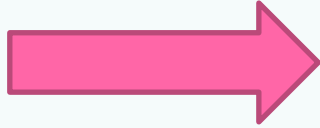Understanding the Graduation Rate during COVID-19
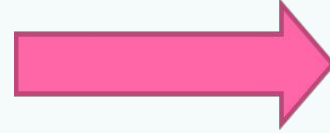
Graduation Rate Cycle

Transcripts View

- Checking Transcript for on- time credits
- Offering credit recovery

Cycle Reporting

- Checking for correct state ID's.
- Tracking grade level changes
- Checking for student transfers.

Correcting for Accurate Rates

- Verifying actual graduates.
- Checking for student transfers

Waivers

- We have waiver for Federal and State Accountability Statuses.
- We do not have a waiver for all Public School Reporting.

More information about these waivers can be found at the following link:
http://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/divisions/public-school-accountability/every-student-succeeds-act-essa

Reporting

- The federal government gives guidance Non-Regulatory Guidance for the Report Card.

- The Report Card collects data from cycle reports.

- Information that is reported can be found in My School Info: https://myschoolinfo.arkansas.gov/

- Graduation Rates along with other information will continue to be reported.

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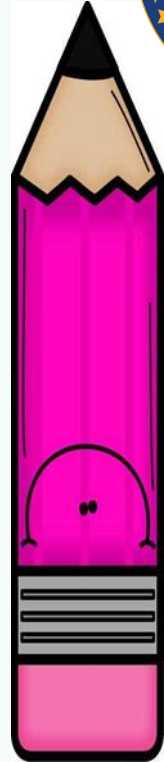
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COVID-19 Graduation Requirements

Class of COVID 19

• Whether a senior is "on track to graduate and in good standing as of the 3rd nine weeks" is a local school district decision that will be made by school administration.

• This determination should be made based on a review of student data including, but not limited to, grades and credits earned.

• Districts may have additional requirements for specific designations upon graduation or opportunities for seniors to continue engagement for the remainder of the school year.
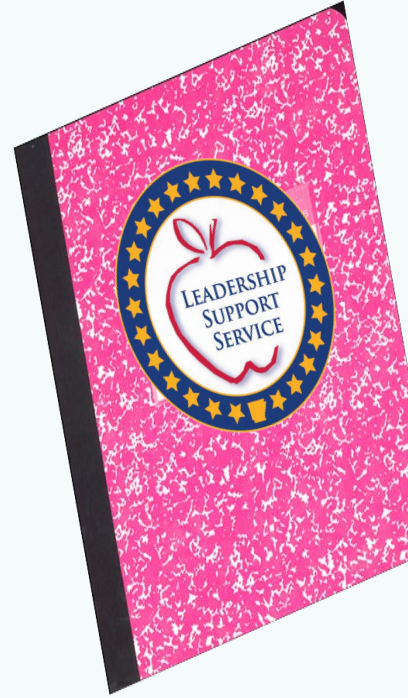
Cycle Reporting Dates and Data Timelines

<u>Statewide Information Cycle (Cycle Reporting: Cycles 7,8,9)</u>

The remaining cycles for the 2019-2020 school year are listed below:

- Cycle 7: June 1, 2020 - June 30, 2020*
- Cycle 8: July 15, 2020 - July 31, 2020
- Cycle 9: August 15, 2020 - August 31, 2020

*The deadline for Cycle 7 has been extended to June 30, 2020, for the 2019-2020 school year for all school districts.

Information to Keep in Mind!

- Verify that **each** graduating student is marked with the correct graduation year to prevent graduates from rolling over into the next school year.
- The Graduation date that should be placed in e-school is the date that the student finishes all requirements for graduation and **NOT** *the date of ceremony*. The graduation date needs to be marked correctly on the student Academic Screen.
- For graduates, especially summer graduates, be sure that their graduation date is prior to August 15th.

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Tracking Graduates

Understanding Certified Data

- Correct E-School codes must be used when dropping students.

- E-School entry/withdrawal screens are essential when verifying a student's enrollment status. (TRIAND is good, but e-School is best.)

- E-School entry/withdrawal codes are needed to document student transfers.

- The following chart shows the E-school and SIS codes to remove an *__on-time__* student from a cohort.

SIS codes that __can__ remove a student from cohort

| e-School Plus Code	Transfer Reason	SIS Code
010	Enrolled in Another Arkansas Schools	1
011	Home Schooled	17
013	Private School	16
030	Deceased	3
014	Enrolled in Another School out of State/ Emigrates to Another Country	18

Students that must Remain in the Cohort

e- School Code	Drop Code	SIS Codes
015	GED	11
020	Incarcerated	2
050	Expelled	5
110	Lack of Attendance	14
150	Job Corps	14

Common Errors

- Trying to remove students that have repeated a grade.

- Homeschool paperwork that identifies the curriculum as GED.

