



MEMORANDUM

TO: MLDS Governing Board
FROM: Molly B. Abend, Data Management Coordinator
DATE: June 6, 2025
SUBJECT: MLDS Data Collection Calendars 2025-2026 Academic Year

Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to provide information to the Governing Board on the revised MLDS Data Collection Calendars for the 2025-2026 academic year.

Background

The MLDS Center receives data submissions from each of its data sharing partners throughout the academic year. The Data Collection Calendars provide a comprehensive timeline of the files submitted to the MLDS Center by data sharing partners and an accountability process if files are not received within the approved timelines.

Creation of the Calendars

The Data Collection Calendars are revised annually in consultation with the Data Governance Advisory Board (Data GAB). Data GAB membership includes a data steward and data manager from the MLDS Center's data sharing partners.

MLDS Center staff work with the data managers and stewards to set a data collection calendar that aligns with the needs of both the data sharing partner and the MLDS Center. Any new collection or collections in development are added to the calendar.

Updates

- The Early Intervention and Special Education Services data collection from the Maryland State Department of Education is now added to the calendar.
- The Correctional Education and WIOA Title I and III data collections are now added to the Maryland Department of Labor calendar.
- Maryland Department of Labor Student and Workforce data collections have been separated into distinct collections.

New Format Forthcoming

The MLDS Center is in the process of developing a new format to capture the Data Collection Calendars. The main reason for this change is that the current PDF version is static and makes it difficult to view when data collections are received throughout the year. By transitioning to a PowerBI format, users will be better able to have a clearer understanding of the calendar and have the ability to sort all data collections by date, rather than by data sharing partner only. Below is a screenshot of a draft version of the new format:

Screenshot of Drafted MLDS Data Collection Calendar

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Data Sharing Partner MSDE	Data Collection All	Collection Year All	Scheduled Data Verification ... All	Scheduled Submission Date All	Scheduled Completion Date All
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Data Sharing Partner	Collection Year	Data Collection	Data in File	Scheduled Data Verification Date	Scheduled Data Submission Date	Scheduled Completion Date
MSDE	2025-2026	Perkins V Reporting 2025 Consolidated Annual Reporting (CAR)	Secondary CTE Concentrators in 2023-2024 Postsecondary Concentrators in 2024-2025	11/1/2025	11/15/2025	1/16/2026
MSDE	2025-2026	2026 School Data Set (SDS)	List of schools for SY 2025-2026	12/1/2025	12/15/2025	2/16/2025
MSDE	2025-2026	2026 Early Intervention and Special Education Services Data	Individuals receiving special education services as of October 1, 2025	1/15/2026	1/30/2026	3/31/2026
MSDE	2025-2026	2026 September Attendance	Students enrolled as of September 30, 2025	1/15/2026	1/30/2026	3/31/2026
MSDE	2025-2026	2026 Staff	Staff as of October 15, 2025 and resignations between October 16, 2024 - October 15, 2025	3/1/2026	3/15/2026	5/16/2026
MSDE	2025-2026	2026 Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA)	Kindergarten students Fall 2025	3/15/2026	3/31/2026	6/1/2026

This year we will continue to provide the Data Collection Calendar in the PDF format, but will provide progress updates through the next year. Next year's 2026-2027 Data Collection Calendar will be in the new format and we will share major updates to the calendar as well as any enhancements made to the PowerBI display.

Action

We request the Governing Board approve the MLDS Data Collection Calendars for the 2025-2026 academic year.

Attachment

MLDS Center Data Collection Calendars 2025-2026



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Data Collection Calendars

**2025-2026
Academic Year**

1. Overview

The Maryland Longitudinal Data System (MLDS) Center collects submissions from each of its data sharing partners throughout the academic year. This document provides a comprehensive timeline of the files submitted to the MLDS Center by data sharing partners and an accountability process if files are not received within the approved calendar. MLDS Center data sharing partners include:

- Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE);
- Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC);
- Maryland Department of Labor (Labor);
- Maryland Department of Juvenile Services (DJS);
- Department of Human Services (DHS);
- Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA); and
- Business license issuers and industry certifiers.

The calendar is revised annually through the Data Governance Advisory Board (Data GAB), to allow data sharing partners to align the Calendar to their unique needs.

