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Michigan Student Data System User Guide for Nonpublic School Users

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What is MSDS?

The Michigan Student Data System is an online application that allows the State to securely collect student data from public and nonpublic schools. MSDS is one of several applications supported by the [Center for Educational Performance and Information](#), the state agency responsible for collecting and reporting information from Michigan schools.

What do Nonpublic Schools Need to Report in MSDS?

There are two reasons nonpublic schools might need to submit data in MSDS.

1. **Direct Certification:** Nonpublic schools participating in the National School Lunch Program are required to submit their student enrollment, including new enrollees. These records are used to generate the Direct Certification Report. MSDS users for each school are responsible for uploading their student roster in MSDS and downloading the Direct Certification Report of students who are certified as being eligible for free lunch and milk.
2. **Validating and Creating UICs for Pre-Identification:** The Michigan Department of Education's Secure Site requires all records submitted for assessment pre-identification to include a Unique Identification Code. UICs are created in MSDS.

Requesting Access to MSDS

Schools can have one or more MSDS users. If you believe you already have an MSDS user but aren't sure who it is, contact cepi@michigan.gov and we can send the user list for your school.

Gaining access to MSDS is a two-step process:

1. Request access to MSDS through your MiLogin account.

(Note: If you don't have an account, you may register for one at [MiLogin](#). Click the "Sign Up" button and follow the directions. During this process, you will create your MiLogin User ID and password.)

After logging in to MiLogin, click the "Request Access" button. You will be taken to a new screen to search for the application you need access to. You may either manually search for the application (Michigan Student Data System) or select an agency (Center for Educational Performance and Information). Once you have found MSDS, click "Request Access." The next page requires you to verify your work phone number and email address. Verify the information and click "Submit."

2. Once you have requested access to MSDS, you must send the appropriate security agreement form to CEPI, signed by yourself and the lead administrator as noted in the Educational Entity Master. These forms are posted in CEPI's [Application Security Forms web page](#). Click the "Nonpublic

School Users” menu at the bottom of the screen to locate the MSDS security form. Follow the instructions on the security agreement to complete the form and submit it to CEPI for processing.

You will receive access to the application when both of the above steps have been completed and verified by CEPI. For more detailed information, please refer to the MiLogin User Guide posted in the Manuals section of CEPI’s [MSDS web page](#).

Changing Your Password

To change your MiLogin password:

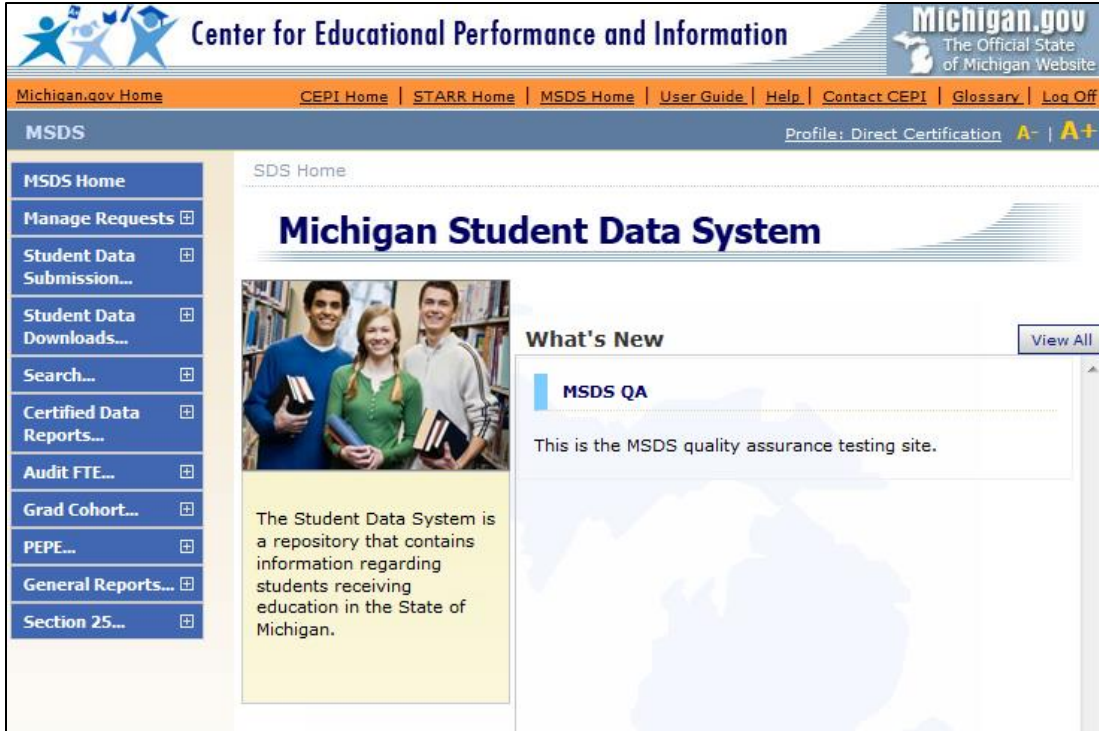
1. Go to [MiLogin](#).
2. Enter your MiLogin ID and password. (Password is case sensitive.)
3. Click on “Account Maintenance.”
4. Click on “Change My Password.”
5. Note: After you create a MiLogin account, only you can update the account information. If your email address or telephone number changes, be sure to log in to the MiLogin site and edit your account. If you do not remember your password, go to the login page and click the “Forgot your password” link.

