

Data Quality Assurance: Best **Practices to Maximize the Quality of your Data**

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Key Factors of High-Quality Data

- Law/Regulation
- Reward/Penalty
- Added Value
- District Validation
- KDE Inspection

Are your data planets aligned?

In this session we will explore how to leverage available quality assurance tools to bring order to your galaxy of data.

Discussion question: What are some of the biggest challenges you face in ensuring data quality?





Pillars of Data Quality

- Accuracy Correctness and minimization of errors and inaccuracies
- Completeness All necessary data elements are present without gaps or omissions
- Consistency Similar data elements have the same meaning and format throughout the dataset
- Validity Relevant, meaningful and aligned with intended purpose
- Timeliness Up-to-date and available in a timely manner to support decision making



Your Mission: Data Quality Best Practices

 What are some data quality best practices that your district has in place?

 What are some consequences of poor data quality?



Mission Tools: Data Standards

- KSIS <u>Data Standards</u> should be used and shared among all staff responsible for entering information into Infinite Campus
- Data collected is used by KDE to meet reporting requirements, decision making and funding allocations
- Longitudinal data is shared across systems
- Data standards are updated as data elements are added or modified and include a revised date
- Contact information for additional support or questions



Mission Tools: Data Reporting Calendar

- <u>Data Reporting Calendar</u> is available to help districts ensure data is correct before KDE reporting dates.
 - Now includes data quality tools and resources
- KSIS Newsletter includes upcoming data collection/reporting due dates.
- KSIS Notifications also provide alerts and reminders for upcoming data pulls

Data Calendar Tools & Resources

Rev. 12/3/2025	KDE State Report Submissions 2025-2026
Nev. 12/3/2023	KDL State Report Submissions 207 77070

State Report	Due Date*			Data Quality Tools & Resources
At Risk	June 30, 2026	UPDAT		SEEK at Risk ADM Report SAAR Application – Verify <u>At</u> Risk data At Risk Student Verification Process Video
Automated External Defibrillators (AED)	Oct. 1, 2026	AED Tracking Web Application	Jim Tacxett	School AED Counts
Calendar (Current Year Amended)	June 30, 2026	KDE Application Login	Ruth Britt,sha Reinhardt, Becky Walsh, Josh Whitlow	Kentucky End-of-Year Checklist
Calendar (Upcoming Year Original)	June 30, 2026	KDE Application Login	Ruth Britt, Sasha Reinhardt, Becky Walsh, Josh Whitlow	Kentucky Beginning-of-Year Checklist
Career Readiness – Work Based Learning (2024-2025)	July 31, 2025	Data pulled at KDE	Amy Tracy	Career Readiness Report Career Readiness: Work-Based Learning Data Standard Dual Credit Course Data Standard FAQ Co-ops and Internships for State Accountability Kentucky's Work-Based Learning Manual QA Courses Report
Dropouts	Nov. 1, 2026	Data pulled at KDE	David Curd	Dropout Guidelines Dropout Report
Dual Credit Scholarship	Sept. 15, 2025 Jan. 15, 2026	www.kheaa.com	Roxanne Lewis	Dual Credit Course Data Standard Dual Credit Scholarship Report
Early Graduation Program	Oct. 15, 2025	Data pulled at KDE	Michelle Sircy	Early Graduation Program Data Standard Intent for Early Graduation Report
Early Literacy Universal Screener Early Literacy Diagnostic	Oct. 30, 2025 Feb. 15, 2026 May 30, 2026	Data pulled at KDE	Danielle Ward	Intervention – MAF/RTA Data Standard ORC – Early Literacy Universal Screener ORC – Early Literacy Diagnostic
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Data Calendar Tools & Resoucres

 Use the data quality tools & resources as a "one-stop shop" to validate data ahead of the due date.

State Report	Due Date*	Submission	Contact Email	Data Quality Tools & Resources			
				OA Gifted and Talented			
Gifted and Talented Data Validation	June 1, 2026	Gifted and Talented Records Validation Report	Lynn Lockard	Gifted and Talented Data Standard			
				OA Gifted and Talented			
Gifted and Talented Summative Evaluation	June 1, 2026	Gifted and Talented Summative Evaluation Report	Lynn Lockard	Gifted Benchmark Report			
				Gifted and Talented Data Standard			
				OA Gifted and Talented			
Growth Factor	Nov. 1, 2025	Attendance Reports	Ronda Devine	Attendance Data Standard			
	Feb. 20, 2026		Laura Loman	Growth Factor Application User Guide – Includes Infinite			
				Campus Data Cleanup Checklist			
				Growth Factor Web Resources			
				SAAR/Growth Factor Process Video			
Health Reports	June 30, 2026	Health Conditions/Alerts, Immunization Compliance	Tonia Hickman	Health Data Entry Manual			
		and Screening Information pulled at KDE on 6/30	Angela McDonald	Health Data Standard			
				Health Office Visit Complaint Report			
				KY Immunization Certificates			
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Data Calendar Tools & Resources

- Open the <u>Data Reporting Calendar</u>
- What are you responsible for in your district?
- What steps do you take to ensure that data is correct and complete before reporting dates?
- Suggestions? Email
 kdedatarequest@education.ky.gov



Mission Tools: Quick Reference Cards

- Validation and Error Reports
- Quick Reference Card
- Includes
 - KDE Contact names
 - Helpful links to data standards and guidance documents
 - Report Sample
 - Suggested report uses

Infinite Campus: QA Courses

Quick Reference Card

Release date: 6/12/2019 Last Updated: 8/01/2025

Custom Report: QA Courses – The purpose of these reports is to produce a list of active courses with at least one section scheduled for quality assurance review. KDE Reported Courses will produce a list of active courses that meet the minimum requirements for the type of courses selected in calendars that are not marked as State Exclude. Only Courses with Setup Concerns will produce a list of courses with areas of concern highlighted and messages for the type of courses selected. Selecting a specific Type of Courses will filter the output to courses with those indicators. All will report active courses with at least one section scheduled. Dual Credit will report courses based on difficulty level. Advanced (AP, IB, CAI) will report Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB) and Cambridge Advanced International (CAI) courses based on course state code and difficulty level.

