
MEMORANDUM

TO: Superintendents & Data Managers
FROM: Heather A. Bouchey, Ph.D. Interim Secretary of Education
SUBJECT: Ed-Fi Data Collection System Transition
DATE: June 29, 2023

Purpose

We would like to bring your attention to an important update on our statewide education data collection system. We are pleased to announce that, following a successful pilot program, we will officially replace EdFusion with a more updated system called Ed-Fi.

We estimate that the shift to Ed-Fi could potentially save data managers up to two weeks of time when preparing data collections. This time-saving benefit will allow attention and expertise to be focused on other critical areas.

Additionally, the implementation of the Ed-Fi system opens the door for the AOE to introduce new dashboards and tools that will benefit all supervisory unions (SU/SDs). New tools, such as early warning systems, will provide new insights and support, helping SU/SDs in identifying and addressing potential issues at an early stage. These enhancements will empower educators and administrators to make data-informed decisions and improve educational outcomes.

Overview

Since 2018, the Agency of Education (AOE) has been using EdFusion, which has allowed us to gather comprehensive enrollment data and have an overview of education across the state. In 2021, AOE gathered feedback from various stakeholders and determined using Ed-Fi was the path forward for our reporting needs, the pilot program to explore the transition to Ed-Fi began in February 2022.

In preparation for this transition, we have worked with the top three student information system (SIS) providers, namely PowerSchool, Infinite Campus, and Wed2School. Our goal has been to ensure a seamless integration of these systems with Ed-Fi, enabling us to continue gathering accurate and high-quality data to best support all (SU/SDs). The pilot program has provided valuable insights and feedback, which have guided us in customizing the Ed-Fi



system. We believe these enhancements will improve data collection and management processes, leading to a more streamlined experience for all SU/SDs.

To ensure a smooth transition, it is crucial that each SU/SD continues working with their respective SIS provider. By collaborating with these providers, you can address any potential challenges and make the necessary adjustments required for a successful migration to the Ed-Fi system.

Updates

The updated data submission requirements will come into effect starting at the beginning of the 2024-2025 school year. We understand that this change may require some planning and adaptation, and we are committed to providing ample time for preparation. To aid in this transition we have updated the [school register](#) on the Agency website.

By following the new data submission requirements, we can all ensure accurate and up-to-date information is available to inform educational decision-making at all levels. The transition to Ed-Fi marks a significant step in our ongoing efforts to enhance data collection and management, benefiting the entire education community.

We understand that change can be challenging, but we believe that the transition to Ed-Fi will improve data collection and management, benefiting the entire education community in our state. Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to reach out to the AOE - SLDS Support Group at AOE.SLDSSupportGroup@vermont.gov.