For more detailed information, refer to the MiLogin User Guide posted in the Manuals section of CEPI’s [MSDS web page](#).

Logging In to MSDS

To access MSDS, go to [MiLogin](#), enter your MiLogin user ID and password, and then click the login button. Once logged in, click the “Michigan Student Data System (MSDS)” link to access the application. After clicking on the link, a new window should open up to the MSDS home page.

If the MSDS home page does not come up, make sure you don’t have a pop-up blocker turned on that might be preventing that new window from opening.



What do I Submit?

Direct Certification

If your nonpublic school participates in the National School Lunch Program, at the beginning of each school year the district must submit their student roster using the Nonpublic School Student Roster Collection in MSDS. NSSR data are used to create and update the Direct Certification report throughout the school year. If new students enroll in your school, these students should be added to your NSSR Collection at the time of enrollment.

The Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004 (Public Law 108-265) amended the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to require direct certification of children who are members of households receiving assistance under one of the following programs as eligible for free school meals, without further application, based on information provided in an electronic data file from the Department of Health and Human Services:

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program - Benefits can be extended to other children in the same household.
- Temporary Assistance to Needy Families - Benefits can be extended to other children in the same household.
- Foster Child program - Benefits cannot be extended to other children in the same household.
- Medicaid - Benefits can be extended to other children in the same household.

Beginning with the 2008-09 school year, this requirement applied to all public and nonpublic schools participating in the National School Lunch Program.

Students approved through a free or reduced-price application

Michigan Summer EBT (S-EBT) is a program to help families buy food for children during the summer. To ensure all eligible students receive S-EBT, the SNE Component should be added in MSDS for any student who is not directly certified but receives benefits from a free or reduced-price application approved at the local level or students who qualify as members of households receiving assistance.

If you have shared-time students who were reported through a public school, contact the public school to ensure the proper SNE (Free/Reduced) designation was reported for those students in MSDS.

Homelessness

Homeless children qualify for free school nutrition benefits and may qualify for other benefits as well. The Homeless Demographics Component should be added in MSDS for any student who has been identified as Homeless for any portion of the school year.

Creating/Validating UICs

If you will be pre-identifying students in the MDE [Secure Site](#) for assessment, each student needs a UIC to be pre-identified. If your school participates in a shared-time program with a public school district, the district should have UICs for those students.

If a student does not have a UIC, use MSDS to create a UIC for the student. Please see the UIC section later in this manual for step-by-step instructions on validating and creating UICs.

How do I Submit?

There are two ways to submit data to MSDS:

1. You can manually add student records into the online MSDS system. Most nonpublic school users choose this option.
2. You can upload a properly formatted .xml file with your student data. Please visit the [Nonpublic Schools web page](#) and click on Technical Material at the bottom of the page for more information on the xml file format and sample.

Student records are made up of multiple components, each of which includes both required and optional characteristics (fields). Required fields are marked with a red asterisk (*) in MSDS.

The screenshot shows the 'Staging Area Maintain' form in the MSDS system. The form is divided into two sections: 'Personal Demographics' and 'School Demographics'. The 'Personal Demographics' section includes fields for 'Submitting Entity', 'Collection', 'PEPE District', 'PEPE Building', 'Last Name', 'Last Name Suffix', 'Middle Name', 'First Name', 'Date of Birth', 'Gender', 'Multiple Birth Order', and 'UIC'. The 'School Demographics' section includes fields for 'Operating District Number', 'School or Facility', 'Student ID Number', and 'GradeSetting'. The form also has a 'Submit' button, a 'Cancel' button, a 'Select Component' dropdown menu, and an 'Add Component' button. Annotations with red boxes and arrows point to the 'Submitting Entity' field, the 'Last Name' field, the 'Date of Birth' field, and the 'Add Component' button.

