

GENERAL SERVICES & LEGISLATION

- ✦ Hot Topics – August 2008
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GAD

- ✦ Superintendents and others have received several communications from CEPI (Center for Education and Performance Information) re: the new cohort graduation and dropout calculations
- ✦ First cohort rate calculated for 2003 – 2007 graduates; including only “on time” graduates
- ✦ Rates calculated using SRSD (soon MSDS) data; UICs required / linking required

MSDS - MI STUDENT DATABASE SYSTEM

- ✦ Superintendents have received several communications re: to MSDS; timeline has been delayed for some parts of MSDS
- ✦ MSDS will be submitted 8-9 times annually and replace other data submissions/reports
- ✦ Roles and responsibilities have changed at local district and ISD level
- ✦ Fall 2008 implementation: School Lunch, Migrant program information and School Code Master/Educational Entity Master

GENERAL REMINDERS

- ✦ GSL has published its Third Edition of the CISD Enrollment Handbook (50% off now)
- ✦ Prompt transmittal of Student Records: MCL 380.1135 requires school “shall” request record w/in 14 days of enrollment; sending district “must” provide w/in 30 days of enrollment
- ✦ Student transcript must include attendance and behavior records
- ✦ Birth Certificate – “certified copy” required for enrollment; school may assist; if not provided, must notify law enforcement (MCL 380.1135)

STUDENT RECORDS

- ✦ Be aware of FERPA notices and requirements
- ✦ Access – only those with “legitimate educational interest” or release (access log required)
- ✦ Parent consent not required to enrolling district
- ✦ CA 60 – CISD sub-committee work to define CA 60 cumulative record contents, supported by Thrun
- ✦ CA 60 – copies can be “sent” and originals maintained
- ✦ Data 4 SS “Student History Report”
- ✦ Be aware of Record Retention Schedule

RESIDENCY

- ✦ MCL 380.1148 defines residency: student physically resides (sleeps) in district, court/agency placement, living w/ relative for purpose of suitable home
- ✦ Relative: parent, grandparent, brother/sister, uncle/aunt, (step-parent, etc.), first cousin (by marriage, blood, adoption)
- ✦ Guardian: by court order (not Power of Attorney); Emancipation: by court order

RESIDENCY VERIFICATION

- ✘ School districts may take “reasonable” steps to verify residency; burden on parent/guardian
- ✘ In order to be enrolled, non-resident students must do one of the following:
 - + Pay tuition
 - + Enroll in cooperative education program
 - + Have a release from sending district
 - + Meet an exemption to “residency”
 - + Meet another “membership” exemption

RELEASE REQUIRED FOR ENROLLMENT

- ✘ **Except:**
 - + Pupil is a legal resident
 - + Non-public shared time pupil
 - + Special Education Center-based pupil
 - + Court-placed pupil
 - + On-grounds or Juvenile Detention facility (Starr & Juvenile Home School)
 - + PSA pupil (depending upon Charter authority)
 - + Homeless pupil
- + Pupil w/ .50 or less FTE
- + Section 105; 105c Choice
- + Victim of Sexual or Violent Offense (documented)
- + Pupil that changes residency between Fall and Supplemental counts
- + Alternative Ed (criteria)
- + MVHS pupil
- + “Child” of District employee
- + Expelled pupil if expelling district refused reinstatement

ATTENDANCE

- ✘ **Records:**
 - + Teachers are required to take attendance (MCL 380.1561, SSA, Rule)
 - + Building Attendance Policy (Excused/Unexcused)
 - + Attendance can be factor of grades (caution)
 - + Credit loss/grade reduction – not automatic, not irreversible, “failure to earn” (no property right)
- ✘ **Due Process:**
 - + Academic sanction related to the education outcome
 - + Is the sanction reasonable
 - + Does the district have consistency of action
 - + Does student code of conduct clearly indicate sanctions and causes
 - + Is there an appeal process and criteria

CREDIT – MMC LEGISLATION

- ✘ MCL 380.1278a – “**credit completed**” if pupil successfully completes *subject area content expectations* or MDE guidelines; determination to be “based in part” on End of Course exam; “also grant credit” if the pupil earns a “qualifying score” on 1 or more assessments
- ✘ MCL 380.1278b – if a pupil successfully completes HS credits before entering high school, the pupil “**shall** be granted HS credit”
- ✘ MCL 380.1278b – if a pupil is not successfully completing credit, the school “**shall** notify” the parent of supplemental services
- ✘ MCL 380.1278b – allows a pupil to *satisfy credit requirements* (AP, Dual Enrollment, MVHS, etc.)
- ✘ MCL 380.1279b – testing out; C+ “**shall** earn credit”
- ✘ MCL 380.1279e – foreign language proficiency, “**shall** earn credit”
