



Assessment Learning Network: Member Benefits and Responsibilities

The Assessment Learning Network (ALN) is a **professional learning community** of members from Michigan's professional education organizations. The goal of the ALN is to **increase the assessment literacy** of all of Michigan's professional educators. Through engagement and shared perspectives, this learning community invests in Michigan's children and educators by using assessment to cultivate capable learners.

The ASSESSMENT LEARNING NETWORK is a unique concept that:

- is supported by the Michigan Assessment Consortium (MAC) and the Michigan Department of Education
- brings together the leadership from Michigan's professional education associations
- offers regular engagements where diverse education leaders learn together about the power of assessment to support the development of our students, their educators and our state

What does it mean to be an ALN Member?

ALN invites Michigan's professional education associations to join the ALN. In turn, member organization (which could be a professional association, intermediate school district, Michigan Department of Education, or other) designates a representative who is willing to work to increase their own assessment literacy and develop strategies by which the organization can work with the MAC to increase the assessment literacy of its membership and/or constituency.

ALN members are individuals who are **officially designated** by their member organization to:

- **Attend** all ALN events (full day)
- **Participate** in ALN event facilitated dialogue and activities
- **Review and understand** Michigan's Assessment Literacy Standards
- **Explore and engage** with ALN resources
- **Synthesize and share** ALN information and resources with members/constituents of their sponsoring organization

ALN members attend all events at no charge. Member organizations can appoint only ONE official representative.

Can non-ALN members attend ALN events?

Yes; guest registration costs \$25.00 per event and covers lunch and all materials. Guests **do not** have to be affiliated with a member organization. Member organizations can register multiple staff; however, only ONE official designee (who agrees to the responsibilities listed above) receives comped registration. All others are expected to pay the registration fee.

How does an organization become an ALN Member Organization?

Membership in the ALN is open to professional educational organizations interested in working together with the MAC to improve assessment literacy among Michigan's professional educators. Membership opens a two-way conversation and a mutual commitment to increase assessment knowledge among the organization's members/constituents. Interested organizations can contact Kathy Dewsbury-White at kdwhite@michiganassessmentconsortium.org or 517-816-4520.