

MI SCHOOL DATA WEBSITE PRIVACY STATEMENT

Protecting Education Data

Quality, timely, longitudinal data have the power to inform the policies, programs and instructional practices that can improve student outcomes.

The Center for Educational Performance and Information understands the value and necessity of providing education data to state and local policymakers, parents and Michigan residents.

At the same time, CEPI is committed to protecting confidential education records. Our rigorous privacy policies and procedures meet or exceed data sharing guidelines of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. Our data security protocols follow strict state of Michigan standards and best practice technology protocols.

To protect student privacy, suppression rules are applied to data on MI School Data where appropriate. See the About This Report section of each report for details specific to the report being viewed. You can find additional information on the [How CEPI Protects Education Data web page](#).

CEPI is also committed to transparency with Michigan stakeholders about our education data collections, storage, and disclosure policies and practices.

Privacy and Security

See the [State of Michigan's policies](#) to learn more about privacy and security, including:

- Terms of use
- Automatically collected and voluntarily submitted information
- Use of cookies
- The Children's Online Privacy Protection Act
- Sharing personally identifiable information
- Outside links

Secure Report Use Policies

All secure (i.e., login required) reports on the [MI School Data](#) portal are considered "restricted use." The data contained in these reports are supplied on the condition that only authorized representatives are able to view and use the data for auditing or evaluating a federal or state-supported education program, which is in accordance with FERPA. Under FERPA, the State of Michigan is allowed to share these data without prior consent only to authorized representatives for program evaluation purposes. Data provided in a secure report are collected without an opt-out provision, thereby limiting the purposes for which they can be used, and are thus classified as "restricted."

In addition, Section 9 of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act establishes requirements and limitations regarding the release of information about children certified for free and reduced-price meals provided under the National School Lunch Program. A child's eligibility status may only be disclosed to persons directly connected with, and who have a need to know, a child's free and reduced-price meal eligibility status in order to administer and enforce Title I requirements.

Click on the following links to access copies of:

- [Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act](#)
- [Privacy Act of 1974](#)
- [National School Lunch Program](#)

These data must be:

- Kept secure at all times.
- Stored and transmitted using 128-bit encryption.
- Stored where only the authorized representative(s) can access the data, and be protected from unauthorized access or disclosure.
- Carefully tracked, including the locations of all copies of the data.
- Used in a way that respects the privacy, anonymity and confidentiality of all concerned parties.
- Clearly marked "confidential—internal use only" for any documents containing identifying information.
- Used only in products (reports, summaries, presentations, proposals) that are FERPA-compliant and subject to all applicable statutes and federal regulations.
- Used only by authorized representatives who have completed formal FERPA training, where applicable, either through the U.S. Department of Education or another qualified organization.
- Destroyed when no longer needed for the purposes of auditing or evaluating a Federal- or State-supported education program.

These data *cannot* be:

- Used for research studies.
 - If you are a researcher in need of non-aggregate data, please visit the [Michigan Education Research Institute](#) website.
- Used commercially for things such as, but not limited to, (1) marketing, (2) outreach, (3) surveys or (4) anything other than education program evaluation.
- Sold or rented.

Links Policy

Linking to MI School Data is permitted under limited conditions.

If you link to MI School Data, you must not: (1) portray any person, entity, or subject in a false or misleading light; (2) visually alter MI School Data pages being

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linked to; or (3) imply that the State or its vendors or partners endorse your products or services.

To link to MI School Data, use the following HTML code:

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<a href="https://www.mischooldata.org">MI School Data</a>
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You may also link to individual pages and parameterized reports on the MI School Data site. You are also permitted to use the MI School Data logo for linking purposes.

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