Submitting Entity Name and Number

Personal Core required Information includes Name, DOB, Gender, and UIC

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Staging Area Maintain

* = Required

Submitting Entity: New Life Christian Academy (07637)

Collection: Nonpublic School Student Roster 2022-2023

PEPE District:

PEPE Building:

*Last Name: Frog

Last Name Suffix: Sr.

Middle Name: Rohan

*First Name: Kermit

*Date of Birth: 11/12/2007

*Gender: M - Male

Multiple Birth Order: 2

UIC: 1359195932

Submit Cancel Select Component Add Component

School Demographics Personal Demographics Contacts Contacts - 2 Homeless Demographics SNE

*Operating District Number: 84000

School or Facility: 07637

Student ID Number: student124

*GradeSetting: 09-Ninth Grade

Manually Entering Data

A collection can be added manually from the Staging Area screen. Only those collections the user has permissions for will be available in the Collection dropdown list. For this section of the manual, we will be working with the Nonpublic School Student Roster Collection. If you are working with the Request for UIC Collection, simply follow the same steps using that collection name.

How to Create a New Collection

If you do not already have a Nonpublic School Student Roster Collection, you will need to create one.

1. To access the Staging Area, log into MSDS and click "Student Data Submission," on the left navigation bar, then click "Data Staging Area."



2. Enter your Submitting Entity code (your five-digit building code). The Submitting Entity field should automatically pull up your school's name. Click the name to finish populating the field.

A screenshot of the "Staging Area" form. The title "Staging Area" is in a blue header. Below it is a legend: "* = Required". The form has a grey header "Select your filter criteria...". There are three input fields: "Submitting Entity:" with a text box containing "New Life Christian Academy (07637)" and an "Add New Collection" button; "Collection:" with a dropdown menu showing "Select school year/collection"; and "Certification Status:" with a dropdown menu showing "Select One". At the bottom right are "Filter" and "Clear" buttons.

3. Click the "Filter" button. If you already have a Nonpublic School Student Roster Collection, you will be taken to the Staging Area, where your collection will be listed. (Jump to the next section, on Adding Student Records.) If not, you will get a message saying, "The search criteria that was entered returned no results."

- If no results were found, click the "Add New Collection" button. On the following screen, make sure the Nonpublic School Student Roster collection is selected, then click the "Add Collection" button.

- You will be taken to the Staging Area page for your school. Click the Nonpublic School Student Roster Collection link on the left side to go to the Staging Area Detail screen, where you can add, delete, or edit student data in that collection.

Collection	Submitting Entity	Students	Certification Status	Last Certified	Collection Open?	Certification Available?
Nonpublic School Student Roster 2022-2023	New Life Christian Academy (07637)	0	Certification not Required		Yes	No

How to Add Individual Student Records

- If you are not already in the Staging Area Detail screen, click "Student Data Submission," on the left navigation bar, then click "Data Staging Area." Enter your five-digit building code in the Submitting Entity field. The field should automatically pull up your school's name. Click the name to finish populating the field, then click "Filter." Click the collection name to open the Staging Area Detail screen.
- You should see your school's name and code at the top, along with the name of the collection you're working in. Any previously added records will appear at the bottom of the screen.

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The screenshot displays the MSDS Nonpublic User Guide interface. At the top, the 'Submitting Entity' is 'New Life Christian Academy (07637)' and the 'Collection' is 'Nonpublic School Student Roster 2022-2023'. A red box highlights this information with the label 'Your Submitting Entity and Collection name'. Below this, the 'Total Records - 1' is shown, with a red box and label 'Total number of records currently in the collection'. The interface includes sections for 'Validation Status' and 'UIC Resolution Status', each with a list of categories and counts. To the right of these sections are 'Validation Reports' and 'UIC Resolution Reports', each with dropdown menus for 'Select a report:' and 'Select a format:', and a 'Run Report' button. Below these reports are 'Staging Reports' with similar dropdowns and a 'Run Report' button. At the bottom, there is a table of records with columns: Select, School Facility #, User Notes, UIC, Last Name, First Name, Gender, Date of Birth, Validation Status, Resolution Status, and Certification Date. A red box highlights the 'Add Direct' button with the label 'Add-Direct and Search/Add buttons'. Another red box highlights a record in the table with the label 'Previously added record(s)'. The table shows one record with UIC 1359195932, Last Name 'Frog, Sr.', First Name 'Kermit', Gender 'M', and Date of Birth '11/12/2007'.

