WISEdash
Wisconsin Information System for Education

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WISEdash for Districts

Last fall, the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) released the Wisconsin Information System for Education Dashboard, or WISEdash, statewide. WISEdash for Districts is only accessible through DPI's secure landing portal, Secure Home, which requires a login and password. WISEdash - the statewide data warehouse - provides all school districts access to a variety of dashboards including: Enrollment, Attendance, Assessments (WSAS, ACT, AP), ACCESS for ELLs, Student Growth Percentiles, HS Completion, Postsecondary Enrollment from the National Student Clearinghouse, and a Student Profile/Student Search. Earlier this month, the Dropout Early Warning System (DEWS) was added to WISEdash, and more dashboards are planned for this school year as well. Data are critical to your district, school, and classroom decision-making and WISEdash is designed to support that goal.

WISEdash Public Portal

Now, one year later, DPI is preparing to launch a new data dashboard to the public. The WISEdash Public Portal will replace WINSS over time as the public's dashboard. The WISEdash Public Portal is now available as of October 9, 2013 at http://wisedash.dpi.wi.gov. Please visit our District Communication page at http://wise.dpi.wi.gov/wisedash_districtsupport for information on what you, as a district, need to know about the WISEdash Public Portal release.

WISExplore

Accessing data is only one step. Just as important is your ability to think about and work with data. To that end, DPI and the CESA Statewide Network (CSN) collaborated in the Fall of 2012 to create WISExplore (http://wise.dpi.wi.gov/wise_explorehome), a consistent data inquiry process linked directly to WISEdash. Dr. Judy Sargent from CESA 7 leads a team that is a cross section of staff from the CSN. They are developing "digital data retreats" within WISExplore. The approach is a blend of face-to-face and e-learning modules, modeling contemporary classroom instructional practices. Our aim with WISExplore is to help educators and administrators make sense of the data they are seeing in order to facilitate a statewide culture of data-driven decision making.

Supporting You

We are very focused on providing school districts the best possible customer service around the data tools. We have worked hard to streamline processes to get you quick answers to your questions. The help desk ticket system is the most important step in this process. It is much faster than a phone call because the question gets immediately routed to our support staff. We anticipate a heavy volume of users during the initial release. Please submit any comments, questions, or feedback to http://wise.dpi.wi.gov/help-ticket. Some basic frequently asked questions and links to more resources are below. Please share this information with appropriate staff in your district. We look forward to working with you as we work to integrate additional data and dashboards into both the WISEdash Public Portal and WISEdash for Districts.

Where do I go for basic information about WISE?
WISE Homepage

Where do I go for basic information about the WISEdash Public Portal?
Under the WISEdash Public Portal green menu on the WISE homepage.

Where do I go for information about WISEdash for Districts?
Under the Secure Home for Districts green menu on the WISE homepage.

Where do I go to find out about getting access to WISEdash for Districts?
DPI's Secure Home Information Page

Who in my district can authorize access to WISEdash for Districts?
List of WISEdash Application Administrators

Where do I go to get a WAMS ID (only needed for WISEdash for Districts)?
WAMS Information

Who can I call at my CESA for help with WISEdash?
Contact your CESA and ask for their SIS (School Improvement Services) person who assists districts with WISEdash.

What data topics will be transitioned from WINSS to WISEdash in the first release?
Enrollment, Attendance, WSAS, ACT, AP

What data topics will remain in WINSS for now but be linked from the new portal?
HS Completion, Discipline, Staff, Courses, and Finance

Who can I call at DPI for help with WISEdash?
DPI's Online Helpdesk

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