2007 Database Workshop

The 2007 DOE Information Database Workshop, held at the Florida Hotel and Conference Center in Orlando in June, was a big success! More than 700 district personnel from throughout Florida attended 43 sessions and gained an overview of the state's current requirements for the student, staff, and financial database. Response from attendees was excellent.

Thanks to all the presenters and attendees for your help in a successful workshop. We are already looking forward to the 2008 workshop, and we hope to see you there!

Education Data Exchange Network (EDEN)

The Education Data Exchange Network (EDEN) has made significant strides since its inception in 2002-03. Just last month, 2005-06 PK-12 District Profiles were created using EDEN data and distributed to a few Florida legislators. Sean Millard, Director of Education Data Reporting, thanks all those in the school districts who assist in any capacity to report EDEN data.

Important Dates

August
31 – Date certain for 10-day count for Survey 6, 2007-08
September
 7 -- Survey 5, 2006-07 state processing ends
 7 -- Date certain for 15-day count for Survey 6, 2007-08
14 -- Survey 1, 2007-08 state processing ends
14 -- Survey 6, 2007-08 state processing ends
14 -- Class Size Trial Run #1
17 -- Initial graduation rate reports available
21 -- Class Size Trial Run #2
28 -- Class Size Trial Run #3
October
1* -- Preliminary graduation rates available
16 -- McKay Scholarship prepayment files due
5-26 -- Update window for 2006-07 Survey 5 and archived files
8-12 -- Survey Week for Survey 2, 2007-08
26 -- Survey 2, 2007-08 files due
November
5* -- 2006-07 final graduation rates released

*These are anticipated dates and are subject to change.

Suggestions?

Do you have any suggestions for our quarterly bulletin? Do you have questions or topics you would like us to cover in forthcoming issues? Let us know! Send your ideas via e-mail to askeias@fldoe.org. Be sure to type "Bulletin" in the subject line.

Did You Know?

For your convenience, EIAS offers Technical Assistance Papers on our website. These TAPs cover a range of data reporting topics from Class Size Reduction to VPK. You can review the TAPs at

http://www.fldoe.org/eias/dataweb/tech.asp.

New Survey

Survey 6 will be reported for the first time in early September. The purpose of this new survey is to collect enrollment counts for the legislature and to populate student records in FACTS.org as they plan for high school courses.

This survey will require a **Student Demographic format only**. Required fields to be reported are District Number, Current Instruction/Service; District Number, Current Enrollment; School Number, Current Enrollment; Student Number Identifier, Florida; Survey Period Code; Year; Student Number Identifier – Alias, Florida; Student Name, Legal; Gender; Grade Level; and Birth Date. Data may be sent for other fields, but the data is not needed and default values will be loaded by the department to the database for the non-required elements.

See the "Important Dates" section for pertinent deadline information. Please bear in mind that there will be no batches accepted for processing of Survey 6 after September 14.

Tips for Data Reporting

- District personnel should request all validation and exception reports following each submission of a data file. This helps ensure accuracy and completeness of your district's data. For more information about edits, click on Information Database Requirements at http://www.fldoe.org/eias/dataweb/student_0708.asp.
- Running edit reports in local systems BEFORE an initial transmission results in data quality control and successful initial loads.
- Always check the default code of Z to ensure it is applied appropriately. For example, in the data element Program Participation Prior to kindergarten, the Z code is only applicable for students in grades PK, 01 – 12, not to Kindergarteners. If the kindergarten student did not participate in a pre-kindergarten program then apply code N (None – The student did not participate in a pre-kindergarten program).
- Using Dropout Match Reports to locate students who are considered dropouts improves data quality and often reduces the district's dropout rate.

Staff Changes

In July, we bid farewell to our OPS student, Kara Johnson. Kara faithfully served EIAS and the public for four years while she completed her degree at Florida A&M University. We wish her well as she begins her career with the Centers for Disease Control in Orlando. On a lighter note, we are fortunate to add Ashley McKinnie to our staff as Kara's replacement. Ashley is a sophomore at Florida A&M, majoring in Criminal Justice.

Kim Ward joined our staff in August as a Program Specialist. Kim will be working half-time in the Education Information Services section with Ruth Jones.

Also, Linda Hewett, our student database contact person, entered semi-retirement in August. She is carrying on with her responsibilities here on a half-time basis.

Welcome, Ashley and Kim!

Happy Thanksgiving