

WISEdata Update

September marks the opening for public schools of WISEdata – DPI’s new open data collection system. Your student information system vendors have been busily updating their software to work with WISEdata and we continue progressing steadily toward a September release.

If you haven’t already started, you should begin working with your SIS vendor to schedule when your district will be up and running with the new system. We will be rolling out in waves, so you may be part of the early adopters or you may not be sending data to DPI until late September or October.

Just as a reminder, the change to WISEdata has an impact to your district’s internal processes as well as to your Student Information System (SIS) vendor. They include:

- The 2015-16 school year is the last year to report student data via ISES;
- All student data for the 2016-17 school year, including student groups, must be reported via WISEdata through your SIS; and
- No direct entry of student data will be allowed - it must come through your SIS.

In return, your district will experience a number of positive benefits, including:

- The elimination of reporting redundant data;
- A reduction in time spent reporting data; and
- An improvement in the quality of the data reported to DPI.

For more information, please go to our “WISEdata - Information for Schools” page on the DPI website at this link: <http://dpi.wi.gov/wisedata/schools>.