Selection Criteria: Use the Campus toolbar to select the school(s) and calendar year you would like to use for the report. If you want data for multiple schools, choose "Select All." Selecting "All Years" will not work. Select a Report and Type of Courses.

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KDE CTE Data Services, Office of Career and Technical Education

Tool Search: QA Courses

NOTE: Users must be granted access by local KSIS administrator before they see this report.

Report Sample: The **KDE Reported Courses** report will generate in Excel format. Each row provides data for a unique calendar and unique course number. KDE does not report courses from calendars with State Exclude checked.

	District Number		District	School		Course Number	Course Name	State Code	State Code Name		Instructional Setting	Difficulty Level	Type	Attendance	Transcript	DCS School
2019	999	999	District A	High School A	18-19 eSchool	3503	AP Biology	302646	AP Biology	01: Direct Instruction		AP: Advanced Placement		Checked	Checked	
2019	999	999	District A	High School A	18-19 eSchool	5700	English I	230107	English I	01: Direct Instruction	01: Onsite Classroom			Checked	Checked	
2019	999	999	District A	High School A	18-19 eSchool	3400	MATH 213 College Algebra WKU	800021	Dual Credit Quantitative Reasoning		05: Online	DC: Dual Credit		Checked		Western Kentucky University

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What is a Quality Assurance (QA) Report?

- Data quality reports for state reported data
- Regular review and corrections during the year will reduce data quality issue for state reporting
- Run for an individual school or for district
- Aggregate reports for district and school
 - Unduplicated student counts
 - If Individual Aggregates is selected, the report will generate in Excel with a worksheet for each school
 - For a district aggregate, select All Schools in the Campus Toolbar
 - Compare to School Report Card data
- Detail reports provide student level data
- Suggested Users: SIS Admin, administrators



Mission Tools: Quality Assurance Reports

- QA Courses
- QA Homeless
- QA Demographics
- QA English Learner
- QA Foster
- QA Free and Reduced Lunch

- QA Gifted and Talented
- QA Migrant
- QA Military Connected
- QA Preschool
- QA SPED
- QA Student Counts

Path: KY State Reporting | KDE Reports



QA Courses

- To produce a list of active courses with at least one section scheduled
 - KDE Reported Courses
 - Active courses that meet minimum requirements for the selected type of courses
 - Only Courses with Setup Concerns
 - Courses with area of concern highlighted and messages for type selected
 - Use error messages to determine course of action.
- Select Type of Course

Select Report

- KDE Reported Courses
- Only Courses with Setup Concerns

Select Type of Courses

- All
- O Dual Credit
- Advanced (AP, IB, CAI)

QA SPED

- The purpose of this report is to allow school and district personnel to verify special education counts.
- The Detail Report returns demographic information for each enrolled student identified in special education.
- The Error Report returns an Excel file with a row for each error found for special education records that would normally appear in the Detail Report.
- The Create School Report Card File returns a CSV file with aggregated counts that is used to load School Report Card.

Mission Tools: Data Validation Reports

- A preventive tool built to find erroneous data to ensure data is clean for reporting.
- Reports are executed by selecting a group containing a list of rules to validate the data in Infinite Campus. The rules and groups are tailored to the report requirements.
- Highlighted on the beginning & end of year checklists and CUES Project Implementation.



Mission Tools: Student Locator Wizard

- Always use Student Locator when enrolling a new student regardless of their age.
 - If Online Registration does not automatically open Student Locator, tool search for "Student Locator Wizard".
- This is the first step of ensuring proper student record transfer and data quality.
- Birth Date is a required field to activate the search.
 - If the name matches but not the date of birth, it's likely not the correct person.
- Before creating a new student, double check that the student has not been enrolled in a Kentucky School District.



Mission Tools: Student Records Transfer

- In the case of a student transferring from another public school district in Kentucky, once a student is enrolled using the Student Locator, the Student Records Transfer screen will automatically populate.
- To properly complete the request process, simply click the "Submit Request" button.
- If the screen does not appear, you must manually request records by searching for the student's name and going to Student Information | General | Records Transfer | click New State Transfer Request.

Mission Tools: SSID Issues Form

- If you are having SSID issues including:
 - duplicates
 - blended records
 - syncing of student SSID's

Compete and submit the SSID Issues Form to resolve these issues.

• If you enroll a student that receives a "Pending" Student StateID for more than 24 hours, you will need to put a support ticket into Campus.



Mission Tools: State Person/Enrollment Verification Reports

- Use to verify that district records are available in State Edition
 - State Person Identity Verification report allows a district to compare its local student and staff person/identity records to those existing in State Edition.
 - <u>State Enrollment Verification</u> report allows a district to compare its local student enrollment data to that existing in State Edition.
- Suggested Users: SIS Admin



What are your favorite data quality tools?



Questions?

