



# Atlas Case Study: MAISA

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The Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators (MAISA) represents the 57 Intermediate School Districts (ISDs) in the State of Michigan. ISDs provide essential services to their constituent school districts to support teaching and learning. ISDs offer specialized services to students and school districts that would not be otherwise affordable. These services can be shared across districts for the success of every learner.



### What was the problem?

With the adoption of new Michigan standards, MAISA stepped in with their mission to address the immediate needs of their members with timely and high-quality programs to develop new, high-quality curriculum to address the standards. MAISA needed both a platform to on which to publish their curriculum so it was visible to members and to create well-aligned, relevant curriculum.

### How did Atlas help?

Integral to their curriculum work, MAISA relies on the standards reporting capabilities to ensure all standards are addressed within their curriculum. Specifically, the standards analysis report allows schools to see how many times standards are aligned to within units and targeted within assessments. This targeted reporting enables the curriculum writing team to create high-quality curriculum.

In addition, MAISA benefits from the regular updates made to state standards in Atlas in line with changes published from Departments of Education. The complimentary updates help maintain curriculum fidelity and ensure its continued relevancy to schools.

To publicize their curriculum to member schools, we built a public site for MAISA, which allows easy access to the curriculum. MAISA has also decided to make its work available to other schools and districts in Michigan and beyond to support their curriculum work. The curriculum is accessible via this link.

### What were the outcomes?

By documenting and publicizing curriculum via Atlas, MAISA developed well-aligned and in-depth curriculum that is easily accessible to member schools and the larger educational community. Regular updates and reporting allow for curriculum to be continuously revised and improved while in alignment with Michigan's standards. Member schools who also use Atlas have the curriculum easily updated within their system as changes are implemented, thereby easing curriculum development and alignment within schools and ensuring access to resources and consistency.

### Testimony

"We didn't have this where we worked before. It is so nice to come to a place where I don't have to wonder, what are the most important things to teach" - RJ Webber, Novi Community School District