- Attempting to remove students that are incarcerated for any length of time that are **not** committed to a DYS facility.
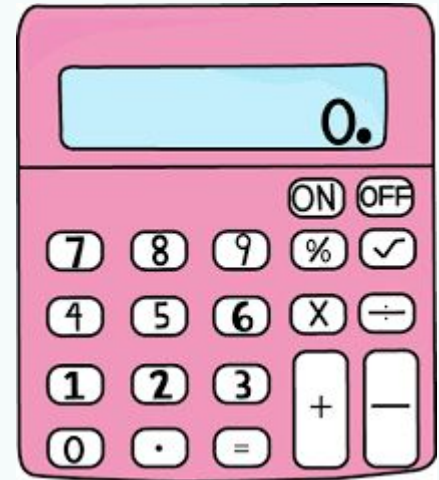
Multiple State ID's

- A student should always keep the same state ID while being educated in Arkansas.
- If a student's state ID has been changed for any reason, schools must identify the duplicate state ID numbers and immediately request for the state IDs to be merged.
- Duplicate state ID's can cause serious issues in calculating graduation rates and other accountability designations.

<u>Example:</u>

- School A can have a student with a state ID and the student transfers to school B under a different state ID.

  - School A will show the student as a non graduate but, the student actually graduated from school B under a different state ID.

    - The student can be removed from school A's cohort because the student transferred to another Arkansas school.

    - School B can add the student to the cohort as an actual graduate.

  - Multiple state ID's should be caught during the cycle submission process.

Adjusted Cohort

Arkansas Cohort Configurations

- Traditional 9-12 School
- Adjusted 10-12 School
- Adjusted 11-12 School

Adjusted Cohort Facts

- A student can repeat the 9th grade in an adjusted cohort and still be on-time.
- The student will count against the district rate but the student will be on-time for the school.

Adjusted Cohort

	High School Configuration	Y0 2016	Y1 2017	Y2 2018	Y3 2019	Y4 2020	Y5 2021	School Exp Grad	Example
First-time-09th grader in 2017	9-12	08	09	10	11	12		2020	Expected progression for 2020 graduates in Gr. 9-12 HS
First-time-10th grader in 2018	10-12	09	09	10	11	12		2020	Repeats 9th grade but still first time 10 grader for Gr. 10-12 HS
First-time-11th grader in 2019	11-12	09	10	10	11	12		2020	Repeats 10th grade but still first time 11 grader for Gr. 11-12 HS
First-time-11th grader in 2019	11-12	09	09	10	11	12		2020	Repeats 9th grade but still first time 11 grader for Gr. 11-12 HS

Credits Versus Years

Credit Expectancy

Grade	# of On-time Credits
9th Grade	5.5
10th Grade	11
11th Grade	16.5
12th Grade	22

Credits Versus Years

4 Year Cohort

Grade	Year
9th Grade	1
10th Grade	2
11th Grade	3
12th Grade	Graduation

Credits Versus Years

5 Year Cohort

Grade	Year
9th Grade	1
10th Grade	2
11th Grade	3
12th Grade	4
12th Grade	Graduation

Credits Versus Years

- A student can graduate on-time even if the student falls behind on credits. The federal guidance looks for the number of years it takes for a student to graduate. Students can take advantage of programs that support on-time graduation:

    - Concurrent Credits

    - Credit Recovery

    - Summer School

- If a student repeats a grade in a 4 year cohort and does not graduate, the student has an opportunity to be a part of the 5th year cohort.

Early Graduates

- If a student graduates in less than 4 years, the student is banked until the year of graduation.

  - The student will show as a No graduate in the 4th year cohort list.

  - To update the student's status, District level users can go into the Graduation Cohort Correction system and select **Correct a Cohort Record**. The user will need to change the graduation status from NO to Yes and upload the 3 year transcript with seal, signature, and date as evidence to support the correction.

Early Graduates

- Many times schools add students to the cohort during the year of graduation because the student's name does not appear on the graduation list. This is a common error, that can result in a denial of the correction.

- The student will be identified with the initial graduation cohort.
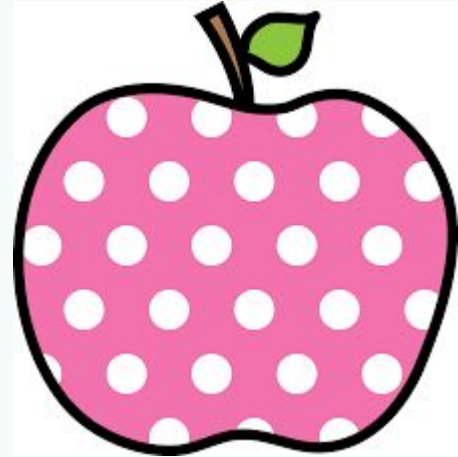
Facts about the 5th Year Cohort

- Students can be removed from 5th year cohort.
- The students must be on-time transfers.
- **The system is looking for 5th year completers.**

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Types of Corrections that can be made in the System.

