CRDC
Civil Rights Data Collection

Introduction to Civil Rights Data Collection

SY 2023-24

Why is the CRDC Collected?

- The Civil Rights Data Collection (CRDC) is a longstanding and important aspect of the Office for Civil Right's (OCR) overall strategy for administering and enforcing civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, and age by schools, local educational agencies (LEAs), and other entities that receive federal financial assistance from ED.

- OCR uses data from the CRDC to initiate or inform investigations, policy guidance, and technical assistance to school districts and schools. Other U.S. Department of Education (ED) offices and federal agencies, policymakers and researchers, educators and school officials, parents and students, and the public also use the CRDC as a valuable resource for understanding students' access to educational opportunities in our nation's public schools.

CRDC Authorization

- The CRDC is a mandatory data collection that schools and LEAs that receive federal financial assistance from ED are legally obligated to complete.

- Section 203(c)(1) of the Department of Education Organization Act conveys to the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights the authority to "collect or coordinate the collection of data necessary to ensure compliance with civil rights laws within the jurisdiction of the Office for Civil Rights." See 20 U.S.C. § 3413(c)(1).

- The civil rights laws enforced by OCR for which the CRDC collects data include: Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits discrimination based on race, color, or national origin; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, which prohibits discrimination based on sex; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability. OCR's implementing regulations for each of these statutes require recipients of ED's federal financial assistance to submit to OCR "complete and accurate compliance reports at such times, and in such form and containing such information" as OCR "may determine to be necessary to enable [OCR] to ascertain whether the recipient has complied or is complying" with these laws and implementing regulations. See 34 CFR § 100.6(b) (incorporated by reference into 34 CFR §§ 104.61 and 106.81).
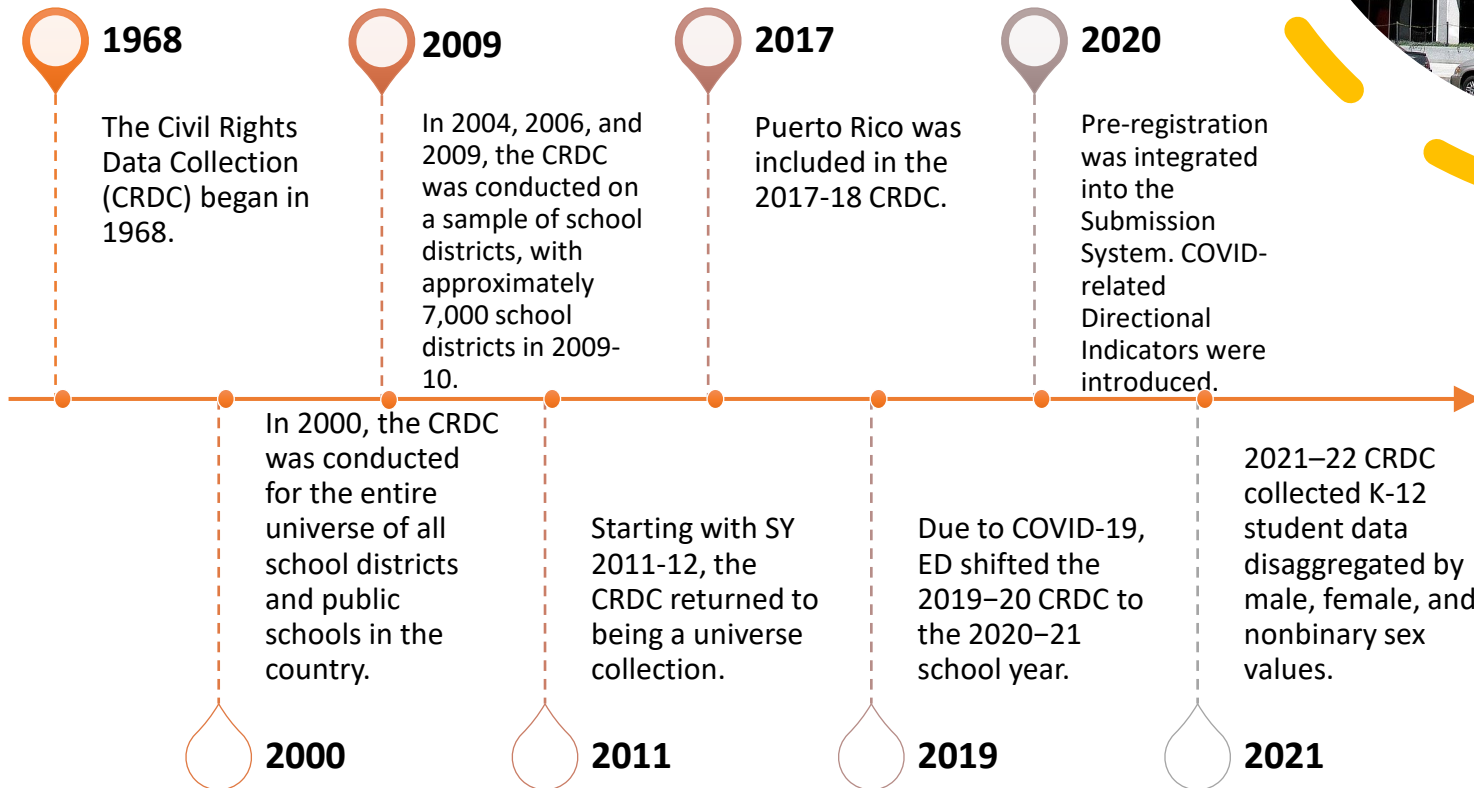
Who participates in the CRDC?

