

Title: Collection of School Entry Age

Purpose of collection: To determine the school entry age for each school district and charter school.

Burden to LEA: A new template, District Snapshot, will need to be submitted into PIMS in order to collect this data. This signifies a moderate burden to LEAs. Student Information System (SIS) vendors will need to create new extracts for submission into PIMS.

Rationale: Sections 1376 and 1376.1 of the school code require that PDE withhold subsidy from the school district of residence or charter school in which the student was enrolled for any school-age student enrolled in an approved private school or a chartered school. This collection of school entry age will be used by the Bureau of Commonwealth Accounting, Central Agencies and School Finance, to determine which students enrolled in these schools are school-age. The average daily membership associated with these students will be used to do the subsidy withholding required by sections 1376 and 1376.1 and will also be included in the average daily membership used in various subsidy calculations.

When collected: Collected once per school year, in the Child Accounting collection. The data submitted in the District Snapshot template will be for the following school year. The first upload will be in the 2009-2010 CAD collection and will be reporting the School Entry Age for 2010-2011.

New data element to be collected (related to PIMS Template): A request to add five new data elements to the end of the District Snapshot template has been made to the PIMS vendor. The fields to be added to the template are:

School Entry Age for Kindergarten Student, Years: a one digit, numeric field, indicating the minimum required age in years for entry into the program.

School Entry Age for Kindergarten Student, Months: a two digit, numeric field, indicating any additional months (to School Entry Age for Kindergarten Student, Years) required to meet the minimum age for entry into the program.

Cut Off Date: a date, in ISO format, that identifies the latest day on which a student may meet the minimum age for school entry.

Kindergarten Program Type: a one digit, numeric value. Valid values are either 4 (for 4 year old program) or 5 (for 5 year old program).

Date of First Day of School: a date, in ISO format, that identifies the first day of the school year on which students in the program attend school.

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