meet the three-year enrollment criteria, he/she will not be included in the denominator for participation rate calculations.

27. Other

27.1 Deceased Students

27.1.1 Students indicated in MSIS as deceased will not be included in any accountability calculations.

27.2 Foreign Exchange Students

27.2.1 For school year 2013-2014, foreign exchange students will automatically be included in accountability calculations just as any other students. However, if a school/district wishes to have a foreign exchange student excluded from the accountability calculations, the request should be made through the Internal Review Process.

27.2.2 Deleted