

Chapter 10 - Attribution of AEC Data

BACKGROUND

Since the 1999-00 school year, student data (attendance, completion/dropout, and performance) are attributed to alternative education campuses (AECs) registered for evaluation under alternative education accountability (AEA) procedures only when the student attends the registered AEC for 85 days or more. Under the previous AEA procedures, the AEC accountability rating was based on performance of students enrolled on the campus for 85 days or more. The 85-day rule was implemented before the campus accountability subset was incorporated in the state accountability system.

In 2004, the campus accountability subset was applied for the first time in the state accountability system. Under the campus accountability subset, only test results for students enrolled on the same campus on the Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS) enrollment snapshot date (the last Friday in October) and on the testing date are included in the campus performance measure.

For data collected through PEIMS, attribution of attendance and leaver records to the home campus is automated for most students based on attendance data reported for the student. A CAMPUS-ID-OF-ACCOUNTABILITY data element is required when a student's only campus of enrollment is a registered AEC that the student attends for less than 85 days, and/or a disciplinary alternative education program (DAEP), and/or a juvenile justice alternative education program (JJAEP). For assessment data, the test answer document is physically submitted with the answer documents for the student's home campus.

Student data and test documents are only reattributed within the same school district. For this reason, charter campus data are not reattributed. For students who have not attended a standard campus in the district, local policy determines to which campus the short-term AEC student data are attributed.

A comparison of 2003-04 attendance reattribution and test answer documents suggests that the reattribution is not always conducted consistently for PEIMS data (an automated process conducted at the state level) and test results (a local process). Often, test answer documents for students enrolled on the AEC for fewer than 85 days were not sent back to the student's home campus.

ATTRIBUTION OF DATA

AECs of Choice and Residential Facilities. The 85-day rule will be phased out under the new AEA procedures on the timeline provided below. When the 85-day rule is discontinued, the accountability subset definition will govern whether or not test results are included in the performance indicators used for ratings.

- For 2005 accountability, AEC test answer documents and leaver data are attributed according to current policies based on the 85-day rule.
- For 2006 accountability, campus accountability subset determines attribution of AEC test data. 2004-05 leaver data are attributed according to the 85-day rule for AECs that were registered for evaluation under AEA procedures in 2005. 2004-05 leaver

data are attributed to the last campus of attendance for AECs that were not registered for evaluation under AEA procedures in 2005, but are registered in 2006.

- For 2007 accountability, campus accountability subset determines attribution of AEC test data. Leavers are attributed to the last campus attended.

DAEPs and JJAEPs. As required in statute, DAEP and JJAEP student data are attributed to the student's home campus.