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SUBJECT: Local Educational Agency Special Education Data Reports Online Preview

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 2004 requires states to report annually to the public on the performance of each Local Educational Agency (LEA) in the state on the targets established in the State Performance Plan. Annually, states are required to report LEA performance on the following State Performance Plan school-age indicators for students with disabilities: Graduation Rates; Dropout Rates; Participation and Performance on Statewide Assessments; Suspension Rates; Educational Environments; School-Facilitated Parent Involvement; Disproportionate Representation by Race/Ethnicity Receiving Special Education; Disproportionate Representation by Race/Ethnicity in Specific Disability Categories; Timelines for Initial Evaluation; Individualized Education Program Secondary Transition Goals and Services; and Post-School Outcomes.

To fulfill the State Performance Plan public reporting requirement for the 2021-22 school year, each LEA will have an online Special Education Data Report (SEDR) that shows local performance on the above indicators. In some instances, an LEA's report will not have data for every indicator (e.g., the data comes from cyclical monitoring and the LEA was not monitored in 2021-22 or the data set is too small to be reliable) and a reason code will be on the report.

Prior to the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) publishing these reports publicly, LEAs will have an opportunity to preview the website and their reports. The preview period will begin May 8, 2023 and end on May 12, 2023. To review your State Performance Plan SEDR, visit [Preview of LEA SEDR](#) and click on SEDR Reports. Once on the SEDR preview landing page, select your LEA from either of the Public Reporting Preview drop-downs. The accompanying narrative explains how data are obtained and how to interpret the reports. If your LEA has questions or concerns about the data displayed, first consult your Intermediate Unit Data Manager to ensure that the data submitted to the state matches what your LEA provided. If questions remain following these internal reviews and verifications, contact Jodi Rissinger, Data Manager with PDE, via email at [jrissinger@pa.gov](mailto:jrissinger@pa.gov) or Dan Ficca at [c-dficca@pa.gov](mailto:c-dficca@pa.gov).

When the SEDR Reports go live on the public site, they can be accessed by visiting the Special Education Data Reporting (formerly PennData) website at <https://penndata.hbg.psu.edu/> and clicking on Public Reporting. The most current State Performance Plan approved by the U.S. Department of Education is available for reference on the PDE website

at [www.education.pa.gov](http://www.education.pa.gov) and the Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network website at [www.pattan.net](http://www.pattan.net).

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