- To manually add a record, click "Add Direct" button at the bottom of the screen. Enter the student's Name and Birth Date on the "Add Student" screen.

Add Student

If Collection is not filled in automatically then one must be selected in order to access the Submitting Entity.

*** = Required**

*Collection: Nonpublic School Student Roster 2025-2026

*Last Name:

Last Name Suffix:

*First Name:

Middle Name:

Multiple Birth Order:

*Date of Birth: (MM/DD/YYYY)

*Gender:

Search by Entity Name or Entity Code

*Submitting Entity: Holy Family Regional School (02285)

UIC:

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4. You have three options for submitting the student to the collection.
 - a. Click "Submit" to add the bare-bones record and return to the Staging Area Detail screen.
 - b. Click "Submit/Add Another" to add the bare-bones record and return to the Add Student screen to submit another record.
 - c. Click "Submit/Go to Details" and add additional information to the record. When adding records for Direct Certification purposes, you will need to add additional School Demographics information.
5. Open the student's record details in MSDS. This is done automatically by clicking "Submit/Go To Details" in step 4. Otherwise, from the Staging Area Detail page, you should see your newly added student. Click the student's last name to open the details.

Select	School Facility #	User ID	UIC	Last Name	First Name	Gender	Date of Birth	Validation Status	Resolution Status	Certification Date
<input type="checkbox"/>			2345530382	Kent	Clark	M	01/01/1990	Errors Exist	New UIC Generated	

6. The School Demographics Component should already be present. If you need to add this or another component, select it from the "Select Component" dropdown, then click "Add Component."
7. Complete the School Demographics information.
 - a. For nonpublic schools, the Operating District Number should be 84000.
 - b. Enter your five-digit school code. While this field is not listed as required, you must report a school code for your Nonpublic School Student Roster record to be included in Direct Certification matching.
 - c. Enter the student's Grade or Setting from the dropdown.
 - d. You may enter your school's student identification number if you want, but this is not required.
 - e. Leave the S2E2 Code and Building Pupil Would Otherwise Attend characteristics blank.

School Demographics

*Operating District Number: 84000

School or Facility: 07637

Student ID Number: student23

*GradeSetting: 12-Twelfth Grade

S2E2 Code:

Building Pupil Would Otherwise Attend:

8. Report the address for each student by adding the Contact Component via the dropdown and click "Add Component." The physical address should be added. If the student's mailing address is different than the physical address, submit both a physical and mailing address for the student.

9. If the student is eligible for Free or Reduced priced meals, add the SNE component via the dropdown and click "Add Component."
 - a. If the SNE component is added, select the appropriate Supplemental Nutrition Eligibility option of Eligible Free, Eligible Reduced, or Direct Certification Extended Eligibility Free from the drop down.
10. If the student is Homeless, add the Homeless Demographics component via the dropdown and click "Add Component."
 - a. If the Homeless Demographics component is added, select the appropriate Homeless and Unaccompanied Youth options.

School Demographics Personal Demographics Contacts Enrollment Membership
Program Participation Homeless Demographics Attendance SNE

*Homeless: 13-Doubled-Up
*Unaccompanied Youth: No

Errors:
Warnings:

11. The student detail page in MSDS is called the "Staging Area Maintain" page. You may see error and warning messages at the bottom of a student record.
12. Click "Submit" to save the record and return to the Staging Area Details page. If there are errors or warnings on the record, you will be asked whether you want to return to the student record. All errors must be corrected for the record to be included in Direct Certification matching. Review error messages and make the appropriate corrections. Warnings indicate that data may be incorrect. You should review warning messages and make corrections if appropriate, but warning messages will not prevent you from submitting your data.

Bulk File Uploads

If your school has several students to report to MSDS, you may prefer to upload a bulk file rather than adding individual student records.

MSDS will only accept properly formatted XML files. Simply entering data in Excel or Access and using the "Save As" function to convert your file to XML format **will not** produce a valid XML file that conforms to the MSDS schema requirements. Most users who upload an MSDS file use their local student information system to export a valid file. You should contact your student information vendor for assistance with this process if you have any questions.

