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Using and Understanding the Graduation-Related Reports

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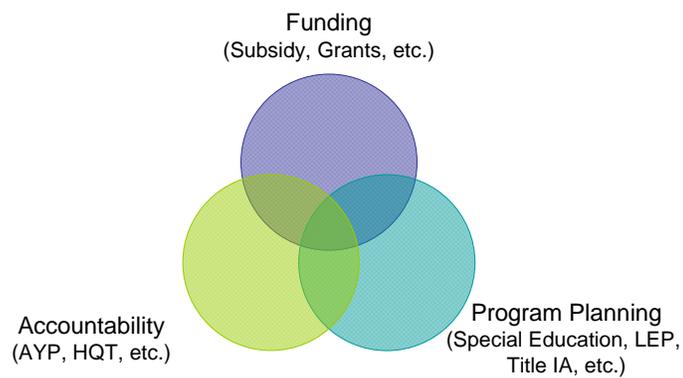
Session Agenda

- Why is it important to verify/certify your data?
- Data Standards
- NCLB graduation rate vs. the old method
- Security Necessary
- Understanding the
 - Completers and Dropouts certification process
 - Cohort certification process
 - Transfer-In and Transfer-Out certification process
 - Start Status and End Status options
- Additional Information and Deadlines
- Wrap-up



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Data is used for many purposes!



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Accurate vs. Valid

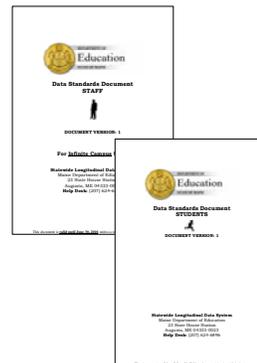
- Ewe, two, must no wear you're data is and who can sea it!
 - A spell check on this sentence would return no errors!
 - There's a BIG difference between having valid data and accurate data.



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Data Standards Documents

- When determining the accuracy of your data, please refer to the Data Standards Documents:
- <http://www.maine.gov/education/medms/XMLlinks2Stage.htm>



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NCLB Graduation Rate

$$\left[\frac{\text{On-time graduates by year } x}{[(\text{first time 9}^{\text{th}} \text{ graders in year } x-4) + (\text{Transfers-In}) - (\text{Transfers-Out})]} \right] \times 100$$

- Federal requirement to improve state to state comparisons
- “Cohort” - a group of individuals having a statistical factor (1st time 9th graders) in common
- Additional information at:
<http://www.maine.gov/education/enroll/grads/gradratefaq.pdf>



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Security Roles Necessary

- Access to different reports/downloads depends on your account permissions
- Check with your local system administrator to check on your permissions



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Graduation Certification Reports in ICSE

- [-] ME State Reporting
 - [+] EPS April Reports
 - [+] EPS October Reports
 - [-] Graduation Certification Reports
 - [] Cohort Report
 - [] Cohort Transfer In
 - [] Cohort Transfer Out
 - [] Completers Report
 - [] Dropouts Report

- For newly consolidated RSUs, login with last year's SAU login
- Choose 08-09 from the Year menu
- Select the appropriate school from the School menu



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Downloading Reports

- Reports will download in Excel format
- Reports are at the school level
- Reports require certification (Superintendent signature) Once the report is accurate, fax all pages to 624-5053



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A Completer vs. A Dropout

- Completers are students whose enrollments were ended with the “15: Graduated with regular, advanced diploma”, or “16: Completed School with Other Credentials” End Status codes.
- Dropouts are defined at:
 - <http://www.maine.gov/education/enroll/dropouts/dropgraddef.htm>
- End Status codes are listed at:
 - <http://www.maine.gov/education/medms/Data/ExitType/ExitTypeCodes.htm>
 - http://www.maine.gov/education/enroll/grads/gradrate_faq.pdf



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Completers Report

- Validate the Completers from the 08-09 School Year
- To have a change made, email the Completers Report with notation of requested changes to richard.bergeron@maine.gov
- MDOE will notify once the requested changes have been accepted or denied.
- Fax the complete report, once accurate and certified, to 624-5053
- A cohort designation will be added to this report for additional verification purposes



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Dropouts Report

- Validate the Dropouts Report from the 08-09 School Year
- To have a change made, make changes in the appropriate column, and email the report to richard.bergeron@maine.gov
- MDOE will notify once the requested changes have been accepted or denied.
- Fax the complete report, once accurate and certified, to 624-5053



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Cohort Report

- NCLB is a four year cohort only
- NGA (National Governors' Association) is a four year cohort, however, an additional one or two years can be added during the ninth grade year for students who have either:
 - An Individualized Education Plan (IEP) which explicitly notes a five or six year period until graduation
 - An individual learning plan (addressing a Limited English Proficiency status) which explicitly notes a five or six year period until graduation
- The NGA graduation rate will include "Other Completers" as well (End Status 16).



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Cohort Transfer In

- These are students who the MDOE recognizes as having transferred into the cohort.
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Cohort Transfer Out

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Cohort Report Cont'd

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Use of Start Status and End Status

- No longer use the “99: Maine Default” Start Status
 - Instead, select the appropriate Start Status for every student (especially grades 9-12)
- The “School Administrators Guide to Maine’s New High School Graduation Rate Calculations” indicates the implications of each Start and End Status.
 - http://www.maine.gov/education/enroll/grads/gradrate_faq.pdf



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Deadlines and Additional Info

- Administrative Letter #14
- Validation and certification of Completers and Dropouts Reports
Due date: October 15, 2009
- Validation and certification of students who transfer-in and transfer-out of the 2008/09 cohort
Due date: October 15, 2009
- Validation and certification of the NGA and NCLB cohort
Due date: November 15, 2009



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Dates to Note

- The graduation rate calculation for 2008/09 school year will be available for school administrative unit review the week of January 16, 2010
- The graduation rate for 2008/09 school year will be published the week of February 15, 2010



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Where to get information about the collections

- Use administrative and informational letters: <http://www.maine.gov/education/edletters>
- The MEDMS webpage:
 - <http://www.maine.gov/education/medms>
- The blog: <http://medms.wordpress.com>
- Maine SLDS on Twitter:
 - <http://www.twitter.com/maineslds>



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Session Evaluation

- Thank you for joining me!
- Please take a few minutes to complete the evaluation of this session.
- “Webinar Evaluation” in the DQ Training System (<http://moodle.slds.me>)



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