The MLDS Center staff appreciates the continued collaboration of staff from all our data sharing partners and the Data GAB members.

2. Data Calendar Steps

Each submission in the Data Collection Calendar includes a number of steps that are part of the entire process. Each of those steps and the approximate time for completion of that step are detailed below. The specified time periods may be adjusted to accommodate agency needs and priorities.

1. Agency Data Verification Complete

Each data sharing partner has a collection and verification process that must be completed by the date established for this step. This date is set by the individual data sharing partners, and is used as a benchmark to set the dates for subsequent steps.

2. Data Received

The date all data are submitted to the Center. Data sharing partners will provide data within 2 weeks after the Agency Data Verification Complete due date. For example, if the data verification complete due date was September 1, 2024 then the data would need to be submitted to the MLDS Center no later than September 15, 2024.

3. Data Loading and Comment Period

This step represents the entire collection window for data sharing partners to provide data to the Center. As files are submitted, the Center provides comments to the data sharing partner on data issues. This may include identity matching issues, data verification concerns, general checks of the data as it is loaded into the System, and Data Inquiry form submissions. This period allows the Center to work with the data sharing partner on data related issues. This period lasts approximately 60 days.

4. Completion Date

The date all data are loaded into the system.

Note: If an issue is identified after the Completion Date, the MLDS Center will work with a data sharing partner to discuss the situation and, if necessary, come to an agreement on a timeline for resubmission.

3. Accountability Process

Detailed below is the process implemented when files are not received within the timeline established in the Data Collection Calendar. The goal of this accountability process is to inform all data sharing partners of the process and create a uniform policy for handling late data submissions. This process was developed in partnership with MLDS Center data sharing partners through the Data Governance Advisory Board.

1. Reminder Emails Scheduled

Two weeks prior to the established due date, MLDS Center Staff will send an email reminder about the upcoming data due date to the Data Owner, Data Steward, and/or Data Custodians at the data sharing partner.

2. Phone Call

One week after the established due date, MLDS Center will contact the Data Owner, Data Steward, and/or Data Custodians at the data sharing partner.

3. Email

Two weeks after the established due date, MLDS Center will contact the Data Owner, Data Steward, and/or Data Custodians at the data sharing partner.

4. Email of Notification to Agency Head

Three weeks after the established deadline, MLDS Center Staff will inform the Data Owner, Data Steward, and/or Data Custodians at the data sharing partner that a letter will be sent to the head of the data sharing partner.

5. Notification to Agency Head

Four weeks after the established deadline, a letter from MLDS Center Executive Director will be sent to the head of the data sharing partner. The letter will include dates from the established Data Collection Calendar, and a summary of steps 1-3.

6. Notification to Governing Board

After the completion of step 4, the Governing Board will be notified in the next Monthly Report to the Governing Board.

Request for Extension

In recognition of the many demands and competing priorities of the data sharing partners, the MLDS Center will work with data sharing partners to establish an extension of the deadline to submit the required files. Once a new deadline has been established, the above notification process will be halted.

If the extended deadline is not met, the notification process begins with Step 4. Except in cases of extreme hardship, deadlines will not be extended beyond two weeks.

4. Collections in Development

MLDS Center data sharing partners continuously review the data they collect to ensure the needs of the agencies are met. The cycle from implementation to collection is long and varied. As part of the collection development cycle, MLDS Center data sharing partners will include information on the “Collections Under Development” in their Data Collection Calendar. This ensures that stakeholders are aware of the data that will be provided to the MLDS Center, without placing unreasonable restraints on our data sharing partners to deliver data that may not meet the data sharing partner’s data quality standards.