CEPI is unable to support or answer questions about local student information systems.

XML works using "tags" to mark data. A properly formatted XML file will follow a format similar to the pattern below.

```
<SubmittingEntity>
  <SubmittingEntityTypeCode>B</SubmittingEntityTypeCode>
  <SubmittingEntityCode>01234</SubmittingEntityCode>
</SubmittingEntity>
<PersonalCore>
  <LastName>Kent</LastName>
  <FirstName>Clark</FirstName>
  <DateOfBirth>2013-11-06</DateOfBirth>
  <MultipleBirthOrder>0</MultipleBirthOrder>
  <Gender>M</Gender>
</PersonalCore>
```

If you upload a file with invalid XML code into MSDS, that file will fail. Examples of bad XML include empty tags such as <UIC></UIC> or files that do not conform to the posted XML schema. The Nonpublic School Student Roster Collection schema and a sample file are posted on the [Nonpublic School web page](#) under the Technical Material section.

Uploading Your File

1. Log into MSDS and click "Student Data Submission," on the left navigation bar, then click "Upload File" to get to the SDS File Upload screen.
2. Select the collection from the first dropdown. You have the option to enter notes in the "User Notes" section. These notes will show up in the User Notes column of the Staging Area Detail page for all student records in the file and are also useful for filtering for specific uploads on the Staging Area Details page.

SDS File Upload

Collection:
For more information on the Collections refer to the Collection Data Field Descriptions report on the Report Menu.

Description:

User Notes:

Click here to receive a notification message when file has been processed

File Name: No file chosen

3. Click the "Choose File" button and browse your local computer or network. Select the file, then click "Upload File."
4. MSDS first checks whether this is a valid XML file. If the process passes and the file validates successfully, the records are then moved into the staging area, and the system validates each individual record, checking for warnings and errors.

Check Your Uploaded File Status

Once the file is uploaded, you can check the file status to see if it was accepted or rejected. Files can be rejected for various reasons.

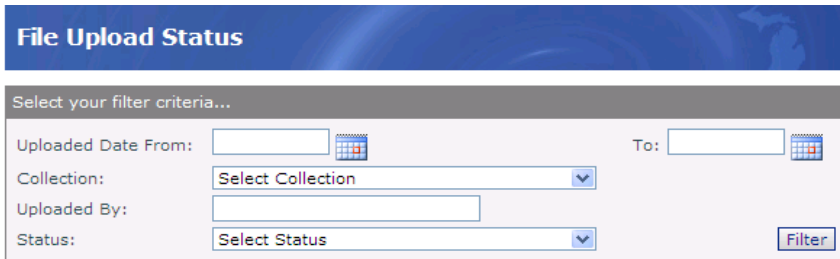
File-Level Validation Rules:

- Each file is compared to the XML schema for the collection selected on the File Upload form. The file must conform to the schema requirements, or else the entire file will be rejected.
- The Submitting Entity Code on each student record is checked against the permissions of the user. If your file contains any records with a submitting entity code you don't have permissions for, the file will be rejected.

You can check the status of your file on the File Upload Status screen. This is also where you can view the details for a file that failed to upload.

Click "Student Data Submission" on the left navigation menu, then click "Uploaded File Status."

1. Select the collection name from the dropdown and click the "Filter" button. (Alternately, you can enter your username in the "Uploaded By" field to see all files you've uploaded. If you do this, make sure you match the way your username is listed in your MSDS profile. You can also enter a date range or filter by the status. However, for nonpublic schools, it's often easiest to simply select the collection type and leave the rest of the fields alone.)



The screenshot shows a web interface titled "File Upload Status" with a sub-header "Select your filter criteria...". It contains several input fields: "Uploaded Date From:" and "To:" with calendar icons; "Collection:" with a dropdown menu showing "Select Collection"; "Uploaded By:" with a text input field; and "Status:" with a dropdown menu showing "Select Status". A "Filter" button is located to the right of the "Status" dropdown.

2. The File Upload Status screen will show all uploaded files that match the selection criteria from step 2.

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File Upload Status								
Your search yielded 12 result(s).								
								Filter...
Filtered on Collection: (Nonpublic School Student Roster 2025-2026)								
Collection	Zip File Name	File Name	Notes	Uploaded Date	Source	Status	Uploaded By User	Cancel Upload?
Nonpublic School Student Roster 2025-2026		MSDSNonpublicSchoolStudentRoster.xml		07/16/2025 04:49 PM	File Upload UI	Failed File Level Validation		
Nonpublic School Student Roster 2025-2026		[REDACTED]		06/25/2025 10:44 AM	File Upload UI	Processed Successfully		

- Possible Status messages include:
 - Processing: The file is currently being processed.
 - Processed Successfully: The file has been processed, and the records are now in your collection staging area.
 - Failed File Level Validation: The file failed.
- Click a file name to view the Upload Status Details and any error messages for that specific file.

