Education Information and Accountability Services
EIAS BULLETIN

EIAS Annual Database Workshop Canceled

As all are now well aware, state agencies' budgets have been drastically reduced because of the on-going economic downturn. During the special legislative session in January, state lawmakers and Governor Crist enacted a law that, effective January 27, reduced state employee travel to include only mission-critical activities and eliminated travel for conferences. Accordingly, Education Information and Accountability Services has canceled the 2009 Database Workshop. In lieu of our traditional three-day meeting in Orlando, we are reconfiguring the workshop into a virtual format. In this format, district personnel will be able to view pre-recorded presentations via the bureau's website at their convenience. Further details are forthcoming, and we will contact district personnel with instructions for participation well in advance. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the workshop's alternative, budget-friendly format, please contact Arlene Roberts at (850) 245-0400 or arlene.roberts@fldoe.org.

Don't Forget!

In Survey 5, all districts should be reporting data in the three data elements Dropout Prevention Primary Reason for Dropping Out, Dropout Prevention Secondary Reason for Dropping Out, and Dropout Prevention Possible Influences. All school districts should use the standardized form provided by the FLDOE, Bureau of Family and Community Outreach, Office of Dropout Prevention to collect these data and as a tool for data entry. The prescribed format for the Student Survey may be accessed at http://www.fldoe.org/family/dropoutp/pdf/FLDropoutSurvey.pdf (Student Survey). An optional sample format for the Exit Interview may be accessed at http://www.fldoe.org/family/dropoutp/pdf/ExitInterviewForm.pdf (Exit Interview). For additional information about the form, contact Kimberly Davis at kimberly.davis@fldoe.org. For information about the data elements, contact Linda H. Fleming at linda.fleming@fldoe.org.
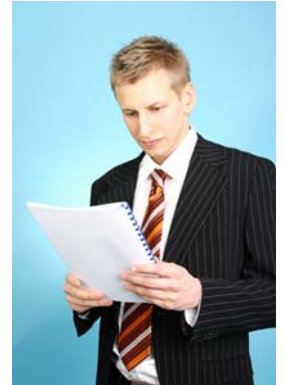
Also, all districts that operate Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) programs or serve teenage parents and/or their PK babies should be reporting the Dropout Prevention Program Data format in Survey 5. These data are reported even if the district does not operate other Dropout Prevention Programs.

Recent Reports and Publications

Several publications have been released in the last few months. They are listed below with their corresponding web links.

- Membership in Florida's Public Schools, Fall 2008
  http://www.fldoe.org/eias/eiaspubs/word/pk12mbrshp.doc
- Membership in Programs for Exceptional Students, Fall 2008
  http://www.fldoe.org/eias/eiaspubs/word/esemem.doc
- Non-Promotions in Florida's Public Schools, 2007-08
  http://www.fldoe.org/eias/eiaspubs/word/nonpromotions.doc
- Florida Student Progression Requirements and Accompanying Student Performance Data
  http://www.fldoe.org/eias/eiaspubs/word/stdprogression.doc
- Students New to Florida Public Schools, Fall 2007
  http://www.fldoe.org/eias/eiaspubs/word/newstudents.doc
- Staff in Florida's Public Schools, Fall 2008
  http://www.fldoe.org/eias/eiaspubs/word/psstf.doc
- Teacher Exit Interview Data, 2007-08 http://www.fldoe.org/eias/eiaspubs/word/tchexitrpt08.doc

Important Dates

- **Mar. 13** –   Survey 3, 2008-09, end state processing
  OCR survey due
- **Mar. 27** –   Survey 4, 2007-08, final update
  Memo to district MIS and Accountability
  Coordinators regarding 2008-09 graduation cohort process
- **Mar. 31** –   Survey 2, 2008-09, final update
  Survey 9, 2008-09, final update
- **Apr. 6** –   Cohort graduation rate preliminary file/reports and
  archived records available for update
- **May 5** –   Memo to district School Report Contacts, Accountability
  Coordinators, and Superintendents regarding NCLB SPAR
  production, critical dates, required indicators, updates to
  indicators, and distribution requirements
- **May 6** –   Last update for Survey 3 indicators before verification files
  for NCLB reporting purposes

Final Reports

Please keep in mind that when a survey period closes, school districts should run final reports for that survey period. Helpful checklists for these reports are listed in Appendices R and S of the User Manual at http://www.fldoe.org/eias/dataweb/manual_0708.asp. Once you have completed the final reports, share them with appropriate district and school staff. Archiving them in a shared place is also useful for staff who have current and longitudinal data needs. Running and archiving these reports should be a standard activity in each district's Task Management System. Survey 5, 2007-08 was final on February 28, 2009, so be sure to run final reports now for this survey.