

# Discussion of Federal Data in States and Districts: Charter Schools and PreK Enrollment

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# Background for Forum Discussion

## EDFacts 2019-20 through 2021-22 Collection Package

- 60-day Package
  - Proposed data groups on charter schools, including enrollment policies
  - Directed question on publicly-funded PreK enrollment
- 30-day Package
  - Based on response to 60-day proposals and question, the Department took out both items
- OMB review of Package
  - The Department agreed to have more conversations with states and districts on these two topic areas

# Participation in the OMB Package Review Process – Thank You!!

	60-Day Package			30-Day Package	
Submitters	Submissions	Individual Comments		Submissions	Individual Comments
SEA*	36	663		13	37
Association	26	64		13	18
Individual	76	76		56	56
Think Tank	1	1		0	0
Other State Agency	4	4		0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>808</b>		<b>82</b>	<b>111</b>

# Charter School Geographic Enrollment – Proposal

<b>Name</b>	Charter enrollment
<b>Levels</b>	SCH
<b>Definition</b>	The enrollment policy for the charter school.
<b>Permitted Values</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Charter school has open enrollment for the entire state</li> <li>• Charter school has open enrollment for a region of the state beyond the local school district</li> <li>• Charter school enrollment is limited to the local school district without geographic preference</li> <li>• Charter school enrollment is limited to the local school district with geographic preference to a zone or area within the district</li> </ul>

## Charter School Geographic Enrollment – Public Response

21 states and 3 associations answered question

- 16 states = not supportive of adding group, including those states that said they did not have this information
- 2 states supportive, 3 states neutral
- 3 associations = split

National Association of Charter School Authorizers were supportive but noted that the benefit of collecting these additional data would not outweigh the burden of collecting these data saying:

*“...we caution that collecting accurate information according to the permitted values proposed would likely be time intensive... it is our belief that the data will likely reveal only modest variances between charter schools in only a handful of states”*

# Enrollment Policy Discussion

- Does your state have different enrollment policies for any of your schools?
- Is data for the enrollment policies of schools available?
- Is this information useful?
- What other ways are there to get at this information?

# Pre-K Enrollment - Proposal

Proposed Change in 60-day Package: PK enrollment has been getting more attention recently. Ideally, the Department would like to capture enrollment in all publicly-funded PK programs. However, the Department has noted that reporting of these data can vary from state to state and even between reporting levels within a state.

*Directed Question #11: Pre K Enrollment (PK) – To better understand what is being reported, ED is soliciting input from the State Education Agencies.*

- a. Does your state's current reporting of PK enrollment include publicly-funded programs run by agencies other than the SEA?*
- b. Do data exist for these other PK programs in the SEA data systems?*
- c. Can the SEA access data for these other PK programs?*
- d. Do the data for these programs meet the EDFacts reporting guidelines?*
- e. Would your state be able to include these data in their reporting for SY 2019-20?*

# Pre-K Enrollment - Response

19 states and 1 association answered question

- No state said they would be able to provide this data in SY 19-20
- 14 states responded to #B (does this data exist at SEA) = No
  - States commented that due to the service delivery structure in their states, reporting the data would require data sharing agreements
  - Many states reported that the service locations (e.g., individual preschools and Head Start centers) are not currently part of the *EDFacts* directory structure
  - States described a variety of combinations of students included in PK enrollment for *EDFacts* reporting – including differences based on age and program enrollment. Some of the states commented that PK enrollment in *EDFacts* only include those students enrolled in IDEA.

# PreK Enrollment Discussion

- Does your state data system capture enrollment in all publicly-funded PK programs? Some?
- Does a combination of state data systems capture this data?
- What are the hurdles to collecting this information?
- What other agencies or programs would need to be included in this conversation?