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Maryland Longitudinal Data System

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Substantive Changes to the

MLDS Data Inventory

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Overview

The Maryland Longitudinal Data System (MLDS) is Maryland's central repository for comprehensive data from all levels of education and into the State's workforce. The MLDS Governing Board is required to create an inventory of individual student and workforce data proposed to be maintained in the system (Md. Ed. Art. §24-704(g)(6)). Additionally, the data inventory serves to inform the public about the contents of the MLDS database. This document provides a comprehensive summary of data elements proposed to be maintained, or removed from the System.

Process

The development of the Data Inventory is a collaborative process between Labor, MSDE and MHEC, and the MLDS Data Governance Advisory Board. The MLDS Data Governance Advisory Board annually reviews the Data Inventory and identifies what data elements to propose for inclusion or remove from the System. All data must be relevant to answering one of the questions in the Research Agenda or generally identified as necessary for evaluating federal or State supported education programs. Data elements identified for inclusion or removal in the System are presented to the Governing Board for approval. Once approved, the requirements are developed with the agency and included in the data collection calendar.

Accessing the Data Inventory

As of December 2016, the MLDS Data Inventory is available online through the MLDS Center website. This change allows the inventory to be more dynamic, by presenting the inventory in a way that may be organized according to the user's needs.

Changes to the Data Inventory

As a result of publishing the Data Inventory in a dynamic format, this document will only include substantive changes for each of the domains. Substantive changes are inclusions or removals of data elements in the Data Inventory.

Administrative changes are made annually and include the following:
- Clarification to the database in which the data element is maintained (i.e. ODS or MDM)
- Corrections and consistency in the CEDS Global ID for the Data Element
- Consistency in reporting the Element Name

Student Data

State law (Education Article §24-701, Annotated Code of Maryland) defines student data to mean data relating to student performance. The law also lists specific data elements not considered student data. As of the 2019 legislative session, House Bill 704 authorizes the Center to include discipline data and juvenile delinquency records. By removing the restriction on these specific data elements, student data now includes:
- State and national assessments;
- Course-taking and completion;

- Grade point average;
- Remediation;
- Retention;
- Degree, diploma, or credential attainment;
- Enrollment;
- Demographic data;
- Juvenile delinquency records; and
- Elementary and secondary school disciplinary records.

The law continues to prohibit the Center from collecting data on students from criminal and Child In Need of Assistance records and medical and health records.

Workforce Data

State law (Education Article §24-701, Annotated Code of Maryland) defines workforce data as data relating to:

- Employment status;
- Wage information;
- Geographic location of employment; and
- Employer information.

Understanding the Fields in the Data Inventory

Approval Status – identifies the Governing Board approval status for the Domain, Entity, or Element.

- *Approved* – The element had been approved for inclusion in the MLDS by the MLDS Governing Board.
- *Proposed* – The element has been proposed for inclusion and is pending review by the MLDS Governing Board for collection by the MLDS Center.

Agency – The entity that provided the data element to the MLDS. Agencies are only those who share data that are used for Center output including research, reporting, and data requests. Current agencies providing data include: the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE), Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC), Maryland Department of Labor (Labor), and Maryland Department of Juvenile Services (DJS).

Approval Date – date that the Governing Board approved the inclusion of the Data Element to be maintained in the System.

Availability – the earliest date that the Date Element is available to the MLDS.

CEDS Global ID – is the Common Education Data Standards unique identifier for the data element. Data elements in the MLDS database are mapped to the [Common Education Data Standards](#) (CEDS Version 7.1) when possible. CEDS represents a national, collaborative effort to develop voluntary, common data standards across the P-20W pipeline and provides nationally recognized naming conventions and definitions. Where data cannot be mapped to CEDS 7.1 standards, alternate domain, entity, and element names are provided, if applicable.

Database – an indication of the location of the data element within the MLDS. Data elements are either in the Operational Data Store (ODS) or the Master Data Management (MDM) database. The MDM database contains confidential and sensitive information on student and workers and is restricted to specified authorized staff of the MLDS Center. The ODS contains sensitive, de-identified information on students and workers and is restricted to authorized staff of the MLDS Center.

Description – a description of the Data Element that provides additional information related to how the data element is collected, used, or defined in the System.

Domain/Sector – Domains indicate the sectors that are part of the MLDS. The Data Inventory contains domains/sectors related to the MLDS partner agencies and other external entities that provide student and workforce data directly to the MLDS through a memorandum of understanding. MLDS partners include: Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE), Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC), Maryland Department of Labor (Labor), and Maryland Department of Juvenile Services (DJS). The Data Inventory also contains publicly available data or data provided through a memorandum of understanding with an external entity. Data from external source, such as the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) and U.S. Census Bureau, are used to enhance the data received from internal sources, and provide additional context to the data in the System.