❑ The CRDC collects data from a universe of nearly all public LEAs and schools that receive federal financial assistance from ED, including justice facilities, charter schools, and alternative schools. In addition, state-operated programs that receive federal funding assistance from ED have a legal obligation to provide the data that are being collected by the CRDC.

❑ In some states, the state educational agency (SEA) provides CRDC data for its LEAs.

Who is not required to participate in the CRDC?

- ❑ Tribal schools operated by the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Indian Education

- ❑ Schools operated by the Department of Defense Education Activity

- ❑ School districts in U.S. territories. The only exception is Puerto Rico, which is treated as a state under the <u>Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015</u>.

History of the CRDC

1968

The Civil Rights Data Collection (CRDC) began in 1968.

2000

In 2000, the CRDC was conducted for the entire universe of all school districts and public schools in the country.

2009

In 2004, 2006, and 2009, the CRDC was conducted on a sample of school districts, with approximately 7,000 school districts in 2009-10.

2011

Starting with SY 2011-12, the CRDC returned to being a universe collection.

2017

Puerto Rico was included in the 2017-18 CRDC.

2019

Due to COVID-19, ED shifted the 2019–20 CRDC to the 2020–21 school year.

2020

Pre-registration was integrated into the Submission System. COVID-related Directional Indicators were introduced.

2021

2021–22 CRDC collected K-12 student data disaggregated by male, female, and nonbinary sex values.

Where Can CRDC Data Be Found?

❑ Data from the 1968-69 through the 2020-21 CRDC surveys are available on the CRDC Reporting website: https://civilrightsdata.ed.gov/ effective November 15th, 2023. Those attempting to access the old https://ocrdata.ed.gov/ site will be redirected.

How long will it take to complete the data collection?

- [ ] For the CRDC, the respondent is the LEA. The LEA must complete one LEA-level survey form, and one school-level survey form for each of the LEA's schools. The amount of time required to complete the LEA form and each school form varies depending on the number of schools in the LEA.

- [ ] The LEA form, which collects LEA-level data, is estimated to require 4.6 hours to complete. Each school form is estimated to require 21.2 hours to complete. This includes the time needed to review instructions, research existing data resources, gather and maintain the data needed, and complete and review the collection of information.

- [ ] Since the number of schools per LEA varies so widely, a LEA with only one school would, on average, take 4.6 hours for the LEA form and 21.2 hours for the school form, for a total of 25.8 hours. An LEA with 10 schools would take, on average, 4.6 hours on the LEA form and 21.2 hours on each of the school surveys, for a total of 216.6 hours.

What is included in the CRDC?

