

Proposed PIMS Change Posting

Title: Guidance Change of Summer Transfers/DQE Rule Change of Summer Withdrawals

PDE Program Office: Division of Data Quality

Purpose of collection or modification: The purpose of this modification is to ensure that students who transfer between LEAs over the summer remain in the cohort of the LEA in which they finished their school year.

Burden to LEA: LEAs need to be able to submit Student Template records in a year in which the LEA is not to receive any ADM for the student. LEAs are required to do this for students who drop out of school over the summer. This change adds an additional category of students to the class of students they need to report but not receive ADM. LEA staff should not need to perform any additional duties beyond current practice for the Grad Cohort Collection.

Rationale: This modification ensures that PDE is in compliance with the Federal mandate of the Cohort Graduation Rate.

Impacts PIMS collection window: The impact is directly on Collection 1 and Collection 4 (Grad Drop Cohort). Also positively impacts Collection 4 (Special Education Exits) by ensuring Student template records exist in the year special education students exit, completing the template dependency requirements.

New/modified data elements (related to PIMS Template): None

Interested persons are invited to submit comments to RA-PIMSComment@state.pa.us on or before 05/29/2015.