

## ALASKA

### University of Alaska Statewide System

- Governing board
- Data collected from 2-year public and 4-year public institutions in the system
- The Alaska Department of Education and Early Development has received 1 NCES Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems grant (FY06), totaling over \$3.5 million.

#### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

SUR NAME **N/A**

Year SUR Established **1996**

Last period of upgrade/modification **Between 1990 and 1999**

#### Reasons SUR was Established

- legislative compliance
- audit compliance
- institutional resource allocation/funding formula
- awarding financial aid
- IPEDS reporting
- increasing student achievement
- tracking student retention/graduation
- tracking students across institutions
- federal civil rights compliance
- other federal mandates (*unavailable*)

#### Legal Authority to Collect Data

- state law creating coordinating or governing board
- coordinating or governing board policy interpreting state law(s)
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- other legal authority (*federal reporting requirements*)

#### INSTITUTIONAL COVERAGE, TYPES OF DATA, AND METADATA

##### Institutional Coverage

- 2-year public
- 4-year public

##### IPEDS Roles

###### Verification

- coordinator

###### Reporting

- coordinator

##### Participation in IPEDS Surveys

- Institutional Characteristics (IC)
- 12-month Enrollment (E12)
- Completions (C)
- Human Resources (Employees by Assigned Position (EAP), Fall Staff (S), and Salaries (SA))
- Fall Enrollment (EF)
- Graduation Rate (GRS)
- Finance (F)
- Student Financial Aid (SFA)

#### Types of Data Collected

- K-12 academic history (*high school, admissions test scores*)
- postsecondary academic history (*placement test scores, transfer*)
- demographic
- postsecondary enrollment
- course-level information
- finance (*tuition, fees, fiscal management*)
- financial aid
- completions
- non-credit instructional activity (*unavailable*)
- academic program inventory
- faculty/staff
- institutional characteristics
- facilities/capital projects
- Adult Basic Education (*GED, Adult Basic Education, English as a Second Language*)

#### Authority to Change Data Elements/Definitions

- agency/entity staff
- group that includes appropriate institutional/campus personnel

#### Internal Primary Key(s) to Build Longitudinal Records

- internally generated student identifier

#### Metadata

##### business procedures

- data element dictionary
- data submission/reporting procedure

##### technical procedures

- data validation/data checking procedure
- data audit procedure

#### USES OF SUR DATA

##### Current Uses and Purposes

- decision-/policymaking
- generating reports and statistics (internal and external)
- consumer information for prospective students
- research
- cross-sector collaboration (K-12, labor, etc.)

**Types of Reports**

- completions
- course cost analysis
- course taking patterns
- distance education
- dual credit/dual enrollment
- economic impact/jobs
- enrollment
- facilities utilization
- financial aid
- high school feedback
- institutional finance
- institutional profile, public
- mobility/migration
- non-credit instructional activity
- performance measures
- remediation
- retention
- transfer
- tuition/fees/college costs

**Audiences Receiving Some or All Reports**

governor's office, legislature, coordinating or governing board, K-12 (agency, districts, and/or schools), other state agencies, federal agencies, general public

**LINKING ARRANGEMENTS WITH AGENCIES, STATES, AND ORGANIZATIONS**

**State P-20 Data Warehouse** no

**Links to State Agencies/Entities**

- state financial aid agency/entity
- state education agency (K-12)

**Access to K-12 agency elements** yes

- labor/workforce

**Access to labor/workforce agency elements** yes

- pre-k/early childhood
- health
- human services

**Links to Other States** no

**Links to External Organizations**

- National Student Clearinghouse

**Primary IDs Used in Matching**

- Social Security Number
- K-12 ID

**Demographic Elements Used in Matching**

- name
- date of birth
- address

**Legal Mechanisms Enabling Linking**

- memorandum of agreement/understanding
- other mechanism (*federal law*)

**Performance Measures Requiring Linking** yes (*state and federal reporting requirements for Carl Perkins, Workforce Investment Act, etc.*)

**Barriers to Linking**

- FERPA concerns

**MECHANISMS TO ENSURE DATA QUALITY**

**Responsibility for Entering Data**

- office/division within agency/entity
- appropriate institutional/campus personnel

**Responsibility for Checking/Verifying Data**

- office/division within agency/entity
- appropriate institutional/campus personnel

**Method of Informing IR Personnel of Data Submission Inconsistencies**

- other mechanism (*routine, cyclical audit report generation and distribution*)

**On-site Institutional Data Audits** yes

**Frequency** ongoing and as needed

**Professional Development for IR Professionals** yes

**Mandatory?** no

**Frequency** annually and as needed

**DATA ELEMENTS COLLECTED**

The University of Alaska Statewide System was unable to participate in the detailed data element phase of data collection; therefore the number of data elements in its SUR system is artificially low.

**Postsecondary Elements (36)**

- demographic*
- ✓ - student name
- ✓ - date of birth
- gender
- race/ethnicity
- Social Security Number
- K-12 identification number
- Institutional identification number
- student identification number
- citizenship
- state residency status
- postsecondary academic history*
- admissions scores
- placement scores
- prior college(s) attended
- transfer credits
- enrollment status*
- degree seeking status
- attendance status (full-/part-time)
- 1<sup>st</sup> term of academic history
- program/major
- financial aid*
- dependency status
- family income
- federal financial aid
- state financial aid
- institutional financial aid
- other financial aid
- merit-based financial aid
- need-based financial aid
- FAFSA fields
- academic activity*
- course title
- course mode of instruction
- course grade
- term student credit hours (SCH) attempted
- term SCH earned
- academic attainment*
- degree awarded
- degree date
- cumulative SCH earned
- cumulative GPA

**K-12 Elements (13)**

- demographic*
- student free and reduced-price lunch eligibility
- language spoken at home
- disability status
- high school background*
- high school attended
- district/school code
- student resident county-district code
- academic activity*
- date student enrolled
- ✓ - course type
- course title
- course grade
- academic attainment*
- high school GPA
- high school graduation date
- assessment scores

**Labor/Workforce Elements (15)**

- employer ID number
- employer size (# of employees monthly)
- employer county
- ✓ - wages earned
- wage type code
- hours worked
- employment quarter code
- ✓ - employment year
- date student/employee applied for Unemployment Insurance (UI)
- date student first received UI check
- other agencies providing services to student while student is receiving UI
- U.S. Census North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code
- U.S. Census NAICS title
- ✓ - U.S. Department of Labor Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) code
- ✓ - U.S. Department of Labor SOC title