The CRDC collects key information on civil rights indicators, including student enrollment and educational programs and services, most of which is disaggregated by race and ethnicity, sex, limited English proficiency, and disability status. The CRDC includes data regarding:

- ❑ Students, Schools, & Programs
- ❑ Civil Rights Coordinators
- ❑ Distance Education
- ❑ Harassment & Bullying Policies
- ❑ High School Equivalency Exam
- ❑ School Characteristics
- ❑ Coronavirus Pandemic-related Directional Indicators and Items
- ❑ Enrollment Demographics
- ❑ Preschool

- ❑ Program Enrollment
- ❑ Math, Science, Computer Science
- ❑ Advanced Placement
- ❑ SAT and ACT
- ❑ School Staff and Security Staff
- ❑ Interscholastic Athletics
- ❑ School Discipline
- ❑ Referral to Law Enforcement and School-related Arrests
- ❑ Offenses
- ❑ Harassment & Bullying
- ❑ Educational Access in Justice Facilities
- ❑ Internet Access and Devices

What educational levels of data are collected in the CRDC?

The CRDC collects LEA- and school-level data.

Each LEA must complete one LEA-level form, and a school-level form for each school in the LEA.

CRDC Data Time Periods

What are the **snapshot dates** for the 2023-24 CRDC?

The following reporting periods are generally used for counts that are snapshots:

- October 1, 2023, or the closest school day to October 1.

- For the IDEA child count, the date designated by the LEA that is between October 1, 2023, and December 1, 2023.

- Single day at the end of the 2023-24 regular school year.

CRDC Data Time Periods

What are the **cumulative dates** for the 2023-24 CRDC?

The following reporting periods are used for cumulative counts:

- The 2023-24 regular school year, not including intersession or summer.

- The entire 2023-24 school year, beginning at the start of the 2023-24 regular school year, up to one day prior to the start of the following regular school year.

LEA Form Data Modules
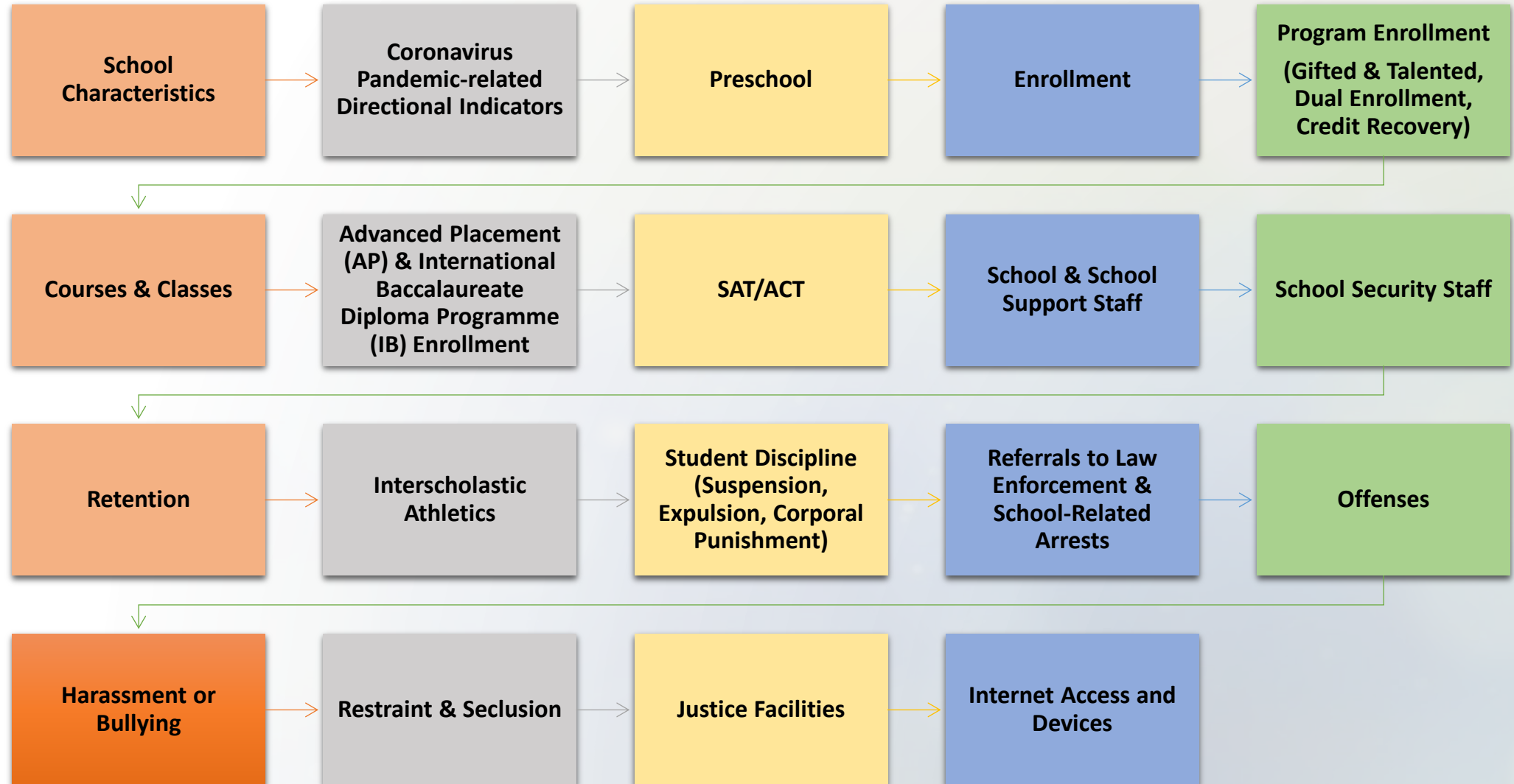
Students, Schools, & Programs

