WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF
Public Instruction

Guide to Correctable Data 2024-25

State and Federal Accountability

Introduction

The annual accountability data inquiry period is your only opportunity to review and request corrections to certain types of school or district accountability data. This period occurs after the secure preliminary release of school and district report cards. **This is your only opportunity to correct these data;** there will not be another inquiry period following the release of ESSA and IDEA reports later in the school year**.**

Evidence Requirements

The Office of Educational Accountability (OEA) requires appropriate evidence for all corrections. Corrections cannot be applied without satisfactory evidence. Previously submitted Data Errata letters do not constitute valid evidence for these corrections.

WISEdash vs. Accountability Reports

Corrections made for accountability reports do not update the data in WISEdash. To note an error in WISEdash, please file a Data Errata letter *after* OEA has accepted any accountability corrections.

Data that are *Not* Correctable

The following data are **not** correctable through the inquiry process, but may warrant a Data Errata letter if there is an issue with WISEdash reporting:

- Student test scores
- Course/program enrollment and participation
- Educational environment data
- October 1st Child Count inclusion or demographics
- Dropout data (distinct from graduation data)
- Target group composition
- Missing student enrollments
- Percent Open Enrollment

Note: 2024-25 incident data collected locally per Wis. Stat. 118.124 and submitted to DPI by online form are also **not** correctable.

Correctable Types of Data and Reports

The following table shows the reports with each correctable data type:

Data Type	School and District Report Cards	ESSA Reports	IDEA LEA Determinations Reports	IDEA Disproportionality in Special Education Reports
Enrollment demographics	Yes	N/A	*	No
Graduation - 4-year rate	Yes	Yes	*	N/A
Graduation - 7-year rate	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A
Graduation demographics	Yes	Yes	*	N/A
Attendance/ absenteeism	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A
Attendance/ absenteeism demographics	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A
Assessment participation	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A
Assessment demographics	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A
Choice participant status	Yes	N/A	N/A	N/A

* Corrections affect timely and accurate data reporting but will not have corrected data on the IDEA LEA determinations report. Corrections to the 4-yr graduation rate affect timely and accurate data reporting but do not impact HS completion for IDEA LEA determinations (due to changes in Federal accountability measures – Special Education Indicator 1).

Important Notes on Corrections

- Corrections will be applied to all applicable accountability reports.
    - For example, if you request corrections to your assessment demographics, those corrections will be applied to the school and district report cards, ESSA reports, and IDEA LEA Determinations reports.
- Corrections are not cross-applied between data types or years. Examples include:
    - If there are errors in year-end demographic fields, these need to be corrected separately for graduation and attendance data.
    - If corrections are applied to the 4-year graduation rate for a given cohort, corrections will need to be resubmitted in the future when the 7-year graduation rate is calculated for the same cohort.
    - And economically disadvantaged (ECD) status, which must be corrected separately for each school year. Correcting a particular student's ECD status for a one school year will not change their status for previous or subsequent years, as ECD status is captured in a separate record for each school year.

Target Group Outcomes (Correctable Data Impact on School and District Report Cards)

The Target Group Outcomes priority area uses the same data sources as other report card priority areas. You do not need to submit separate corrections for the Target Group Outcomes priority area. For example, corrections to graduation rates submitted for On-Track to Graduation automatically apply to the Target Group Outcomes graduation rate calculation, if the corrected students are in the target group.

IDEA LEA Determinations: Timely and Accurate Data Reporting

Data submitted during the inquiry period for report cards are also applied, as applicable, to calculations for IDEA LEA determinations. This includes data for the relevant data topic, as well as for the calculation for timely and accurate data reporting. All corrected student records, whether they are students with disabilities or not, are included in the timely and accurate data reporting calculation. Data corrections may lower the timely and accurate data reporting scores on the IDEA LEA determinations report.

Private School - Choice Students Enrollment

While it is not possible to add missing enrollment records, you can correct Choice participation status for submitted enrollments. Examples include:

- Choice schools can update records that were missing Choice status.
- Private schools that opt-in to the All Students report card can correct enrollments submitted as private payers to Choice participants.

Percent Choice on the report cards is calculated as the count of Choice enrollments submitted via WISEdata divided by the count of K4-12 students submitted via the PI-1207 report.

For more details see 'Calculating Percent Choice Enrollment' on the Report Card Resources page.

Questions

For questions on correctable data, please reach out to our team at the Office of Educational Accountability at reportcardhelp@dpi.wi.gov.