

Center for Educational Performance and Information (CEPI)

*Michigan Education Information System
(MEIS)*

**School Infrastructure Database
(SID)**

**Frequently Asked Questions for
SID Addendum
(FAQs)**

End-of-Year 2009 Submission

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Q. Who is required to report these data and why?

A. As a result of the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009* (ARRA) data elements are required concerning technology availability within the district. The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) received guidance from the U.S. Department of Education (U.S. ED) related to the ARRA, which requires intermediate school districts (ISDs), local educational agencies (LEAs) and public school academies (PSAs) to submit data concerning instructional computers available to students. These data will provide the needed program performance reporting of Title II, Part D of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) as required by the Results Act.

Q. What data do we need to report?

A. CEPI and MDE have created three new fields that will be collected within the SID application during the EOY 2009 SID Submission. The following three fields should be added to the EOY 2009 SID Data Field Descriptions:

- Field 45: Instructional Computers with High-Speed Internet Access
- Field 46: Instructional Computers with Dial-Up Internet Access
- Field 47: Instructional Computers without Internet Access

The three new fields are available in the SID Application June 1 through June 30, 2009. For those districts that utilize the SID Upload process, the new fields may be uploaded beginning June 1, 2009. Further information regarding the data fields can be found in the May 26, 2009 SID Addendum and the revised EOY 2009 SID User's Guide. The revised User's Guide is posted on the SID Web page at www.michigan.gov/cepi. Click on MEIS Data Services and then click on School Infrastructure Database. The revised SID User's Guide is located under the heading SID Help. The SID Addendum is located under the heading SID Data Manual.

Q. We do not normally collect these data. What do we do?

A. These data must be collected in order to conform to federal reporting requirements under the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009* (ARRA). Reporting agencies [intermediate school districts (ISDs), local educational agencies (LEAs) and public school academies (PSAs)] will need to decide how to best collect the data.

Q. Do we report aggregate numbers or at the school/facility level?

A. Data are to be reported at the school/facility level. All data collected will be aggregated and submitted to the federal government.

Q. What do you classify as a "high-speed" or "broadband" Internet connection?

A. A high-speed Internet connection is one that is greater than 56K (kilobyte per second). Any Internet connection equal to or lower than 56K is considered a low-speed (or dial-up) connection.

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A. Any Internet connection equal to or lower than 56K (kilobyte per second) is considered a low-speed (or dial-up) connection. A high-speed Internet connection is one that is greater than 56K.

Q. Which computers do we count?

A. Count the number of instructional computers located within the school/facility (e.g., in classrooms, media centers, libraries, and/or moved from one classroom to another) *that*

are available for student use. Computers include both desktops and laptops, but do not include handheld devices such as personal digital assistants or peripherals such as printers.

Q. We do not have any Internet-connected computers. How do we report this?

A. Count the number of instructional computers located within the school/facility (e.g., in classrooms, media centers, and/or moved from one classroom to another) *without Internet access that are available for student use.* Computers include both desktops and laptops, but do not include handheld devices such as personal digital assistants or peripherals such as printers.

Q. What date should we use as the count date?

A. The count of instructional computers should be as of the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year.

Q. What will happen if we do not report the data?

A. The ability of the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) to meet federal reporting requirements depends upon the timely submission of data by Michigan school districts. State funding is dependent upon meeting deadlines for federal reporting. Failure to complete the submission to the REP will result in the withholding of 5 percent (5%) of the State School Aid [MCL 388.1619(5)(6)]. This Act allows the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) to hold a district's funds in escrow until such time as a complete report is submitted to CEPI. Payments will be withheld until the month following the completion of the reporting requirement.

Q. Who do I contact if I have any further questions?

A. Please contact CEPI customer support at CEPI@michigan.gov. Include your name, district code, district name, your telephone number, (including area code and extension), your e-mail address, your specific questions and the following subject line: Instructional Computers.