Domains/sectors include:
- Workforce,
- Postsecondary,
- K12,
- Early Learning,
- Juvenile Delinquency,
- Adult Education, and
- Authentication and Authorization.

Element Name – describes the given name for a data element provided to the MLDS. This may be the name used by the partner agency, or a standard name used by CEDS. Note: The same element name may appear multiple times, as the MLDS receives the same data element from multiple sources.

Entity – Entities represent persons, places, events, objects or concepts about which the data is collected or shared. The Entities in the MLDS Data Inventory are:

- Address
- AE Student
- Assessments
- Authentication and Authorization
- EL Child
- EL Organization
- EL Staff
- Financial Aid
- Institutional Characteristics
- K12 Class/Section
- K12 Course
- K12 Organizations
- K12 School
- K12 Staff
- K12 Student
- LEA
- NA
- PS Institution
- PS Student
- Quarterly Employment
- Tuition
- W Employer
- W Person

Data Usage – provides an indication of the status of the data element within the MLDS. The data element is either available for use in research or only used by internal IT staff for identity resolution.

Source – indicates the origin of the data for the specific Domain/Sector. This may be the name of the data collection administered by the agency or the table name. The source is specific to the agency providing the data to the MLDS.

K-12

K-12 domain data is provided to the MLDS from the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE).

Proposed Sources - None

There are no proposed K-12 data elements at this time.

Proposed Removals - None

There are no removals of K-12 data elements at this time.

Workforce

Workforce domain data is provided to the MLDS from the Department of Labor (Labor).

Proposed Sources - None

There are no proposed workforce data elements at this time.

Proposed Removals - None

There are no removals of workforce data elements at this time.

Postsecondary

Postsecondary domain data is provided to the MLDS from the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC).

Proposed Sources - None

There are not proposed postsecondary data elements at this time.

Proposed Removals - None

There are no removals of postsecondary data elements at this time.

Early Learning

Early Learning domain data is provided to the MLDS from the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE).

Proposed Sources - None

There are not proposed early learning data elements at this time.

Proposed Removals - None

There are no removals of early learning data elements at this time.

Juvenile Delinquency

Juvenile delinquency domain data is provided to the MLDS from the Department of Juvenile Services (DJS).

Proposed Sources

Juvenile Delinquency Records

House Bill 704 – Student Data and Governing Board was passed in the 2019 legislative session and removes the restriction against including juvenile delinquency records as "student data" in the MLDS. The Department of Juvenile Services captures administrative data on youth who are involved in the juvenile justice system in Maryland. MLDS Center staff are working with DJS staff to identify data elements needed for identity resolution purposes and data elements deemed useful for research purposes. The data elements for inclusion in the Data Inventory are listed below and will be used to identify youth involved in the juvenile justice system.

CEDS Global ID	Entity	Element Name	Approval Status	Availability	Source	Database
001071	Juvenile Delinquency	Youth's ASSIST ID	Proposed	2008	Juvenile Delinquency Records	MDM
000115	Juvenile Delinquency	First Name	Proposed	2008	Juvenile Delinquency Records	MDM
000184	Juvenile Delinquency	Middle Name	Proposed	2008	Juvenile Delinquency Records	MDM
000172	Juvenile Delinquency	Last Name	Proposed	2008	Juvenile Delinquency Records	MDM
000033	Juvenile Delinquency	Date of Birth	Proposed	2008	Juvenile Delinquency Records	MDM
000255	Juvenile Delinquency	Sex	Proposed	2008	Juvenile Delinquency Records	ODS
NA	Juvenile Delinquency	Race/Ethnicity	Proposed	2008	Juvenile Delinquency Records	ODS
001075	Juvenile Delinquency	Social Security Number (SSN)	Proposed	2008	Juvenile Delinquency Records	MDM
000010	Juvenile Delinquency	Address Type	Proposed	2008	Juvenile Delinquency Records	ODS
000190	Juvenile Delinquency	County of Residence	Proposed	2008	Juvenile Delinquency Records	ODS

Proposed Removals - None

There are no removals of juvenile delinquency data elements at this time.

Adult Education

Adult Education domain data is provided to the MLDS from the Department of Labor (Labor).

Proposed Sources - None

There are not proposed adult education data elements at this time.

Proposed Removals - None

There are no removals of adult education data elements at this time.

External Domains

External domain data is acquired by the MLDS from:

- U.S. Census Bureau (Census); and
- Maryland Department of Transportation, Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA).

Proposed Sources - None

There are no proposed external data elements at this time.

Proposed Removals - None

There are no removals of external data sources at this time.

Supporting Information For more information on the MLDS Center please visit the MLDS
Center website at mldscenter.maryland.gov.

For additional information on CEDS 7.1 Data Standards visit ceds.ed.gov.
CEDS 101 describes what the CEDS standard is, why it is needed, and the parts of the CEDS standard.

Contributors and Change History

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