2025-2026 MSDE Collection Calendar

MSDE Data Collection	Steps	Due Dates
2026 School Data Set (SDS)	MSDE Data Verification Complete	12/1/25
	Data Received at MLDS Center	12/15/25
	Loading and Comment Period	12/16/25 - 2/15/26
	Completion Date	2/16/26
2026 September Attendance	MSDE Data Verification Complete	1/15/26
	Data Received at MLDS Center	1/30/26
	Loading and Comment Period	1/31/26 - 3/30/26
	Completion Date	3/31/26
2026 Staff	MSDE Data Verification Complete	3/1/26
	Data Received at MLDS Center	3/15/26
	Loading and Comment Period	3/16/26 - 5/15/26
	Completion Date	5/16/26
2026 National Student Clearinghouse	MSDE Data Verification Complete	8/15/26
	Data Received at MLDS Center	8/30/26
	Loading and Comment Period	8/31/26 - 10/30/26
	Completion Date	10/31/26
2026 SASID/SATID Merges	MSDE Data Verification Complete	8/15/26
	Data Received at MLDS Center	8/30/26
	Loading and Comment Period	8/31/26 - 10/30/26
	Completion Date	10/31/26
2026 MSDE Assessments (MCAP)	MSDE Data Verification Complete	10/1/26
	Data Received at MLDS Center	10/15/26
	Loading and Comment Period	10/16/26 - 12/15/26
	Completion Date	12/16/26
2026 End-of-Year (EOY) Attendance	MSDE Data Verification Complete	11/30/26
	Data Received at MLDS Center	12/15/26
	Loading and Feedback Period	12/16/26 - 2/15/27
	Completion Date	2/16/27

2025-2026 Data Collection Calendars

MSDE Data Collection	Steps	Due Dates
2026 End-of-Year Student Course Grade Teacher (SCGT)	MSDE Data Verification Complete	11/1/26
	Data Received at MLDS Center	11/15/26
	Loading and Comment Period	11/16/26 - 1/15/27
	Completion Date	1/16/27
2026 Maryland Course Catalog (MCC)	MSDE Data Verification Complete	11/1/26
	Data Received at MLDS Center	11/15/26
	Loading and Comment Period	11/16/26 - 1/15/27
	Completion Date	1/16/27
2026 College Readiness Assessments (AP, SAT, PSAT, ACT, IB)	MSDE Data Verification Complete	11/15/26
	Data Received at MLDS Center	11/30/26
	Loading and Comment Period	12/1/26 - 1/31/27
	Completion Date	2/1/27
2026 Student Discipline Data Collection	MSDE Data Verification Complete	11/15/26
	Data Received at MLDS Center	11/30/26
	Loading and Comment Period	12/1/26 - 1/31/27
	Completion Date	2/1/27
2026 High School Data Collection (HSDC)	MSDE Data Verification Complete	12/1/26
	Data Received at MLDS Center	12/15/26
	Loading and Comment Period	12/16/26 - 2/15/27
	Completion Date	2/16/27
2026 Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA)	MSDE Data Verification Complete	3/15/26
	Data Received at MLDS Center	3/31/26
	Loading and Comment Period	4/1/26 - 5/31/26
	Completion Date	6/1/26
Perkins V Reporting 2025 Consolidated Annual Reporting (CAR)	MSDE Data Verification Complete	11/1/25
	Data Received at MLDS Center	11/15/26
	Loading and Comment Period	11/16/25 - 1/15/26
	Completion Date	1/16/26

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MSDE Data Collection	Steps	Due Dates
IDEA Reporting 2025 Cohort	MSDE Data Verification Complete	11/1/26
	Data Received at MLDS Center	11/15/26
	Loading and Comment Period	11/16/26 – 1/15/27
	Completion Date	1/16/27
2026 Early Intervention and Special Education Services Data	MSDE Data Verification Complete	1/15/26
	Data Received at MLDS Center	1/30/26
	Loading and Comment Period	1/31/29 – 3/30/26
	Completion Date	3/31/26
MSDE Collections Under Development		