Civil Rights Coordinator/Desegregation Plan

Harassment or Bullying

DSED: Distance Education

HSEE: Equivalency Exam

School Form Data Modules

School Characteristics	→	Coronavirus Pandemic-related Directional Indicators	→	Preschool	→	Enrollment	→	Program Enrollment (Gifted & Talented, Dual Enrollment, Credit Recovery)

Courses & Classes	→	Advanced Placement (AP) & International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IB) Enrollment	→	SAT/ACT	→	School & School Support Staff	→	School Security Staff

Retention	→	Interscholastic Athletics	→	Student Discipline (Suspension, Expulsion, Corporal Punishment)	→	Referrals to Law Enforcement & School-Related Arrests	→	Offenses

Harassment or Bullying	→	Restraint & Seclusion	→	Justice Facilities	→	Internet Access and Devices

Collection Phase Activities

The 2023-24 CRDC Data Submission System opens on December 9th, 2024, for all LEAs. All LEAs will have the standard (minimum of) 88 calendar days and must submit the data by the March 7th, 2025, close date.

Tasks Include:

- ❑ Submit data via file upload or enter data manually in the CRDC Submission System
- ❑ Review data in the CRDC Submission System
- ❑ Review and resolve errors and warnings
- ❑ Certify submission

Data Checks | Technical Information

— Have I entered all of the required data?   Error

Details (SCH_IDEAENR_TR_M_ERR1)

"Students with disabilities served under IDEA: Two or More Races Male" is a required field. Please enter data to this field before attempting to certify your submission.

— Have I entered the correct school enrollment data?   Warning

Details (SCH_ENR_WH_M_ERR21)

You have entered data resulting in a total Male White enrollment for this school that does not match(within a tolerance of 20%) with the total enrollment of 252 reported by your SEA through EDFacts. You may wish to check the accuracy of your enrollment data. If you wish to provide an explanation, you may enter it in the comment field.

File Upload

Select **File Upload** if you want to submit any of your data by uploading a prepared CSV file (Flat File Submissions). You can use the File Upload feature to upload prepared data for all or part of your submission. Your file MUST meet the specifications provided in the Flat File Submission Instructions 📄 .

1️⃣ The file must be a CSV file

2️⃣ The school or LEA identifier must be included on each row

3️⃣ There must be a header row that lists the data element names as defined in the Flat File Submission Specifications

↻ File Upload

Post-Collection Phase Activities

The Post-Collection phase is comprised of improvement activities performed by the Partner Support Center (PSC) after the CRDC collection closes.

➢ Tasks Include:
- ❑ Outreach and corrections to data
- ❑ Gathering feedback from LEAs
- ❑ Identification of strategic improvements in the processes or technology supporting the CRDC

Lessons Learned
recognize mistakes
observe what works
document them
share them