Planning for, Collecting, and Managing Data About Displaced Students

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**Mission:** To plan, recommend, and develop education data resources that support local, state, and national efforts to improve public and private education throughout the United States.

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- Representatives of state and local education agencies (SEAs and LEAs)
- Associate members from U.S. territories, Regional Educational Laboratories (RELs), and national education associations
Planning For, Collecting, and Managing Data About Students Displaced by a Crisis

1. Introduction to Crisis Data Management
2. Before a Crisis: Planning for Data on Displaced Students
3. During a Crisis: Restoring Data Systems and Recovering Data on Displaced Students
4. After a Crisis: Reporting and Evaluating Data on Displaced Students
5. Data Challenges
6. Crisis Data Management Tip Sheets for Stakeholders
Key Definitions

• **Crisis:** A natural or manmade event that causes the disruption of school-level activities and temporarily or permanently displaces students.

• **Displaced Student:** A student who was enrolled, or eligible for enrollment, but has temporarily or permanently enrolled in another school or district because of a crisis.
Accurate and timely student data are needed for many purposes, including

- student placement decisions;
- delivery of appropriate services;
- adjustment to school management practices;
- allocation of disaster-relief funding; and
- tracking of student performance.
Key Recommendations Before a Crisis

- Establish a disaster recovery team
- Assess existing data systems
- Implement placeholders for data about displaced students
- Maintain related data elements
- Review federal, state, and local data policies and procedures
- Review data collection frequency and timing
- Facilitate communication and provide training
Key Recommendations During a Crisis

• Develop a response after a crisis is declared
• Maintain communication
• Assess data systems
  o Retrieve and restore lost data
  o Communicate guidance on the use of crisis indicators
  o Share data in a timely and secure manner
  o Broker data exchange
Crisis-Related Data Elements

- **Displaced Student Status Indicator:** A student who was enrolled, or eligible for enrollment, but has temporarily or permanently enrolled in another school or district because of a crisis.
- **Crisis Code:** A unique number or alphanumeric code used to identify a crisis.
- **Additional Descriptive Information**
  - **Crisis Name:** The name of the crisis that caused the displacement of students.
  - **Crisis Start Date:** The year, month, and day on which the crisis affected the agency.
  - **Crisis End Date:** The date on which the crisis ceased to affect the agency.
  - **Crisis Description:** A description of the crisis that caused the displacement of students.
  - **Crisis Type:** The type or category of crisis (e.g., chemical, earthquake, flood, wildfire).
Key Recommendations After a Crisis

- Continue ongoing data sharing
- Report data to federal and state agencies
- Meet auditing expectations and accountability requirements
- Support student progression and attainment
- Suspend or terminate temporary systems
- Evaluate response activities
• Data challenges
• Role-specific tip sheets
• Suggested timeline
• Relevant federal laws
• List of displaced student status indicators and crisis codes
• Checklist of tasks and activities
• Reference list
• Related resources list
Case Studies and Real-World Examples

- Florida Department of Education
- Hawai‘i State Department of Education
- Irving Independent School District (Texas)
- Louisiana Department of Education
- Meriden Public Schools (Connecticut)
- North Carolina Department of Public Instruction
- New York State Education Department
- Texas Education Agency
- U.S. Virgin Islands Department of Education
Practitioner Perspectives

Frank Cernik, North Carolina Department of Public Instruction

- Demographics
- Hurricane Florence (September 2018) vs. COVID-19 Pandemic (March 2020)
- Financial Aspects and Concerns
- Communication
Practitioner Perspectives

Terri Hanson, Texas Education Agency

Hurricane Harvey

- **Communications**: Communicated through ‘Administrator Addressed’ Letters and calls with regional leaders.
- **Data Reporting**: Crisis code used to determine exemption from accountability rating.

Pandemic

- **Communications**
  - Daily calls with superintendents across the state.
  - Website set up quickly to communicate guidance and best practices ([TEA COVID-19 support and guidance](#)).
  - Daily meeting with senior staff to coordinate guidance.
- **Data Reporting**
  - Funding based on first four 6-week periods instead of the entire year. Eliminated attendance reporting for the last two 6-week periods.
  - Crisis code used for understanding student contact and engagement.
State of Emergency
• Emergency feeding
• Health and wellness
• Continuity of operations

Relieve Burden
• Assessment and accountability
• Legislation and rules
• Needs assessment

Communication
• Guidance
• Online learning resources

Collaboration
• Money to families
• Governor and ISPs
Practitioner Perspectives

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2019 Floods
- Data Elements

2020 Pandemic
- Continuity of Learning
- Equity
- Communication
- Collaboration
- Coordination
- Engagement
Practitioner Perspectives

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Listening Session

• Supporting student access to technology during school closures
• Providing instructional support for students with disabilities
• Providing instructional support for English learners
• Supporting students’ mental health and social-emotional needs
• Engaging families to support student learning at home
• Assessing and communicating about student progress
Laura Hansen, Metro Nashville Public Schools (Tennessee)

**Practitioner Perspectives**

**Tornado**
- Moved Schools
- Service to Homeless

**Pandemic**
- Enrolling New Students
- Support Remote Learning

**Both**
- Extensive Communication
- Support Food Security
Metro Nashville Public Schools

COVID-19 Food Distribution

Total student population: approximately 86,300

Economically disadvantaged: approximately 38,000
Practitioner Perspectives

Marilyn King, Bozeman School District #7 (Montana)

- Remote Learning Attendance, Collection of Work, and Grading Protocols
- Specialized Attendance Code
- Collaboration
- Communication
- Continual Feedback
- Continual Improvement
Forum Guide to Planning for, Collecting, and Managing Data About Students Displaced by a Crisis
https://nces.ed.gov/forum/pub_2019163.asp

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Questions?

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Collaboration Partnership

• Partners

• The contributing partners on this webinar recognized the need to help address data use challenges.

• By working together, we aim to share resources and provide helpful information to federal, state, and local education agencies, researchers, and others.
Resources

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