Deleting a Cohort Record

- Deleting a cohort record decreases the number of expected Graduates which improves your graduation rate pending correction approval.

Correcting a Cohort Record

- Correcting a cohort record can only increase the number of students that are actual graduates.

- This correction type cannot be used to delete a student record.

- Selecting the wrong correction type will not change your rates.

- *This correction can be used to identify a student that was not reported as actual graduate.*

Special Correction

- A special correction request can be used to track duplicate State ID's.

- DESE will research the transfer and status of student in SIS data.

- Districts with a high number of duplicate ID's could be subject to review.

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Common Errors in Corrections Process:
Deleting a cohort record

Deleting a Cohort Record

To reduce the number of expected graduates, you must delete the students from the cohort.

Common Errors in Corrections Process:
Deleting a cohort record

- ○ Select a reason to Remove/Transfer to Another Arkansas school to delete a student from a cohort. Use the drop down menu to select additional options.

Correction Type

Select correction type

○ Correct Cohort Student Record
● Remove/Transfer to Another Arkansas school

Select it to remove the student record

Remove/Transfer to Another Arkansas school

Reason for removing

-- Select reason -- ▾

Select a reason for removing the student

Mandatory Supporting Document

A copy of official transcript is required. The official graduation date must be visible on the attachment. Please provide comments and upload a supporting document.

Upload File (.pdf, .docx, .doc, .jpg, .jpeg, .png)

Choose File   No file chosen

Comment

Past comments

Administrator comments

Common Errors in Corrections Process:
Deleting a cohort record

You must also attach document as evidence to support the reason for removal.

Common Errors in Corrections Process: Correcting a Cohort record

- ○ Correcting a Cohort Record changes the number of expected graduates.

Student Record Correction

Current Student Information

Year Group - 4 Year Group

Student Name	SSN (last 4 digits)	State ID
▉	▉	▉

District	School
7207000 - SPRINGDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT	7207062 - HAR-BER HIGH SCHOOL

Race	Gender	Resident Type
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	Male	R - Residence is within the district's area

Economically Disadvantage	SPED	Migrant	LEP	Actual Grad
Yes	No	No	Yes	No

Military Dependent	Gifted & Talented	Homeless	Foster
No	No	No	No

Correction Type

Select correction type

○ Correct Cohort Student Record

Select to correct the student record

Common Errors in Corrections Process: Correcting a Cohort record

Correcting a Cohort Record

- ○ If a student was marked as a No graduate, a correction can be made to change the student to an actual graduate by changing a No to a Yes.

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Common Errors in Corrections Process: Uploading a File

Only one file can be uploaded to a correction request.

- So, if you have multiple documents to upload, they need to first be combined into one file and then uploaded.
- If you upload more than one file, the corrections system will maintain the most recently uploaded file.

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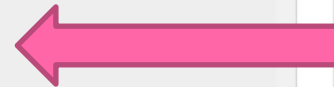
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Graduation Rate in Accountability

Fake High School
ESSA School Index

Indicator	Indicator Score	Weight	Points
Weighted Achievement	61.47	.35	21.51
Value-Added Growth	82.22	.35	28.78
School Quality and Student Success (SQSS)	57.05	.15	8.56
4-Year Graduation Rate	94.64	.10	9.46
5-Year Graduation Rate	97.09	.05	4.85
Overall ESSA Index Score			**73.17**

Graduation Rate in Accountability

Federal Expected Rate for
4 Year Graduation Cohort

94
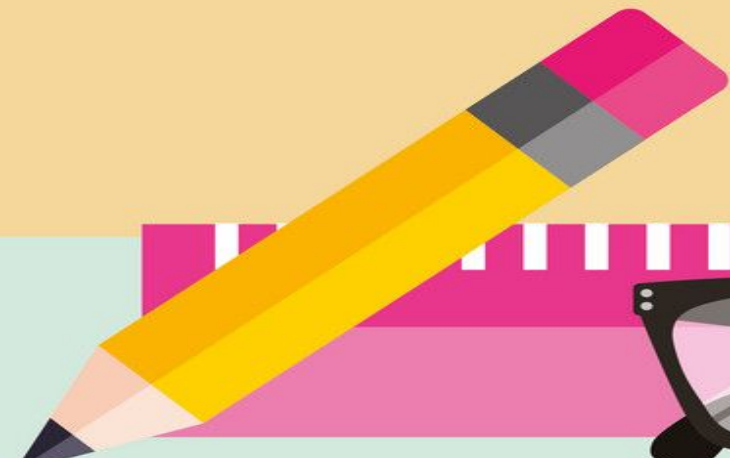
Graduation Rate in Accountability

Federal Expected Rate for 5 Year Graduation Cohort

97

Graduation Rate in Accountability

- If a school's 4 year graduation rate is below 66.67 percent during a year of identification, the school will be identified to be in need of Comprehensive Support.

4 Year in of Need of Comprehensive Support

66.67

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