Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

Education Data Services

Data Collection Information Sessions

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Agenda

• Lessons Learned from 2011-2012
• October 2012 collection schedule
• SIF Update
• Lessons learned from first SIF collection
• 2012-2013 Reporting Changes
  - SIMS
  - EPIMS
  - SCS
  - SSDR
• Website Updates
• Other Data Collection Items
Lessons Learned from 2011-12

• A significant amount of time & effort is required to complete the collections: you need to start early

• If you didn’t participate in the 2011-12 collection and are reporting for the first time, contact your Data Collection Support Specialist!

• Cross validations between the systems require that SIMS, EPIMS & SCS collections are closely coordinated

• Data quality needs improvement - new rules and cross validations are uncovering issues that were not apparent in the past

• Validation & cross validation rules are constantly being refined
Lessons Learned from 2011-12

• Summary reports, EDW reports & profile reports provide a tremendous amount of information - but they must be carefully reviewed
• Stay on top of Graduation Rate and Dropout applications
• Need to check key measures like class size, FTE counts, etc.
• SIMS, SCS and EPIMS data are being used for funding, accountability and policy-making
SIMS, EPIMS and SCS Certified
School / District Profiles

- SIMS, EPIMS, and SCS data are provided to the public on the ESE website on the school / district profiles pages:

http://profiles.doe.mass.edu/
The October 2012 Data Collection Schedule
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Extensions have been eliminated.
SIF UPDATE

- 90+ districts will submit SIMS in October via SIF
- 6 to 10 districts will be submitting SCS data via SIF in October
- Fund Code 204
  - 31 districts have installed agents and are waiting to move into test harness
  - Look for the next round of grants in late fall
Lessons Learned from the First SIF Collection
SIF Results

- It is possible!!
- Nine Districts using four different vendors submitted SIMS via SIF
- Many ESE, Vendor, and District errors were vetted out and resolved
- New reports are being created to facilitate the District’s ability to more efficiently resolve SIMS errors
2012-2013 SIMS
Reporting Changes

• DOE045 & 046 (In-school and Out-of-school suspensions) are discontinued. Data will be collected in SSDR. Default value = 0

• DOE047-51 (AP Courses) are discontinued. Data will be collected solely in SCS. Default value = 500.
Summary of EPIMS 2012-2013

Reporting Changes

Effective in October

- SR27 -- Exit Date of Employee
  - Default value = NA

Educator Evaluations

- Should not be included in the October EPIMS collection
- Regional Trainings in the January-February timeframe
Summary of EPIMS 2012-2013
Reporting Changes (cont.)

Effective June 2013 for RTTT Districts and 2014 for all districts:

• SR28 - District Level Educator’ Professional Teacher Status
• SR29 Overall Annual Summative Evaluation or Formative Evaluation Rating
• SR30-33 Standard (1-4) Evaluation Ratings
• SR34 Impact on Student Learning Growth and Achievement Rating
SCS Reporting Change

• Educational Collaboratives will be submitting SCS data in October 2012 and June 2013

• Data Collection Support Specialists will contact Collaboratives to set up training dates/times
School and Safety Discipline Report

Changes

• Bullying has been added as a new offense type

• Non-drug or violent offense has been added as a new offense type

• Any offense committed by a general education student which results in an In-school or Out-of-school suspension must be reported.

• Stay turned for an upcoming SSDR webinar
Web Site Updates

- We are in the process of updating the organization of the SIMS, EPIMS & SCS web sites.

- Updated versions of the SIMS, SCS and EPIMS data handbooks, file formats, FAQ, and training materials have been posted for the October collection.

- Please give us your feedback.
Other Items

- Please refrain from sending personally identifiable information over email - use a drop box

- Dropout and Graduation Rate applications will be released very soon

- Upcoming webinars: SSDR, Directory Administration, EPIMS and SIMS 101’s for new district personnel

- Information Sessions will be held regionally in the January/February timeframe.
Contact us with comments and suggestions. Your feedback is important to us!

1. Start with your Data Collection Support Specialist

2. Still need help? Contact their Supervisor

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QUESTIONS?