

WISEdata Finance and WISEgrants

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WISEdata Finance

WISEdata Finance is Wisconsin's next-generation financial reporting system for local education agencies (LEAs). Through WISEdata Finance, financial data flows directly from financial software systems to DPI, as is currently done for WISEdata student data reporting.

Additional DPI systems, such as WiSFIP and WISEgrants, connect to WISEdata Finance and submitted data in order to calculate general and categorical aid, meet state and federal reporting requirements, and to streamline current processes by ensuring consistent data across programs and applications.

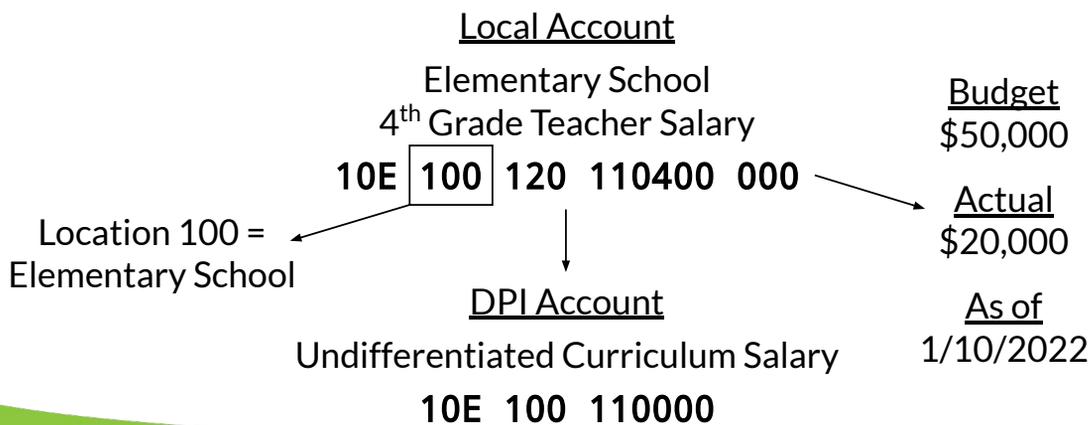
This will replace the current process of manual entry of financial data into SAFR.

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Two main things I want to cover right now:

- 1) Ensure your financial data is being pushed to DPI, that you are aware of any rejected accounts or invalid school codes, and that you have a working knowledge of the validations
- 2) Project/Program Tags

WISEdata Finance Ed-Fi Model

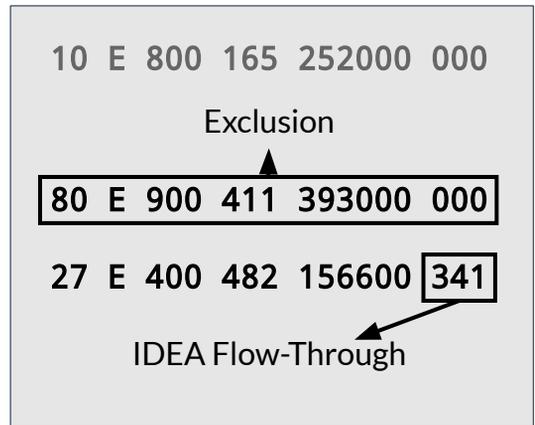


WISEdata Finance Ed-Fi Model

- Option to tag accounts as exclusions
- Correct DPI grant project codes recommended

Q: What if we don't use the correct DPI project code?

A: Project/Program Tag



Using Project/Program Tags

- Vendors must be able to attach “tags” to WUFAR accounts
- Tags drive School Level Reporting and other DPI reports



Using Project/Program Tags

Two purposes:

1. Handling differences between local & DPI project codes
2. Identifying non-DPI grants

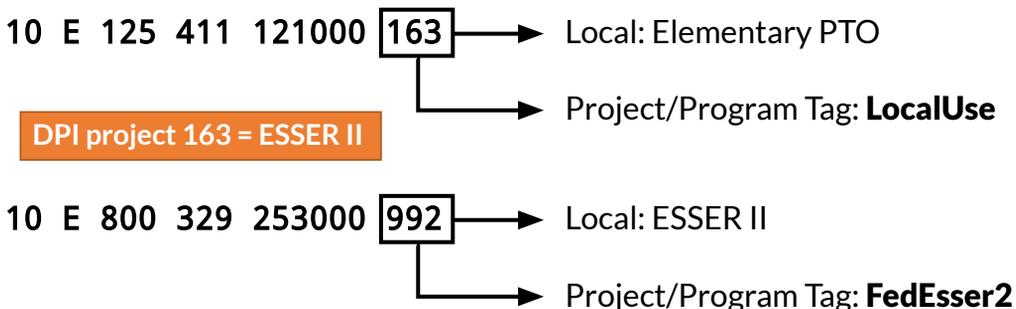
In WISEdata Finance:

- Account Reviews > Project/Program Tag
- Excel export is available

Project	Program Title	Project/Program Tag	Federal
011	Special Education - State Aid...	WisSpedElig	N
019	Special Education - Not Aid ...	WisSpedNotElig	N
031	Common School Fund Librar...	WisCSF	N
140	Title 1 D Delinquent LEA	FedT1DDelinq	Y
141	Title I A	FedT1A	Y

Local vs. DPI Project Codes

- Use the program's tag with your local project code
- Use the **LocalUse** tag with the DPI project code that's being used for another purpose



L1 Validations

“How do I see our rejected accounts?”

On the WISEdata Finance home screen, scroll down to the “Vendor(s)” section. There is a yellow box for each school year that shows when the WISEdata Finance API received the last submission from your vendor.

You can click on the box to get details:

Those details would include any rejected accounts, invalid school codes, and the like.

Vendor / WISEdata Communication Status

This section provides a list of vendors used by your district that you have approved for integration with WISEdata Finance. **The goal is to alert you of the status of the specific vendor's communication in the last 24 hours.** Vendor READ transactions may be included or excluded depending on whether the user setting is check / unchecked (Include API Read (GET) transactions) in last communication date/time, calculations determining green/red status and in drill-down counts and record detail.

If there are **communication errors** (often called Level 1 validation errors) you will see a red 'x' icon. Click on the vendor box indicating errors have occurred to see the detail.

While much of the data in the drill down is a bit more technical, it can sometimes be obvious as to the issue or it can provide enough information to log a ticket with your vendor to let them know that data they are attempting to obtain, send or delete within WISEdata isn't happening.

Include API Read (GET) transactions

2020 - 2021	Skyward Business (SMS)
Last request to WISEdata Api	8/31/2021 1:47:29 PM

L2 Validations

“How do I see our validations?”

In the menu bar, click on “Validation Messages”

This screen will list all L2 validations as of the last validation run.

Validation Messages School Year: 2022

Filters

School Year: 2021 - 2022 | LEA/Schools: All Schools | Message Code:

Error Warning Search Reset

Queue Import & Validation Validation Run Status - Complete [Completed : 1/29/2022 5:42:40 PM]

Notify me when validation is completed

Export

Drag a column header and drop it here to group by that column

Severity	Code	Message	Validation Category
Error	6842	The revenue (38 R 149 411000) and expenditure (49 E 838 411000) for the reported operating transfer do not match.	Fund Transfer
Error	6849	The revenue (39 R 149 411000) and expenditure (49 E 839 411000) for the reported operating transfer do not match.	Fund Transfer
Error	6997	A negative amount is not permitted in this account.	Negative Amount
Error	6863	A negative amount is not permitted in this account.	Negative Amount

Mindset Shift: WISEdata Finance

Data submissions in WISEdata Finance are point-in-time looks, and it helps to think about data validations more as bringing issues to your attention than giving you a list of errors to clear

**“Doing the report”
will mean pushing
clean data**

**Fixing your books is
how you fix your
reporting**

The screenshot displays the WISEdata Finance web application interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, Validation Messages, Data Reviews, Account Reviews, and Admin. The user is logged in as Daniel B. (Independence Sch Dist). Below the navigation bar, there is a section for Alerts, with a sub-section for 'Open Beta Testing' dated 1/1/2021. A message indicates that data submitted for the 2021 school year (FY 2020-21) will be considered test data. Below this, there is a 'Validation Message Summary' table comparing validation counts for the 2020-2021 and 2019-2020 school years. The table shows counts for Data Format L2, Budget L2, and Actual L2 validations. At the bottom, there is a 'Data Pipeline Status' section with filters for School Years (2020-2021 and 2019-2020) and a search box for Vendor(s).

	2020 - 2021	2019 - 2020
Data Format L2 Validation Count	0	111
Data Format L2 Validation Count	28	0
Budget L2 Validation Count	0	2
Budget L2 Validation Count	1	0
Actual L2 Validation Count	0	16

Suggested Best Practice

- **Make a WISEdata Finance update the last step of your monthly bank reconciliation**
- **Review your validations**

Do they make sense for where I'm at in the year?

