Share Series

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EOY in review – how do we keep it all straight and why?

- Due dates, duplicates, errors and incremental uploads then Accountability email messages on the SY2024 data submitted:
  - *After sitting in this seat instead of the data manager seat for an End of Year reporting, the greater picture has grown. Seeing the greater picture can be helpful and often motivated me (as a data manager) to work toward error free data entered by a team of staff in my district. It is motivating me now to get some training and best practices discussions amongst all of you.*
  - RIDE needs this data earlier than previous years for the many steps or processes that occur when a collection is closed.
    i. As data managers we know this is the time to fix duplicates, identify data that seems "off" and get the incremental record up to RIDE. Meanwhile at RIDE, the Accountability Team starts running scripts to find possible issues with the data such as perfect, low or missing attendance for both students and teachers, attendance reported on a day the district calendar is marked "no school",

notable decreases or increases in data submitted compared to last school year. This time is valuable in the data world and the messages from the RIDE teams are intended to help your district find trends that could possibly hurt on the District and School Report Card. I'm aware of the stress receiving these email messages causes but they are a beneficial tool to ensure the data is correct, complete and without surprise when used to report how a school district is performing based on the data.

- Data Review for Accountability is open for SY2022-2023
    - UGH! How do we keep it straight?? You are in the process of submitting data for **this** school year and at times being pulled into conversations about **last** school year. One thing at a time, please!
    - Why isn't the data I submitted last year on CTE Credentials via the RI CTE Credentials File included in the data my district is being asked to review? UGH…I know I submitted it!! Deep breath…
        i. We (RIDE) are no longer looking at the individual credentials submitted in previous years and calculating whether the student met the requirements of the CTE credentials bundle. Beginning in 2022-23, the CTE students in program included the new 'completer' columns and we are now using the COMPLETEDIRCONLY column to pre-load the CTE data for the accountability tool. This accountability review window is their opportunity to review what students the LEA reported with COMPLETEDIRCONLY=Y during the 2022-23 submission. This new field lets us know what students the LEA reported as **Completing CTE Program Culminating Credentials Requirement with Industry Recognized Credentials Only**. If there are any students that were not reported during the 2022-23 submission, then they should upload that data now. The CTE upload has changed this year, and they are no longer uploading the individual CTE recognized credentials (this is referring to the data review for accountability*) but instead would report the CTE standard in which the student completed CTE program's culminating credentials requirement when counting only industry recognized credentials.
        ii. The five new fields collected in the CTE Students in Program are important and help keep this review (the following school year) clean if done well. I compare this to handling summer withdrawals well makes for a much easier Cohort Exit Updating. The new CTE Students in Program tool and CTE Team work will greatly improve the Data Review for

Accountability experience. Be patient, it will all come together. You will become an expert in the data submission of CTE Students in Program.

- *Why are we submitting data that is not being used?
  - It has been suggested to eliminate the CTE credentials and PS credit collections, but the CTE team and Accountability Team were not ready to eliminate those yet. They wanted to be able to compare the complete data LEAs are reporting with the student level CTE credentials and PS credit data. In the future, once we are comfortable with the completer data LEAs are reporting, we may consider eliminating those collections.

Reminders

Enrollment Census to reopen August 5th. Along with this you will be required to sign off on Grade Configuration prior to the system allowing an upload to census.

Keep up with the district and school calendar(s) within Enrollment Census.

School Profile – August is a great month to take some time and review if anyone should be made inactive and new administration added.

Data Manager August Meetings – just us (not the summit version), some training, best practices shared and a nice kick off to the start of SY2025! Working on logistics now, please stay tuned. Email me with wants, ideas, suggestions and favorite treats.

Resources and Notes

Coming Soon…the Share Series will be added to the RIDE website by date and topic as a resource.