Rejected file

File Upload Status Details

Collection: Nonpublic School Student Roster 2025-2026
 File Name: [REDACTED]
 Stored File Name: [REDACTED]
 Notes:
 Upload Date: 7/1/2025 1:43:00 PM
 Upload Source: File Upload UI
 Upload Status: Failed File Level Validation
 Status Description: Failed File Level Validation. Schema Validation Errors.
 Uploaded By:
 Submitting System Name:
 Submitting System Version:
 Submitting System Vendor:
 No Submitting Entities Found

Records Contained: Unable to Determine
 The value of the 'CollectionId' attribute does not equal its fixed value.
 Validation Error: The value of the 'SchemaVersionMajor' attribute does not equal its fixed value.
[Close](#)

Accepted file

File Upload Status Details

Collection: Nonpublic School Student Roster 2022-2023
 File Name: NonpublicSchoolStudentRoster2022-20231_Sample.xml
 Stored File Name: NonpublicSchoolStudentRoster2022-20231_Sample_04-19-2022_13-27-24-250.xml
 Notes:
 Upload Date: 4/19/2022 1:27:00 PM
 Upload Source: File Upload UI
 Upload Status: Processed Successfully
 Status Description: Processed Successfully
 Uploaded By: Sherine Lance
 Submitting System Name: CEPiXmlGenTool
 Submitting System Version: CEPiXmlGenTool
 Submitting System Vendor: CEPiXmlGenTool

Submitting Entity	Count
New Life Christian Academy (07637)	1

Records Contained: 1
 Validation Error: None
[Close](#)

- Once you have successfully uploaded a file, you should open the collection in the Data Staging Area to review your submitted records for any record-level errors or warnings.

Direct Certification Student Status Report

The Direct Certification Student Status Report in MSDS takes error-free student records submitted in the Nonpublic School Student Roster collection with building code information and matches those records against data from DHHS. Student records with errors will be excluded from matching.

Matched students are certified as eligible for free or reduced school meals and will be listed on your school's Direct Certification Student Status Report. On average, the Direct Certification Report is refreshed biweekly from August through May. For more information on specific refresh dates, refer to the [CEPI Calendar](#).

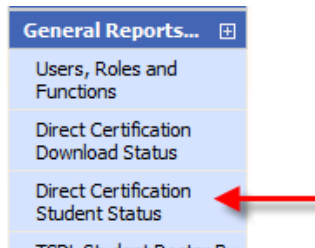
The report displays the following information:

- Total count of students directly certified for your building
- Student demographic information (Student name, Student ID, UIC, DOB and Gender)
- Category in which the student is eligible (S = SNAP, T = TANF, F = Foster Child, M = Medicaid Free, R = Medicaid Reduced)
- Date the student record was matched against DHHS

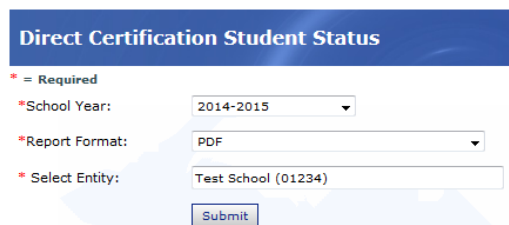
How to Access the Direct Certification Report

Once you have added your error-free student records to the Nonpublic School Student Roster Collection, those records will be matched against the DHHS data for the next Direct Certification Report refresh. After the refresh date, you can view and download your school's Direct Certification Report from MSDS.

1. From the left navigation menu, click "General Reports," then click "Direct Certification Student Status."



2. On the Direct Certification Student Status screen, select the school year, your preferred format (CSV or PDF), and enter your entity code, then click the "Submit" button.

A screenshot of the "Direct Certification Student Status" form. The form has a blue header with the title "Direct Certification Student Status". Below the header, there are three required fields: "School Year" with a dropdown menu showing "2014-2015", "Report Format" with a dropdown menu showing "PDF", and "Select Entity" with a text input field containing "Test School (01234)". A "Submit" button is located at the bottom of the form.

