

Preparing for a New School Year

This guide will help you know what to expect for your Branching Minds data between school years

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A School Year on Branching Minds runs from July 1 to June 30. Here is what to expect:

Automated system updates (requiring no intervention from districts) on July 1:

- Remaining To Dos for weeks with end dates before July 1 will be wiped clean, creating a blank slate for the new school year.
- The "current school year" filter on Branching Minds will update to the new school year. The previous school year will be added to the filter dropdown list at this time.

Before you head out for summer break, we suggest the following:

- Check off any remaining To Dos for the year that you have completed
- [Remove any groups](#) that will not be used in the following year
- Remove any manual staff/student associations that will not be relevant in the following year. This action can be done [by managers and teachers for individual students](#), or [in bulk by district administrators](#).
- Snapshot any important annual reports you'll want to capture before rostering changes occur after July 1. This is especially important for the Benchmark Growth Report, which can only display screening windows in the current school year.

What you'll see on a student's page when the new school year begins:

- All demographic information on the student profile (including attendance flags, custom tags, graduation risk indicators, and testing accommodations) will persist on the student's page until they are changed manually or via ingestion.
- Benchmark scores, meetings, family communication, services, and supporting documents are logged by date on the student's profile and are not filtered by school year
- Goals, Intervention Plans, and Progress Monitors for each topic are filtered by school year based on their active dates. (Active dates before July 1 will show up in the previous school year; active dates July 1 and later will show up in the current school year)

The screenshot displays a student profile for Alan Abraham (ID: 2008771) in 8th Grade. The interface includes a top navigation bar with links for 'Overview', 'Plan & Progress', 'Insight Survey', and 'Survey Results'. Below this, there are tabs for 'Background', 'Goals & Progress Monitors', 'Interventions & Supports', and 'Supplemental Supports'. The main content area is titled 'Reading' and shows a 'Tier 3 | 5th Grade Performance Level'. A dropdown menu is open for 'Current School Year (Grade 8)', listing options: 'All School Years', 'Current School Year (Grade 8)', '2021-2022 School Year (Grade 8)', '2020-2021 School Year (Grade 8)', and '2019-2020 School Year (Grade 8)'. The page also features a 'Background' section and a 'Progress Chart' section, both of which currently show 'No data available'.

Addressing Frequently Asked Questions:

- School rosters for the new school year will be set up as soon as your district sends us rostering data.
- Student tiers persist into the new school year until they are changed individually from the student topic overview page, or until a bulk tiering event is completed.
- Manual staff/student associations persist into the new school year until they are removed. This action can be done [by managers and teachers for individual students](#), or [in bulk by district administrators](#).

- Student flags for attendance concerns will persist into the new school year. If you are sending attendance percentages to Branching Minds, the attendance concern flag will update alongside updated attendance percentages for the new academic year. To clear attendance concern flags in bulk, you can [send a new file with all students marked N.](#)