

## **Educator Dashboard Early Warning System and Intervention Catalog Frequently Asked Questions**

### **1. What is the Pennsylvania Educator Dashboard Early Warning System and Intervention Catalog?**

The Educator Dashboard is a free, user friendly tool to provide Local Education Agencies (LEAs) with up to date information and observations so they may partner with educators and families to, equip and empower students with the resources and strategies needed to stay on an educational track to graduation.

The innovative resource is a collaborative effort between First Lady Susan Corbett and the Pennsylvania Department of Education as part of her ‘Opening Doors’ initiative to provide a tool to Local Education Agencies which supports student achievement, community partnerships and increased graduation rates.

### **2. How can the Pennsylvania Educator Dashboard benefit Local Education Agencies?**

- Provides timely information on student achievement
- Provides up to date information on Local Education Agency’s goal attainment
- Provides a customized catalog of possible interventions for students to stay on an educational track to graduation
- Provides a common tool for Student Assistance Teams
- This dynamic tool utilizes a user friendly interface that provides helpful student observations in one location. The dashboard utilizes information provided and controlled directly by Local Education Agencies to assist educators as they chart the best path to help students achieve academically.

### **3. Is there a cost involved for Local Education Agencies to use the Educator Dashboard?**

The system is free for all Local Education Agencies to use and is sponsored by federal and private funding. Use of the system is voluntary.

**4. What student information will be observable by educators?**

Information pertaining to a student's courses, grades and discipline will be available. All of this information is already being collected locally by Local Education Agencies in the Student Information System.

The Department of Education will not have access to the information and will not use any student information used in the Educator Dashboard.

Additionally, Local Education Agencies will have complete control of the information they choose to upload to the Educator Dashboard and use of the tool is voluntary.

**5. Will the Department of Education be reviewing Educator Dashboard Early Warning System and Intervention Catalog data?**

No. The state cannot access any data on the Early Warning System and Intervention Catalog. Only the Local Education Agencies have viewing rights to data. Utilization of the Educator Dashboard is voluntary and Local Education Agencies maintain complete control over the information they input into the system. Additionally, any observation or input seen by educators using the Dashboard is based on information currently being used by Local Education Agencies. There are no new state reporting requirements and Local Education Agencies can dictate the type and quantity of information they upload to the Dashboard.

**6. Who will have access to student information on the Educator Dashboard?**

Access ability is a local decision by any Local Education Agencies choosing to use the Dashboard. The Department of Education will not have access to the information.

**7. Will parents be allowed to log into the Educator Dashboard?**

In accordance with FERPA, parent/guardian will not have access to the Dashboard. Local Education Agencies will determine which educators have access to the Dashboard.

**8. Who will assign interventions to students?**

The interventions will be assigned by the Student Assistance Team or as determined by individual Local Education Agencies.

**9. Will the Educator Dashboard work with any student information system?**

Yes. The Educator Dashboard works with all major Student Information Systems (SIS). Data is extracted from the SIS through an automated process and submitted to the Pennsylvania Information Management System (PIMS).

**10. What do Local Education Agencies need to have in place for use?**

- As a web-based tool, the user will need access to the internet
- Local Education Agencies will have to participate in PIMS collection and have a Student Information System
- A data team to upload the minimal templates that are required to set up the Dashboard

**11. What personnel need to be in place?**

Local Education Agencies will need a data team, a student assistance team and a committed administration and faculty.

**12. What is the timeline for implementation?**

The data team should plan for a six week window to upload templates, perform User Acceptance Testing and check for data accuracy prior to staff trainings.

**13. How will the users be trained to use the Educator Dashboard?**

Training materials for the use of Dashboard are on the Department of Education's SAS website, in self-contained modules and provide great resources for Local Education Agencies to offer customized training. The materials can be found at -

<http://pdcenter.pdesas.org/>.

**14. When can Local Education Agencies sign up for the Dashboard?**

Interested Local Education Agencies can fill out the Dashboard Readiness Assessment Survey available online at

[http://www.education.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/early\\_warning\\_system](http://www.education.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/early_warning_system) any time and email the completed survey to RA-EDEWSINFO@pa.gov.

**15. Who do I go to for further information?**

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