

Massena Central School District Notice of AIS Process

The Massena Central School District provides Academic Intervention Services (AIS) to students who score below the state designated performance level on state assessments and/or who are at risk of not achieving the state learning standards as measured utilizing a variety of district determined assessments.

Academic Intervention Services (AIS) means additional instruction, which supplements the instruction provided in the general curriculum. Academic Intervention Services are intended to help eligible students achieve the NYS Learning Standards in English language arts, mathematics, social studies and/or science. Additionally, students who are at risk of not gaining the knowledge and skills needed to meet or exceed designated performance levels on state assessments are required to receive AIS. These services may include:

- Additional instruction that supplements the general curriculum and/or
- Student support services needed to address barriers to improved academic performance.

The intensity of AIS may vary; it is designed to respond to student needs as indicated through State and/or district, formal or informal assessments.

Districts will identify students to receive AIS through a two-step process. First, all students performing below the median scale score between a level 2/partially proficient and a Level 3/proficient on a grade 3-8 English language arts (ELA) or mathematics state assessment shall be considered for AIS. Upon identification of a student for consideration for AIS, districts shall then use a district-developed procedure, to be applied uniformly at each grade level, for determining which students shall receive AIS. After the district considers a student's scores on multiple measures of student performance, the district determines whether the student is required to receive AIS.

The tables below depict the district developed eligibility and exit criteria, to be applied uniformly at each grade level, for determining which students qualify for AIS in grades K-12.

Eligibility for AIS: Identification for AIS and intensity of service is based on multiple measures for each grade and subject area: Grades K-12 ELA and math, Grades 4-12 includes social studies and science. Students shall be considered for AIS at levels Tier 1-3:

Tier 1 - Monitoring	Tier 2 - Moderate Risk	Tier 3 - High Risk
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lack skills needed to maintain/monitor his/her own academic achievement (e.g., organizational skills, listening skills, test-taking skills, etc.). ▪ Grades K-8: performing at or below a median cut point score between a Level 2/partially proficient and a Level 3/proficient and/or do not meet one of the benchmark criteria. ▪ Grades 9-12: score near proficiency on the NYS Regents and/or do not meet one of the benchmark criteria. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Are inconsistent in demonstrating expectations of grade level. Consistently lack some specific skills that are required for satisfactory performance. ▪ Grades K-8: score a low Level 2 below specified scale score on NYS Assessments and/or do not meet two of the benchmark criteria. ▪ Grade 9-12: score below proficiency on the NYS Regents and/or do not meet two of the benchmark criteria. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Are potentially at-risk of not achieving the New York State Learning Standards and/or meeting graduation requirements. ▪ Grades K-8: score Level 1 on NYS Assessments and/or do not meet at least two of the benchmark criteria. The measure used, as well as, degree of discrepancy is taken into account. ▪ Grades 9-12: score below proficiency on the NYS Regents and/or do not meet at least two of the benchmark criteria. The measure used, as well as, degree of discrepancy is taken into account.

Exiting AIS: Based on multiple measures

It is determined that a student is achieving the standards if they have:

- Achieved proficiency on the content area NYS assessment and/or
- Achieved the benchmark criteria on two or more of the multiple measures

AIS/RTI Criteria

Subject and Grade	Multiple Measures	Benchmark Criteria
All subjects K-12	Student Attendance	High rate of absenteeism may be related to academic difficulty.
	Teacher Recommendation	Comments from teachers are considered in overall evaluation.
ELA K-8	DIBELS Grades K-2	Benchmarked a minimum two-three times a year for students not making adequate progress in general education. Progress monitoring conducted for students not achieving the benchmarks.
	NYS ELA Assessment: Grades 3-8	Scoring Level 3 or 4.
	Fountas & Pinnell/IRA Grades K-8	Benchmarked at least once or twice a year for students not making adequate progress in general education. Progress monitoring conducted for students not achieving the benchmarks. See attachment for benchmarks per assessment and grade level.
	i-Ready Grades 1-8	Benchmarked a minimum three times a year. Monthly progress monitoring conducted for students not achieving the benchmarks.
	Common Interim Assessments Grades K-8	Benchmarked at least three times a year.
	Gates-MacGinitie Grades 7-8	Screening tool for new students; grade equivalent.
ELA 9-12	Class Average	65
	NYS ELA Assessment: Grade 8	Scoring Level 3 or 4.
	English Language Arts Regents at Grade 11	65
	Gates-MacGinitie Grade 9	Benchmarked at beginning of year; grade equivalent.
Math K- 8	NYS Math Assessment: Grades 3-8	Scoring Level 3 or 4.
	i-Ready Grades 1-8	Benchmarked a minimum three times a year. Progress monitoring conducted for students not achieving the benchmarks.
	Common Interim Assessments Grades K-8	Benchmarked at least three times a year.
Math 9-12	Class Average	65
	NYS Math Assessment: Grade 8	Scoring Level 3 or 4.
	Algebra and Geometry Regents	65

Subject and Grade	Multiple Measures	Benchmark Criteria
Social Studies 4-12	Classroom Average	Grades 4-8: Below Benchmark Grades 9-12: 65
	NYS ELA Assessment Grades 3-8	Students who score at Level 1 or 2 on the assessment at Grades 4-8 will be identified to determine whether their performance on the assessment is attributed to difficulty in areas of Social Studies content or reading and writing.
	Common ELA Interim Assessments Grades K-8	Benchmarked at least three times a year.
	Global History and Geography Regents	65
	United States History and Government Regents	65
Science 4-12	Classroom Average	Grades 4-8: Below Benchmark Grades 9-12: 65
	NYS Science Assessment at Grades 4 and 8	Scoring Level 3 or 4.
	NYS Math and ELA Assessment	Students who scored at Level 1 or 2 on the assessments in Grades 4 - 8 will be identified to determine whether their performance on the Science assessment is attributed to difficulty in the areas of reading, writing or math.
	Physical Settings in Earth Science and Living Environment Regents, Chemistry and Physics Regents	65