

Proposed PIMS Change Posting

Title: Update to Chapter 4.26 Assurances

PDE Program Office: ESL Program Area

Purpose of collection or modification: This change updates language to reflect current practices and reduces redundancy.

Burden to LEA: There is no additional burden to LEAs since this data element is already collected. This change request changes a category name to reflect current practices and eliminates a question that was consolidated into the new category name.

Rationale: This change updates language to reflect current practice and reduces redundancy. NCLB Title III, Chapter 4.26, and the BEC, *Educating Students with Limited English Proficiency and English Language Learners* require collection of this data.

Impacts PIMS collection window: This data is collected during Collection 4.

New/modified data elements (related to PIMS Template):

The request is for an edit to district fact template for LEP, Appendix AF, and LEP Program Survey.

In the district fact template for LEP, in the sample LEP spreadsheet for the District Fact Template for LEP and LEP Program Survey, column "Category 2" where it reads "STRATEGIC" must be changed to COMPREHENSIVE. Also, within the column "Category 2" where it reads "PD", this data element (the entire row) must be deleted. The "PD" column has been consolidated and is now being included in the Comprehensive field.

In the PIMS Manual Volume 2 in Appendix AF where category 2 reads "STRATEGIC" this must be changed to COMPREHENSIVE. The text in the question box must be deleted and replaced with the following text: "Does the LEA's Local Comprehensive Plan address the needs of ELLs in the Core Foundations of the Plan (standards, curriculum, instruction, assessment, safe and supportive schools, materials and resources, professional education, and special education)? Practices for ELLs should be embedded throughout the Plan." Also, in Appendix AF, where category 2 reads "PD", this data element (the entire row) should be deleted.

In the LEP Program Survey specifically developed for this data set, which automatically creates the District Fact Template for LEP, column "Chapter 4.26 Assurances" where it reads "Does the LEA's strategic plan refer to all components of an English language instruction program (i.e., how the needs of ELLs will be addressed in the instructional program..." needs to be deleted and replaced with the following text, "Does the LEA's Local Comprehensive Plan address the needs of ELLs in the Core Foundations of the Plan (standards, curriculum, instruction, assessment, safe and supportive schools, materials and resources, professional education, and special education)? Practices for ELLs should be embedded throughout the Plan." Also, within the column "Chapter 4.26 Assurances" where it reads, "Has the LEA included in its professional education plan training for ESL and content area teachers related to the instruction of ELLs (i.e., PD Action Plan)", this data element (the entire question) must be deleted.

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