EASIER
Spring 2012

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Important News Bulletin

- This just in…
  - In preparation of Fall 2012, Spring EASIER 2012 will allow a max of 10 errors to be corrected on the EASIER system

AYP
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FAY Calculations

- Enroll students when they start attending
- Exit students when they stop attending.
  - If whereabouts unknown – Transfer to Unknown

FAY Calculations, cont

- Use exit code '14' when there is a change in
  - Resident District/County
  - Entry Code
  - Foster Care Status
  - Service Provider /Type
  - FTE
  - Accountable District
- District may not be able to certify EASIER if original elements in enrollment record have been overwritten

Reason No State Assessment

- Math, Reading, Science (includes Alt Assessments)
- Find students missing Reason Not Assessed in the AYP application after approving Spring files
- Go back to the SIS and complete Reason Not Assessed.
- Resubmit EASIER data

AYP and EASIER

- District will not be able to certify EASIER if they have students with no scores AND no reason indicated
- District will not be able to certify if Assessment Data not loaded on AYP
- AYP assessment person and EASIER person must work together

Graduates and Graduate Verification Spring 2012

Graduates

- A student on an IEP returning to work on his/her transitional goals is NOT a graduate even if they walk the stage
- Remember to graduate IEP students who complete their transitional goals.
- As with dropouts, it is the attending district that reports students as graduates. This includes tuitioned-in students.

Graduates, cont.

- District will not be able to certify Spring EASIER if…
  - No graduates reported from high school
  - Student reported as graduate from more than 1 building
  - Student reported as graduate in fall, but not included in spring file

Graduate Verification, August 2012

- Students must have signed diploma to be verified as a graduate
- Students verified as graduates on the Graduate Verification application in August will NOT be funded Fall 2012
- All non-graduating students actively enrolled Spring 2012 need to be included in reporting Fall 2012

Foster Care Claim Spring 2012

Foster Care Claim

- Needed to calculate Foster Care Claim
  - Non-instructional IEP
  - Foster Care status = '1' Yes and would not live in the district if not in foster care
  - Service/Facility Type is non-PMIC residential
- Foster Care Claim cannot be open for certifying until all districts have completed Spring EASIER.
- Deadline for certifying Foster Care Claim is **August 1**

Supplemental Weighting Non-Fall Courses Spring 2012

SW of Non-Fall Courses

- Due to some vendor issues -
  - Review fall start courses funded Fall 2011
  - Make sure all listed courses/sections were Fall start
  - If not, we need to know

SW of Non-Fall Courses, cont.

- Please review district summary reports in spring to ensure all are non-fall courses/sections
  - Non-Fall Start Concurrent Enrollment Courses
  - Non-Fall Start ICN Courses
  - Non-Fall Start Regional Academy Courses
  - Public Shared Time Students Enrolled in Courses
- Non-Fall Funded Courses to be Certified in August
  - Preview available upon approving EASIER files

SW of Non-Fall Courses, cont

- Reminder: year-long college courses will not be funded for more than 1 semester equivalent
  - Includes double-block scheduling
- Section FTE should <u>rarely</u> be greater than 1/16 (0.063)
- Missing Weighting Factor often means invalid CCN

SW of Non-Fall Courses, cont

- District will not be able to certify Spring EASIER if …
  - no spring courses reported with Section FTE > 0.000
  - Same section of same course funded as fall-start

Data Element Reminders

Migrant

- Only students with an approved COE (Certificate of Eligibility) are considered migrants.
- Only students in the following districts are eligible to be identified as "in a federally funded program": Columbus, Denison, Lenox, Marshalltown, Ottumwa, Perry, Postville, Storm Lake, Williamsburg.
- All other districts must identify students with approved COE as "not in a federally funded program."

Coordinated Early Intervening Services

- Does not carry forward to the next year.
- 2711 students were identified as receiving CEIS in Fall 2011 and also Spring 2011 from the same district and building.
- Districts identified as significantly disproportionate in the identification, placement, or discipline of students with disabilities must target their use of CEIS and identify the students in EASIER
  - These districts will not be able to certify without students properly reported

Removals: Suspensions and Expulsions

- Any student who was removed from class for disciplinary reasons must be reported. Can't report just the serious events.
- Students not returning after an expulsion are counted as dropouts.
- In JMC, removals must be entered on the removals tab on the Edit Student Data screen
  - If using the Discipline Module – Removals must be entered on bottom portion of screen.