Is there anything new that requires my attention?

Alternative Reporting Mechanism (ARM)

WISEdata Finance includes an upload-based alternative reporting mechanism (ARM) available to LEAs for submitting financial data to DPI without the use of an Ed-Fi certified financial software vendor.

Primarily designed as an option for Independent Charter Schools to address concerns around the cost of school financial software and differences in accounting requirements for ICS versus school districts.

WISEdata Finance & WiSFIP

Wisconsin School Finance Portal (WiSFIP) will be developed and expanded in conjunction with the WISEdata Finance transition, as reports in the existing SAFR portal are retired.

Existing WiSFIP reports, such as High Cost Special Education and ESSA School Level Reporting will be updated to import applicable financial data from WISEdata Finance on a timeline to be determined.

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What does this mean for WISEgrants and the management of our federal grant funding?

GOOD TIMES AHEAD

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WISEgrants is updating existing processes and functionality to utilize the financial data being submitted from your LEA through your vendors to WISEdata Finance.

Why?

We have to. Some federal requirements, such as IDEA MOE, are dependent on financial data previous submitted through legacy (retired) or existing (soon to be retired) reports such as the PI-1504 and PI-1505. IDEA MOE is the first area we've updated in WISEgrants to utilize WISEdata Finance data.

IDEA MOE

Updated functionality for 2021-22 IDEA Maintenance of Effort

Eligibility - LEAs were informed they do not need to complete the PI-1504 for 2021-22, so Budget information necessary for IDEA MOE Eligibility is being pulled from WISEdata Finance.

Compliance - Updated to pull Actuals from WISEdata Finance. We're updating the MOE module and technical assistance to reflect these changes. Compliance Data will pull in most recent actual data, but this will not be completely relevant until the fiscal year is closed.

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What's next?

WUFAR and preparing for 2022-23.

WISEgrants has identified the need to audit, review, and revise available WUFAR combinations and elements in use within WISEgrants.

Our future ability to utilize these systems together effectively is dependent on ensuring consistent data elements between systems.

While doing this, we are going to further standardize WUFAR usage and accompanying budget terminology with WISEgrants.

WUFAR

- **Audit available combinations to ensure they are on the current WUFAR Chart of Accounts by Fund**
- **Connect budget combination administration in WG to ensure valid account codes going forward.**
- **Standardizing Purchase Item language across all grants**
 - e.g. LEA Contract/Payment to WI School District
- **Standardizing Object/Function levels across all grants**
 - Supplies/General Supplies (410/411)
 - Private Vendor Contract providing instruction (370/371/373)

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What's on the horizon?

Next steps and priorities not fully identified at this point.

SFS focus will be to continue the implementation of WISEdata Finance, the transition of required reporting from manual data submission in SAFR to WDF-driven reporting in WisFiP.

As the transition to WISEdata Finance continues we will determine additional areas where WISEgrants may utilize WISEdata Finance data.

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Possible future functionality:

- Changes to supporting documentation for LEAs identified for fiscal monitoring and required to provide detailed ledger information
- Connection to WUFAR Chart of Accounts to prevent invalid accounts being added to available budget combinations
- Improved on-going reconciliation between local ledger and grant claims
- Utilizing financial data for calculating federal grant requirements (Title I-A Maintenance of Effort, Comparability, etc.)

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How far can we automate this? Can we just pull in budget and claim information into WISEgrants?

We will always need to require manual entry and review of grant applications and budgets, for the following reasons

- 1) Grant funds depend on the completion of specific application requirements**
- 2) Allowability. Grant budgets need to be reviewed to ensure that costs applied to the grant are allowable and support the program. We collect information beyond the WUFAR COA in order to determine allowability.**
- 3) Other reporting requirements. For instance, we require claiming by Program Type for stimulus grants in order to complete required federal reporting around use of funds.**

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KA-03633	WISEdata Finance - Residual Balance Transfer Errors	1		WISEdata Finance, residual balance, fund transfer, 6891, 6892, 6893, 6894, 6895, 6896, 7040, 7041, 7042,

Additional Resources

[Need help with WISEgrants or WISEdata Finance? Open a help ticket here](#)

[WISEdata Finance DPI webpage](#)

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Questions and Feedback

What questions do you have for me?

IT'S MY FIRST DAY

And more importantly,
(remind me to update this to say SECOND DAY
for when I do this tomorrow)

What do you want me to know?