

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for MI School Data

What is MI School Data?

MI School Data is the Web presence for district users, the public, researchers, etc., to access and review Michigan education data. The MI School Data site is designed for use by both the public and educators, providing password-protected, secure access to individual-level student data and analyses designed with the school improvement process in mind. The site has feature-consistent data derived using well-established business rules. MI School Data contains district- and school-level data that correspond to metrics displayed in the state's MiDashboard (state-level metrics in MiDashboard can be found at <http://www.michigan.gov/midashboard>.)

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- Data for Student Success (Data 4SS)
- Annual Education Report (AER)
- Federal and state reporting requirements.

Why have MI School Data?

MI School Data provides the following:

- Comprehensive views of Michigan education data to help improve instruction and benefit Michigan's children
- Enable school systems to prepare a higher percentage of students to succeed in rigorous high school courses, college and challenging jobs
- Consistent data with a common look and feel
- Public and secure access

When will MI School Data be available?

The MI School Data team undertook design and testing in the spring and summer of 2011. By August of 2011, the Annual Education Report (AER), accreditation status and Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) information were available. Additional, including assessment and enrollment data, were posted at the end of September. Further reports, including postsecondary, additional assessment reports and others will be posted in due course.

What information is in MI School Data?

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Data will be available through MI School Data in phases. The first data to be populated included the Report Card with accountability and accreditation information in August of 2011. Assessment, enrollment, postsecondary and educator effectiveness reports were added in September, 2011. In future phases, data to be added to the MI School Data site will include staffing, finance, and crime and safety. Additional postsecondary and early childhood data sets will also become available.

Do I have access to MI School Data?

MI School Data will have both a public-facing and secure side. Security approval will be required for access to the secure portion of the site. Data 4 Student Success (Data4SS) registered authorized users will be automatically grandfathered into the secure side of MI School Data, but will be prompted to change their password when they first attempt to log-in. In order to obtain a secure user name and password, please contact the MI School Data Help Desk at helpdesk@misd.net

Can I download information from MI School Data?

Yes. Data will be presented using several views that will include the following (where applicable):

- Summary
- Snapshot
- Trend (Longitudinal
- Data Table

The comparison view will initially allow comparisons of a school or a district with state data and with one additional user selected school or district. A more advanced comparison function will be developed in future phases.

Each of these views will prepare a report that will be defined by parameters entered by the user. The finalized report will then be available by download in pdf and csv formats.

Is this different from Data 4 Student Success (D4SS)?

The security and display design of Data for Student Success forms the foundation of MI School Data. The Data for Student Success site will continue to function and be maintained during design of MI School Data. Your login and password for Data for Student Success works with MI School Data. The Data for Student Success Dynamic Inquiries will in time be moved to MI School Data. The Data for Student Success professional development modules also continue to be available.

I am a registered user of Data 4 Student Success (D4SS). Will I still be able to access my account?

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What will I need to do to complete my Annual Education report (AER) reporting obligations?

The Annual Education Report (AER) is available in MI School Data and MI School Data provides printable reports for AER. Please note that <http://www.michigan.gov/aer> still works.

Where can I get additional information regarding MI School Data?

Information regarding MI School Data can be found at <http://www.michigan.gov/cepi>. Additional information will be posted as it becomes available.

If you have any further questions, the MI School Data Help Desk will be happy to address your questions. Please contact helpdesk@misd.net