

K-12 District Data Certification

CALIFORNIA

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What does your data say about your district?

Your data reflects your district's academic growth, funding requirements and compliance with state and federal mandates. At the same time, inaccurate or incomplete data can cause your district to be penalized or audited, and lose out on necessary funding.

- How well does your district comply with state and federal mandates?
- Can you measure and monitor the quality of your district's data on an ongoing basis?
- Does your district's leadership have confidence in your data?

School districts in California and across the nation are challenged by the need to maintain accurate, complete and timely information for state reporting and policy compliance.

To help meet this challenge, Certica Solutions is dedicated to helping K-12 school districts validate, monitor and report on the quality of their data – a process that Certica calls “data certification.”

Certify: K-12 Data Certification Software

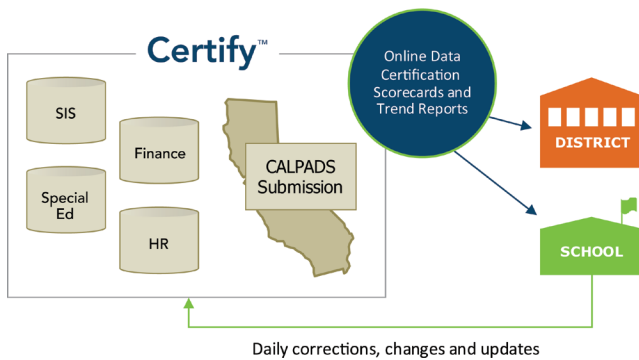
Certica's web-based data certification software, called Certify™, provides districts with the ability to implement an automated, daily data certification process, helping to engage schools' participation in keeping data clean – while alleviating the pressure and time burden on school personnel.

Certify's capabilities include:

- Automated, scheduled, nightly certification of district databases for a battery of complex data quality, compliance and accountability concerns, such as:
 - ▶ Assurance that your district meets with CALPADS data specifications.
 - ▶ Verification that your district complies with state and federal mandates, such as new standards for reporting race and ethnicity categories.
 - ▶ Identification of students that may be at risk for dropping out.

- ▶ Notification of disciplinary actions and other policies that may be applied to student sub-populations in an unbalanced or inappropriate manner.
- ▶ Confidence that your district is properly funded for special programs, such as special education and English language learning.
- Daily, online data error reports, personalized for each school administrator or program coordinator, displaying school-specific and department-specific data certification results.

Daily Process of Pro-Active Data Certification



- Student-level and school-level detailed data errors, which allow school personnel to make expedient corrections in student information systems.
- Leadership-level data certification trend reports which allow department directors and cabinet-level staff to view data quality metrics across the district, and monitor schools' data improvement progress over time.
- Data certification rules that are easy for districts to configure and maintain – but, most importantly for schools – that can be annotated with explicit instructions to school personnel about how to clean up data problems, cutting down on the need for constant re-training and support.

Using Certify for CALPADS Data Validation

Certica Solutions provides California districts with a battery of data certification rules which align with the CALPADS data specifications. These rules gives districts the ability to quickly and pro-actively gauge their readiness to submit complete and accurate data to CALPADS, while reducing the time required to review and correct data errors in their student systems.

How is this Different from CALPADS Data Validation?

With Certify, your district can:

- Ensure the quality of your data every day – not just at CALPADS submission time. Daily, year-round attention to data accuracy helps to reinforce standards, spreads out the workload over time, and makes high levels of data quality easy to sustain.
- Certify the data in all your critical databases: SIS, finance, special education, human resources and other systems – not just your state submission extracts.
- Let schools manage their own data verification and clean-up process – with data certification scorecards that give them a detailed view of the data errors for their individual schools.
- Certify your data for district-specific rules and policies – as well as state requirements like CALPADS.
- Reduce the time your technology department spends training, emailing and supporting schools, especially as state data standards change.

About Certica Solutions, Inc.

Certica Solutions provides compliance and accountability solutions for the K-12 education system. The company's data certification software, called Certify, enables education agencies to maximize funding, optimize regulatory reporting, and ensure compliance with education policies and mandates. Founded in 2001, Certica counts among its customers several state departments of education, educational service agencies, and numerous school districts nationwide. More information can be found at www.CerticaSolutions.com.