Education Information and Accountability Services
EIAS BULLETIN

The Grad Rates Are Coming!

The 2010-11 graduation and dropout rates will be released in December. Be on the lookout for an e-mail notification in the coming days, directing you to the graduation and dropout rates reports and the press release.

District-level graduation and dropout rates by race and gender will be published in the *Florida Public High School Graduation and Dropout Rates* data report on our website at http://www.fldoe.org/eias/eiaspubs/pubstudent.asp.

Staff E-mail Address Data Collection

According to Section 1012.05(3)(b), Florida Statutes, "By September 15 and February 15 of each year, each school district shall electronically submit accurate public school e-mail addresses for all instructional and administrative personnel, as identified in s.1012.01(2) and (3), to the Department of Education." The submission period for the February 15 data collection is from January 20, 2012, to February 15, 2012. Files will be processed each Friday at 4:00 pm during the submission cycle and immediately after the end of the data collection period. **An additional data element will be added to the email format (F70507) for the February 15 data collection in response to legislation related to teacher merit pay.** Email notification on the revised format will be distributed soon.

State Processing for Survey 7 Begins Earlier This Year: December 14, 2011

The purpose of the Survey 7 data collection is to populate the Comprehensive English Language Learning Assessment (CELLA) data file used for pre-gridding of CELLA test materials and for reporting of CELLA results. The English Language Learners Information format at http://www.fldoe.org/eias/dataweb/database_1112/1112lep.asp provides details about the population of students to be included in Survey 7 reporting. Other formats districts should send are Student Demographic Information, Exceptional Student, and Federal/State Indicator Status. Please direct questions about this data submission to Kim Ward at kim.ward@fldoe.org.

Recording Online Course Taking

Legislative changes in 2011 added a requirement for students to take an online course (see sections 1002.321(3) and 1003.428(2), Florida Statutes). To document this on the student's transcript, a new data element (Online Course) is available for your reference at http://www.fldoe.org/eias/dataweb/database_1112/197235.pdf. The definition of an online course for the purposes of these statutory requirements is as follows: "An online course is one that is delivered using distance learning technology in an interactive learning environment." An online course has these key characteristics: 1) curriculum is accessed and a majority of the instruction is delivered online and 2) teacher-student interaction. This element will be reported on the Student Course Transcript Information record for 2011-12 and will be included in the FASTER transcript record. Locally, the element will assist guidance staff in counseling students regarding remaining graduation requirements.

Data File Status

Don't forget to use all the help available. The Edit Status program in the CICS system allows districts to monitor the progress of their data in the system. Use this program to (1) make sure that an initial submission or batch update has been processed, (2) view totals related to that processing, and (3) see what datasets are available for retrieval. See Chapter 6 of the user manual for more information about the online system.

2010-11 NCLB SPARs Published

The 2010-11 No Child Left Behind School Public Accountability Reports (NCLB SPARs) were released in September. Please visit http://www.fldoe.org/eias/eiaspubs/pubnclb.asp for a searchable database of the SPARs. Excel files containing SPARs data for all schools are also available on this site.

Reporting Neglected and Delinquent Students in Survey 9

Report the Institution Number, Neglected/Delinquent (N/D) in survey period 9 for students who are ages 5-17, inclusive, who resided or were served in an institution for neglected or delinquent children for at least one day during the designated 30-day count period in the reporting year. The count period, which may be set separately for each institution, is 30 consecutive calendar days, at least one of which falls within the month of October. Submit up to 3 eligible institutions on a Student Demographic Information format. Matching records are not required for these students in survey period 9.

This element applies to institutions for neglected or delinquent children as defined in Title I, Parts A and D of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended by Public Law 107-110. These data are used in reports to the US Department of Education and are required for funding of districts' Title I N/D programs.

Examples of institutions that might meet the definitions in this legislation are juvenile detention centers, children's homes, halfway houses, girls' or boys' ranches, county jails, boot camps, addiction recovery facilities, marine institutes, and wilderness institutes. Districts should consult the regulations for specific qualifying requirements.

Important Dates

- **Dec. 5 —** Survey 9, 2011-12: begin state processing
- **Dec. 9 —** Survey 9, 2011-12: due date
- **Dec. 14 —** Survey 7, 2011-12: begin state processing
- **Jan. 3 —** Survey 7, 2011-12: due date
    - Survey C, 2010-11: verification file available, begin state processing
- **Jan. 6 —** Survey 7, 2011-12: end state processing
    - Survey C, 2011-12: submission deadline
- **Jan. 10 —** Survey C, 2011-12: final update
- **Jan. 13 —** Survey 9, 2011-12: end state processing
- **Jan. 20 —** Staff email files: begin state processing
- **Feb. 13-17 —** Survey 3, 2011-12: survey week
- **Feb. 15 —** Staff email files: end processing
- **Feb. 20 —** Survey 3, 2011-12: begin state processing
- **Feb. 29 —** Survey 5, 2010-11: final update
    - Survey 9, 2011-12: final update

May Your Holidays be Merry and Bright!