Unique Identification Codes

UICs are unique state-assigned ten-digit codes used to identify and track student information. Each student is assigned their own UIC in MSDS. Public schools are required to have UICs for all students.

For nonpublic schools, the rules are a little different. The MDE Assessment and Accountability office requires UICs for assessment purposes and tracking of assessment tests. When you pre-identify students for assessment in the MDE Secure Site, you will need UICs for each of the students to be pre-identified. There are several ways to get those UICs.

1. The MDE Secure Site has a search function that allows you to enter information about your student and search to see if the student is already in the Secure Site database. If the student already has a UIC, the MDE Secure Site search will allow you to find and copy the UIC for your records.
2. If you operate a shared-time program with a public school district, the district should have UICs for all students in the program. You can contact the district about getting the UICs for those students.
3. If neither of these options work, you can use MSDS to get UICs for your students. MSDS will run your student records through the UIC resolution process, which checks to see if a student is already in MSDS. If a match is found, the system adds the pre-existing UIC to the student's record. If the student is not in MSDS, the system will create a new UIC. (Note: there may be some records where the system cannot determine whether or not a pre-existing record is a match. These records go into Requires Resolution status, which is discussed later in this manual.)

When validating and creating UICs in MSDS, you may have to add student records to a collection. You can use either the Nonpublic School Student Roster or the Request for UIC Collection for this process. Both collections will let you request UICs for your students. Some users may prefer to do everything in a single collection, while others might prefer to keep their submitted records for direct certification (in NSSR) separate from their records requesting UICs.

Searching for UICs in MSDS

The easiest way to look up or create a UIC for an individual student in MSDS is to click the "Search" button on the left-hand navigation menu, then click "Student Search."

On the Student Search screen, select "Search by Core Fields," enter as much information as you have available, then click the "Filter" button.

If the student has a UIC, you should receive a screen showing all matches that will look something like this:

i Your search yielded 1 result(s). Filter...

Student UIC	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Date of Birth	Gender	Multiple Birth Order	Student Type
0123456789	Kent	Clark	Kal-El	03/31/1999	M	0	K12


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Click the link in the "Student UIC" column to view the details for the student and confirm whether this is your student. If so, you should copy that UIC into your own system and use that number when pre-identifying the student.

If the student does not have a UIC, you will receive a different message:

Click the "Add This Student" button. On the Add Student screen, you will need to complete all required fields (marked by a red asterisk*). For the collection dropdown, you can select either or the Request for UIC Collection.

Add Student

 Your search yielded no results. Add the student using the below form or cancel to search again.

If Collection is not filled in automatically then one must be selected in order to access the Submitting Entity.

* = Required

*Collection: Nonpublic School Student Roster 2022-2023

*Last Name:

Last Name Suffix:

*First Name:

Middle Name:

Multiple Birth Order:

*Date of Birth: (MM/DD/YYYY)

*Gender:

Search by Entity Name or Entity Code

*Submitting Entity:

UIC:

Click "Submit/Go to Details." This will manually add the student to the selected collection and pull up the student's record. In most cases, the system will automatically assign a UIC to the student, which you should copy into your local system and use for that student's records.

If you add the record, but a UIC is not assigned, an error message will appear. We recommend adding students who need a new UIC through the Staging Area using the Search/Add function because this will show right away if the record requires UIC resolution.

Uploading a File for UICs

You can also upload a file to generate multiple UICs. This process works as described in the "Bulk File Upload" section, above. The only differences are:

1. You can upload either a Request for UIC file or a Nonpublic School Student Roster file, as long as you upload the correct file into the matching collection. (E.g., if you try to upload a Nonpublic School Student Roster file into the Request for UIC Collection, the file will fail.)
2. You can omit the UIC field from your file, as this will be populated by the system after upload.

UIC Resolution

MSDS performs a UIC matching process on all submitted records, regardless of whether those records are added manually or through a bulk upload file. The system compares the submitted record to its database of students. If a strong

match is found, it assigns the correct UIC (assuming the UIC wasn't already included), and the record is given a UIC status of "Match Found."

If there are no matches for a record, the system generates and assigns a new UIC to the record, which is given a UIC status of "New UIC Created."

Occasionally, the system encounters a situation where it is unable to determine whether a submitted record matches a preexisting one. For example, if you submit "John Smith, born 1/1/2000," and the system has a record for "Jonny Smith, born 1/1/2000," this could fall into the range where the system suspects a match but is unable to confirm. These records are not assigned a UIC and are put into the UIC status of "Requires Resolution."

