Addendum E: Dropout Definitions, 2012-2013

According to the CCD definition, a dropout is an individual who

- was enrolled in school at some time during the 1112 funding year (on or after October 3, 2011 thru September 30, 2012)
- is not enrolled as of Count Day 2012
- has not graduated from high school or completed a state- or district-approved education program; and
- does not meet any of the following exclusionary conditions:
  a. transfer to another public school district, private school, or state-or district-approved education programs
  b. temporary absence due to suspension or school –approved illness; or
  c. death

For the purpose of this definition:

1) The school year is the 12-month period of time beginning on Count Day.
2) Dropouts from the previous summer reported for the year and grade in which they fail to enroll. For example, a student completing 10th grade in 2011-2012, who does not enroll the next year would be reported as an 11th grade dropout for 2012-2013.
3) Individuals who are not accounted for on Count Day of the current year are considered dropouts
4) A school completer is an individual who graduated from high school or completed a state- or district- approved educational program upon receipt of formal recognition of school authorities.

(The above definition was taken from NCES publication 2010-313)

NOTE: In order to identify a 7-12 student as having transferred to another school, 'a school or LEA must confirm in writing that the student transferred out, emigrated to another country, or is deceased. . . . To confirm that a student transferred out, the school or LEA must have official written documentation that the student enrolled in another school or in an educational program that culminates in the award of a regular high school diploma'. (Part 200- Title I- Improving the Academic Achievement of the Disadvantaged, 34 CRF Subtitle B, F-1012) If written documentation does not exist, the student must be identified as transferred to unknown, or a dropout.

The above definitions/qualifications translate into the following for state reporting of dropouts in Iowa:

A dropout is a 7 thru 12 student whose most recent Entry code is a BEDS entry code* who…

1. Completed the 1112 school year but was unaccounted for as of October 1, 2012. NOTE: this includes students completing the 6th grade but unaccounted for in the fall of their 7th grade year
2. Enrolled in a program designed to earn a GED or a community college adult education program diploma
3. Had an unresolved Exit Code from October 3, 2011 to Sept 30, 2012 (e.g., within district transfer with no following entry, transfer to unknown, etc.)
4. Reached Maximum Age by Sept 15, 2012
5. Was reported as transferred to, open enrolled, tuitioned out to, or whole grade sharing to another Iowa public school district but was never reported by the new district. (NOTE: The last school of attendance/reporting on record is the district responsible for this drop)
6. Is under the age of 16 as of Sept 15, 2012, and transfers to home-schooling without completing CPI paperwork.
7. Enrolls in Job Corps but does not elect to pursue the educational program that will result in earning a high school diploma
8. Does not re-enroll in a district after serving an expulsion
9. Is exited with an illness code ('9') but is not receiving educational services

* BEDS Entry Codes for this purpose include the following: '1' (Enrolled), '2' (Open Enrolled In), '3' (Tuitioned In Parent Paid), '4' (Tuitioned In District Paid), '5' (WGS In), '10' (Tuitioned In Out of State), '15' (Tuitioned In State Paid), and '19' (Foreign Student on Visa)

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A Student in Grade 7-12 Who…	Is a Dropout?
1. Graduated from high school or completed a district-approved educational program upon receipt of formal recognition of school authorities	No
2. Only attended summer school in this district – was not enrolled during regular school year	No
3. Reaches maximum age without completing requirements for graduation	Yes
4. Died	No
5. Left district – whereabouts unknown	Yes
6. Moved to another district in Iowa or some other state, not known to be in school (i.e., no records have been requested by October 1, 2012)	Yes
7. Moved out of the United States, enrollment status unknown	No
8. Transferred and has enrolled in…	
- Another public school (public or private)	No
- Home Schooling	No
- Early college	No
- Adult education program administered by community college	Yes
- A GED program	Yes
9. Is not in school but is known to be…	
- Ill / medically fragile*	No
- Suspended or expelled, term of suspension or expulsion not yet over	No
- Suspended or expelled, term of suspension or expulsion over	Yes
- Expelled, enrolled in another school and/or district	No
10. In a nontraditional education setting, such as hospital/homebound instruction, residential special education, community or technical college.	
- Program is off-campus offering of regular school district	No
- Program is not approved or administered by regular district; classified as adult education	Yes

* Medically fragile is defined as follows: the parent, guardian, or legal or actual custodian of a child who is of compulsory attendance age, who is physically or mentally unable to attend school or whose presence in school would be injurious to the health of other pupils, shall furnish proofs by certificate under section 256B.6 and 256B.7 as to the physical and mental condition of the child (IC 299.5)