Removals, cont:

- Spring 2011 – 21% of the K-12 schools reported no in-school OR out-of-school suspensions
- Spring 2010 – districts will not able to certify if no removals reported
  - Emphasis on grades 7-12

ELL Students

- ELL status from Spring EASIER used to verify I-ELDA scores.
- Exit students from ELL program if they have been exited (not receiving services as well as exited from transitional status).

Homeless Student

- Any child or youth from the age of 3 through 21 who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence

McKinney-Vento

- Provide transportation to and from the school of origin, at the request of the parent/guardian
- Immediate school enrollment
- Local liaison in all school districts (go-to person in your district)
- "Serving through McKinney-Vento" is a requirement of all districts, not just federally funded districts

Unaccompanied Youth

- Applies only to homeless students
- "Unaccompanied" youth are not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian.
- Students in foster care or residential facilities are not considered homeless.
- Students who move out of a parent's home by choice or not and is unaccompanied by either parent or legal guardian are considered to be homeless and unaccompanied youth.

Attendance

- Must have attendance on all funded students.
- Attendance should not be perfect for all PK students
  - We KNOW children get sick!
- Districts will not be able to certify with Days Enrolled > 185
  - If your district has a calendar of more than 185 days, please let us know in advance

Title I

- School Choice: should have been completed in the fall.
- Supplementary Services
- Reading/Math Targeted Assistance
- School-wide programs do not need to be reported. (Do not mark students as Title I participants in school-wide programs.)

21st Century Community Learning Center

- Districts that house 21st Century Learning Centers will not be able to certify spring EASIER with 0 students participating
- Element 42 in Data Dictionary

Sports Participation

- Used for Civil Rights Collection
- OPTIONAL data element.
- Since the participation count is duplicative, you may not find this worth your time.
  - Alexis participates in volleyball, basketball, and track. She counts as 3 participants.
  - We can prepare a report showing counts and students, but you'd have to multiple by the number of sports.

Civil Rights Collection

- **2011-12 CRDC Schedule:**
- Submission of Part 1 and 2 CRDC Data
  - Pre-collection tools available for districts to create flat files of CRDC data: May 2012
  - Combined Part 1 and 2 submission system: August/September – December 2012
- Districts will be able to submit a file or complete data tables on the web. The state cannot submit for districts.
- More information will be available to let you know what the state can provide for you and what you'll need to create yourself.

Other Issues to Note

- **In addition to those noted throughout presentation…Districts will not be able to certify if…**
  - **Not all buildings have approved files**
  - **No students identified as At Risk/in Funded Program (applies to specific districts)**
  - **Students reported Active in Fall file are not included in Spring file**
  - **Student has hanging exit code '28'**
  - **Student has invalid exit code '14'**

Other Issues to Note, cont

- Districts will not be able to certify if…
  - Within District Part-Time student has no Primary Enrollment
  - Within District Part-time student has conflicting resident districts
  - PSEO courses reported do not match PSEO dollars reported on Spring BEDS
  - Contact Information is Missing

SIS Notes

- Infinite Campus: Must be on version 12.10 (enhancement line and maintenance line)
- PowerSchool: Version 7 needed for transcripts, most recent state reporting version
  - Count Date = day after last day of school
  - For expelled students, date of removal cannot be after exit date or record will not pull
- JMC: Build date of 3/20/12 or more recent

Mark Your Calendar

- EASIER testing window: **April 18 - May 9**
- EASIER production: **May 14 – June 20**
- AYP
  - Testing Opens at some point between : **April 18 and May 9**
  - **AYP Production: May 14**
  - AYP Preliminary Certification: **June 21**
  - AYP Final Certification: **July 10**

Mark Your Calendar, cont.

- Foster Care Claim:
  - will open within a week of the last district certifying Spring EASIER.
  - Certification: August 1 Deadline
- Public High School Transcripts Due Date: June 29
- 2012 Graduate Verification: later in August
- Non-Fall Start Courses for Supplemental Weighting: mid-August