For more information on resolving UICs, please refer to the "UIC Resolution" section of the [Request for UIC Webpage](#).

Updating Misreported Core Demographic Data

In some cases, a UIC may have been generated with incorrect core demographic information (First Name, Last Name, Date of Birth or Gender). The following options let users update the erroneous data. This information will update in Secure Site **if a barcode has not yet been created**. Otherwise, the change will not be captured in Secure Site until next school year.

- The nonpublic school should update the students' data in the NSSR collection. Once updated, re-submit the record. If significant changes are made, the status will change to "Requires Resolution." Click the status and select "Use this Potential." A message will pop up asking if you want to replace the student record information. Select "Yes." If the record changes to a status of "Match Found" but data does not update, please contact cepi@michigan.gov for assistance.
- If the student is a nonpublic shared time student, the nonpublic school must contact the public school district and ask that they submit the necessary corrections using the Request for UIC Collection (including UIC in submission).

Downloading Your Data

At the end of May of each year, the current year's Nonpublic School Student Roster Collection closes and a new NSSR Collection opens in June for the next school year.

If you wish to submit your enrolled students again for next year's direct certification purposes, you may download a copy of your current year's collection and use this file to bulk upload for next year's Nonpublic School Student Roster Collection. Keep in mind that if you use this option, you will need to (1) enter all newly enrolled students for the next school year and (2) remove all students who have left your school since the previous year.

Download and Save Your Current Year Collection

1. From the Data Staging Area, click the “Download” link next to the Nonpublic School Student Roster Collection.

Staging Area

* = Required
Select your filter criteria...

Submitting Entity:

Collection:

Certification Status:

Your search yielded 1 result(s).

Collection	Submitting Entity	Students	Certification Status	Last Certified				Collection Open?	Certification Available?	
Nonpublic School Student Roster 2022-2023	New Life Christian Academy (07637)	1	Certification not Required		Upload	Download	Delete	Yes	No	Rerun Validation

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2. Select the “Staging” radio button in “Data Location,” and then click “Start Download.”

Download Dataset

i Only staging data is available for download.

Submitting Entity:

Data Location: Staging Certified

Collection:

*Format: XML


3. A “File Creation Started” pop-up box will appear. Click “To Downloads.”

File Creation Started

File creation has been successfully started. Press 'To Staging' to return to the staging area, or 'To Downloads' to view your download queue.

4. When the Status indicates “Ready for Download,” click the “File Name” hyperlink. You may need to refresh this screen to update the file status. This is usually done by pressing the F5 key on your keyboard. You can also get to the download status screen from the main navigation menu by clicking “Student Data Downloads” and “Download Status.”

Note: Downloads will be in XML format.

Download Status					
Submitting Entity	Collection	Data Source	Status	Created Date	File Name
Catholic Central High School (00559)	Nonpublic School Student Roster 2025-2026	Staging	Ready for Download	7/21/2025 3:28:15 PM	

- When prompted, click the "Save" button to save the file to your local computer.

All downloaded files are zipped. Double-clicking the file should open it in Windows Explorer just like a folder. Depending on your operating system and software, other methods may be better suited to your needs. Please remember that these files contain confidential student data and must be stored in a secure location.

How to Upload Next Year’s Collection Using Last Year’s Download

Refer to the Bulk File Uploads Section for process details.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Prior to uploading, you must update the header in your XML file to match next year’s collection.

The following areas will need to be modified:

- Collection ID
- Schema Version Major
- xsi:noNamespaceSchemaLocation (This is optional, but helpful if you are using an XML file validation tool prior to uploading your file).

You can find the information for these areas by locating next year’s “Nonpublic School Sample File for Direct Certification,” located on CEPI’s [Nonpublic Schools](#) web page.

Once you have updated and saved your XML file, you will be able to upload it into next year’s Nonpublic School Student Roster collection.

For Further Help

You can find MSDS training tools and other support documents on the [MSDS web page](#). There are also specific web pages for the Nonpublic Schools and the [Direct Certification Report](#).

Questions about assessment and pre-identification should be directed to the MDE Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability at MDE-OEAA@michigan.gov or you can call 877-560-8378.

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Questions about MSDS, including security forms, forgotten MiLogin user IDs, and the Direct Certification Report, should be directed to CEPI customer support at cepi@michigan.gov or 517-335-0505 x3.