2025-2026 Data Collection Calendars

2025-2026 MHEC Collection Calendar

MHEC Data Collection	Steps	Due Dates
Semi-Annual Collections		
Enrollment Information System (EIS) Summer 2025 & Fall 2025 Fiscal Year 2026	Data Received at MLDS Center	2/23/26
	Loading and Comment Period	2/24/26 – 4/21/26
	Completion Date	4/22/26
Enrollment Information System (EIS) Winter 2026 & Spring 2026 Fiscal Year 2026	Data Received at MLDS Center	6/29/26
	Loading and Comment Period	6/30/26 – 8/28/26
	Completion Date	8/31/26
End of Term System (EOTS) Winter 2025 & Spring 2025 Fiscal Year 2026	Data Received at MLDS Center	1/26/26
	Loading and Comment Period	1/27/26 – 3/27/26
	Completion Date	3/28/26
End of Term System (EOTS) Summer 2025 & Fall 2025 Fiscal Year 2026	Data Received at MLDS Center	6/29/25
	Loading and Comment Period	6/30/26 – 8/28/26
	Completion Date	8/29/26
Annual Collections		
Financial Aid Information System Publics, SAls, and Privates (FAIS 2025) Fiscal Year 2025	Data Received at MLDS Center	4/6/26
	Loading and Comment Period	4/7/26 – 6/9/26
	Completion Date	6/10/26
Degree Information System (DIS 2025) External Credit System (ECS 2025) Fiscal Year 2025	Data Received at MLDS Center	12/12/25
	Loading and Comment Period	12/13/25 – 2/12/26
	Completion Date	2/13/26
Maryland Approved Program Completer System (MAPCS 2025) Collection Year 2025	Data Received at MLDS Center	4/13/26
	Loading and Comment Period	4/14/26 – 6/15/26
	Completion Date	6/16/26
Workforce Training Completer System (WTCS 2025) Workforce Training Registration System (WTRS 2025) Fiscal Year 2025	Data Received at MLDS Center	1/26/26
	Loading and Comment Period	1/27/26 – 3/26/26
	Completion Date	3/27/26
	Data Received at MLDS Center	7/10/26

2025-2026 Data Collection Calendars

MHEC Data Collection	Steps	Due Dates
Student Course Registration System (SCRS 2025) Calendar Year 2025	Loading and Comment Period	7/11/26 – 9/10/26
	Completion Date	9/11/26
MHEC Collections Under Development		

2025-2026 Labor Collection Calendar

Each Workforce and Student Data collection will contain 6 total files as listed below.

Workforce Data includes the following:

1. Quarterly Wage Data
2. Unemployment Insurance (UI) Claim Demographic Information
3. Employer Information

Student Data includes the following:

4. Literacy, Adult, and Community Education System (LACES)
5. General Education Development (GED)
6. National External Diploma Program (NEDP)
7. Correctional Education
8. WIOA Title I and III

The Apprenticeship Data Collection will occur twice a year, in February and August.

Current Data Collection	Steps	Due Dates
Workforce Data 2025 Quarter 3	Labor Data Verification Complete	1/15/2
	Data Received at MLDS Center	1/16/26
	Loading and Comment Period	1/17/26 - 3/16/26
	Completion Date	3/17/26
GED and NEDP Data 2025 Quarter 3	Labor Data Verification Complete	1/15/2
	Data Received at MLDS Center	1/16/26
	Loading and Comment Period	1/17/26 - 3/16/26
	Completion Date	3/17/26
Workforce Data 2025 Quarter 4	Labor Data Verification Complete	4/15/26
	Data Received at MLDS Center	4/16/26
	Loading and Comment Period	4/17/26 - 6/16/26
	Completion Date	6/17/26
GED and NEDP Data 2025 Quarter 4	Labor Data Verification Complete	4/15/26
	Data Received at MLDS Center	4/16/26
	Loading and Comment Period	4/17/26 - 6/16/26
	Completion Date	6/17/26
Workforce Data Annual Cumulative Quarterly File	Labor Data Verification Complete	4/15/26
	Data Received at MLDS Center	4/16/26

