Basic Data Elements for Elementary and Secondary Education Information Systems

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The basic data elements will not meet every conceivable information purpose, but their use should result in more comparable and reliable education information within a school, school district, state education agency, or other types of educational units with a need for student and staff information. Use of the basic data elements will also reduce redundancy and minimize data burden.

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