

Title: Modification to the collection of Homebound Instruction minutes to appropriately allocate State funding.

Purpose of collection: In order to appropriately allocate State funding, PDE seeks to move the collection of Homebound Instruction data from a text field in the Programs Fact Template to a numeric field in the Child Accounting templates (School Calendar and the Student Calendar Fact Template).

Burden to LEA/School Entity: LEAs submitting this data should have this information contained in their local Student Information System since they are already reporting Homebound Instruction data into PIMS. Therefore, the requested change should pose a minimal impact to these institutions.

Rationale: This change is necessary to collect Homebound Instruction minutes in a numeric field.

Currently PIMS collects instructional minutes in a text field, Program Intensity (field #9), in the Programs Fact Template. Homebound Subsidy can not be calculated since many users uploaded text rather than minutes in this field.

Adding this numeric field to the Student Calendar Fact Template rather than the Programs Fact Template will centralize all the Child Accounting information uploaded by the LEAs.

When collected: PIMS Summer Collection for SY 2009-10

New data elements to be collected (related to PIMS Template): Add a numeric field to the existing Student Calendar Facts Template.

Field Name: Homebound Instruction Minutes

Max length: five digits, numeric field

Definition: The total number of instructional minutes received for homebound instruction for the school year, which is eligible for Homebound Instruction Subsidy reimbursement.

Business Rule: This field is only required for student who received Homebound Instruction.

Provide this figure as a number of minutes, not as a number of hours.

This data element will be removed from the Program Intensity field in the Programs Fact Template.

Interested persons are invited to submit comments to RA-PIMSComment@state.pa.us on or before August 4, 2009