



WISEdash for Districts

WISEGuide

Reference Guide for Administrators

Summary

This guide provides a reference tool for WISEdash, a data portal that uses ‘dashboards,’ or visual collections of graphs and tables, to provide longitudinal education data about Wisconsin schools. This guide focuses on WISEdash for Districts, the secure version of the portal accessible to authorized users only. Many districts and schools find the WISEdash Public Portal equally as useful, though only aggregate, redacted information is available.

PURPOSE: What Does WISEdash for Districts Do?

- Provides data to guide local decisions
- Provides dashboards to help with district and school data verification for upcoming snapshots
- Supports data inquiry processes and continuous improvement planning (e.g., WISExplore, PLCs, etc.)
- Encourages district-wide use of student data to drive school improvement
- Provides a secure platform to view student outcomes that protects student privacy

USING WISEdash: How Does WISEdash Help Administrators?

Parent-teacher conferences, IEP meetings, Equitable Multi-level Systems of Support planning, and PLC meetings should all rely on high-quality data. WISEdash is a go-to source of reliable data that can benefit administrators throughout the school year. Enrollment, assessment, and graduation dashboards are frequently accessed.

Popular features of WISEdash, including subgroup comparisons, trend data and the cohort manager tool, can be particularly useful in PLC meetings for instructional planning as well as whole school improvement planning.

Administrators can analyze district-level, school-level, grade-level results, and drill down to the individual student-level.

ADMINISTRATOR TASKS: What Do Administrators Need to Do?

Because the data collected in WISEdata is later reported in WISEdash, in required state and federal reports, and in the accountability report cards, it is critical that administrators verify and understand the data they've uploaded to DPI through WISEdata. Administrators can use WISEdash's snapshot dashboards to do just that.

Verify Data Before Snapshots

- View WISEdash snapshot dashboards to prepare for upcoming WISEdata snapshot
- Compare local and state Third Friday of September and October 1 Child Counts
- Use the Spring Assessments Demographics Snapshot dashboard to review demographic data for accuracy
- Understand how the assessment rosters are generated from current data in WISEdata and WISEdash

Use Data Strategically

- Embed WISEExplore data inquiry practices into the culture and calendar of the building
- Use the Data Inquiry Journal in WISEdash for Districts to document your school improvement plan
- Explore the Dropout Early Warning System (DEWS) indicators along with attendance dashboards to triangulate data
- Explore the Advanced Analysis tab which houses an Achievement Gap dashboard

Protect Student Data Privacy

- Work with your District Security Administrators to manage local access
- Know and understand the differences between WISEdash for Districts secure and WISEdash Public data
- Share, discuss and disseminate findings with school board, parents and the community, using data from the WISEdash Public Portal



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