2025-2026 Data Collection Calendars

Current Data Collection	Steps	Due Dates
	Loading and Comment Period	4/17/26 - 6/16/26
	Completion Date	6/17/26
Workforce Data 2026 Quarter 1	Labor Data Verification Complete	7/15/26
	Data Received at MLDS Center	7/16/26
	Loading and Comment Period	7/17/26 - 9/16/26
	Completion Date	9/17/26
GED and NEDP Data 2026 Quarter 1	Labor Data Verification Complete	7/15/26
	Data Received at MLDS Center	7/16/26
	Loading and Comment Period	7/17/26 - 9/16/26
	Completion Date	9/17/26
Workforce Data 2026 Quarter 2	Labor Data Verification Complete	10/15/26
	Data Received at MLDS Center	10/16/26
	Loading and Comment Period	10/17/26 - 12/16/26
	Completion Date	12/17/26
GED and NEDP Data 2026 Quarter 2	Labor Data Verification Complete	10/15/26
	Data Received at MLDS Center	10/16/26
	Loading and Comment Period	10/17/26 - 12/16/26
	Completion Date	12/17/26
LACES Data 2026	Labor Data Verification Complete	10/15/26
	Data Received at MLDS Center	10/16/26
	Loading and Comment Period	10/17/26 - 12/16/26
	Completion Date	12/17/26
2026 Apprenticeship Data February File	Labor Data Verification Complete	2/14/26
	Data Received at MLDS Center	2/15/26
	Loading and Comment Period	2/16/26 - 4/15/26
	Completion Date	4/16/26
2026 Apprenticeship Data August File	Labor Data Verification Complete	8/14/26
	Data Received at MLDS Center	8/15/26
	Loading and Comment Period	8/16/26 - 10/15/26
	Completion Date	10/16/26
2026 Correctional Education Data	Labor Data Verification Complete	4/15/26

2025-2026 Data Collection Calendars

Current Data Collection	Steps	Due Dates
	Data Received at MLDS Center	4/16/26
	Loading and Comment Period	4/17/26 - 6/16/26
	Completion Date	6/17/26
2026 WIOA Title I and III Data	Labor Data Verification Complete	8/14/26
	Data Received at MLDS Center	8/15/26
	Loading and Comment Period	8/16/26 - 10/15/26
	Completion Date	10/16/26
Labor Collections Under Development		
Business Licenses Data Collection		

2025-2026 DJS Collection Calendar

Data collected from the Department of Juvenile Services contains juvenile delinquency records for youth involved in the juvenile justice system.

Current Data Collection	Steps	Due Dates
2026 Juvenile Delinquency Records 2020-2025	DJS Data Verification Complete	2/1/26
	Data Received at MLDS Center	2/15/26
	Loading and Comment Period	2/16/26 - 4/15/26
	Completion Date	4/16/26
DJS Collections Under Development		

2025-2026 DHS Collection Calendar

Data collected from the Department of Human Services will contain child welfare data, including data relating to a child’s experience with the child protective services, family preservation services, and state-sponsored out-of-home services. The MLDS Center is phasing in the child welfare data, beginning with out-of-home services data.

Current Data Collection	Steps	Due Dates
2026 Child Welfare Out-of-Home Services	DHS Data Verification Complete	7/15/26
	Data Received at MLDS Center	7/29/26
	Loading and Comment Period	7/30/26 - 9/29/26
	Completion Date	9/30/26
DHS Collections Under Development		

2025-2026 Certifications Collection Calendar

Industry certifications are certifications from a national certifier that receives state funds. The Microsoft certification data contains Microsoft certification testing results of Maryland students. Certiport is the service used by Microsoft to provide its industry certification testing.

Current Data Collection	Steps	Due Dates
2026 Microsoft	Certiport Data Verification Complete	2/1/26
	Data Received at MLDS Center	2/15/26
	Loading and Comment Period	2/16/26 - 4/15/26
	Completion Date	4/16/26
Certifications Collections Under Development		

2025-2026 Department of Health Collection Calendar

Professional licenses from the Maryland Department of Health's boards and commissions can be collected by the MLDS Center. Currently, relevant demographic and health care data elements were identified with the Maryland Board of Nursing and data will be collected at two points during the year. It is the intention of the MLDS Center to have data sharing agreements with the other 21 Maryland health care boards and commissions.

Current Data Collection	Steps	Due Dates
2026 Nursing License Data August File	MDH Data Verification Complete	8/15/25
	Data Received at MLDS Center	8/30/25
	Loading and Comment Period	8/31/25 - 10/31/25
	Completion Date	11/1/25
2026 Nursing License Data April File	MDH Data Verification Complete	4/15/26
	Data Received at MLDS Center	4/29/26
	Loading and Comment Period	4/30/26 – 6/30/26
	Completion Date	7/1/26
MDH Collections Under Development		