

## **GLOSSARY**

**Cut Score:** A specified point on a score scale, such that scores at or above that point are interpreted or acted upon differently from scores below that point. (Standards for Educational & Psychological Testing, 1999.)

**MI-Access Online System:** The BETA/TASA password-protected Web site used to collect and store information for MI-Access assessment administration. The system—which can be accessed only by District MI-Access Coordinators using the district’s individualized link and password—contains the most up-to-date information on coordinators and is used to (1) enter estimated student and teacher counts for assessment materials, (2) order additional assessment materials, (3) obtain shipping histories, and (4) access additional resources.

**OEAA Secure Site:** Formerly referred to as the MEAP Secure Site, this password-protected Web site is used, in part, to pre-identify and update demographic information on students participating in the state’s assessment system.

**Office of School Improvement:** An office established in 2003 within the Michigan Department of Education to promote student learning and achievement by providing statewide leadership, guidance, and support for a wide range of programs that directly impact teaching and learning, school leadership, and continuous school improvement.

**Standard Setting:** The process of determining the criteria for calculating a student’s performance on an assessment.