

## Guide to Correctable Data

### State and Federal Accountability

#### Introduction

The accountability data inquiry period is your opportunity to review your school or district's data and request corrections to certain types of data. It takes place following the secure preliminary release of state school and district report cards each year. **This is your only opportunity to correct these data; there will not be another inquiry period following the secure preliminary release of ESSA and IDEA reports later in the school year.** Note that correcting these data for the purposes of accountability reports will not change the data reported in WISEdash. You will be asked to provide appropriate evidence to substantiate any corrections that you request. **Corrections cannot be applied without satisfactory evidence.**

#### Data that are *Not* Correctable

The following data are **not** correctable through the inquiry process:

- Student test scores
- Course/program enrollment and participation
- Educational environment data
- Dropout data (distinct from graduation data)
- Target group composition

#### Correctable Data Details

The following table describes the types of data that may be corrected and the reports in which each data type typically appears.

	State Accountability Report Cards	ESSA Reports	IDEA LEA Determinations Reports	IDEA Racial Equity in Special Education Reports
TFS demographics	Yes	Yes	N/A	No
Graduation - 4-year rate	Yes	Yes	*	N/A
Graduation - 7-year rate	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A
Graduation demographics	Yes	Yes	*	N/A
Attendance/ absenteeism	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A



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Attendance/ absenteeism demographics	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A
Test participation	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A
WSAS demographics	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A
Choice participant status	Yes	N/A	N/A	N/A

\* Corrections to 4-yr graduation rate will not improve HS completion due to changes in Federal accountability measures (Special Education Indicator 1), but will affect timely & accurate data reporting, which affects IDEA LEA Determinations.

Any corrections requested will be applied to all reports that use that data type. For example, if you request corrections to your WSAS demographics, those corrections will be applied to the state accountability report cards, ESSA reports, and IDEA LEA Determinations reports. On the other hand, corrections made to one type of data will not be automatically applied to another type or subsequent years of data. For example, if there are errors in year-end demographic fields, these need to be corrected separately for graduation and attendance data. Similarly, corrections applied to the 4-year graduation rate for a given cohort will need to be resubmitted in the future when the 7-year graduation rate is calculated for the same cohort.

### **Manual Correction Impacts on Target Group Outcomes (State Accountability Report Cards)**

The Target Group Outcomes priority area in the state accountability report cards uses the same data sources as other priority areas. This means that you do not need to submit separate requests for corrections to data used in your Target Group Outcomes priority area and data used in other priority areas. In addition, corrections you submit will affect any priority area where that data type is used. For example, manual corrections that remove students from a graduation cohort have the potential to shift which student records are included in Target Group Outcomes calculations. Likewise, if corrections submitted for attendance or graduation status apply to students included in the target group, those corrections will impact Target Group Outcomes calculations as well as the attendance or graduation metric for all students.

### **Manual Correction Impacts on Timely and Accurate Data Reporting (IDEA LEA Determinations)**

Data submitted during the inquiry period for report cards is applied, as applicable, to our calculations for IDEA LEA Determinations. This includes data for the relevant data topic, as well as the calculation for timely and accurate data reporting. All corrected student records, whether they are students with disabilities or not, are included in this calculation.

