

K-12 District Data Certification

FLORIDA

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What does your data say about your district?

Your data reflects your district's performance, funding requirements and compliance with FLDOE 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 Florida 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 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 school participation in keeping data clean – while alleviating the pressure and time burden on school personnel.

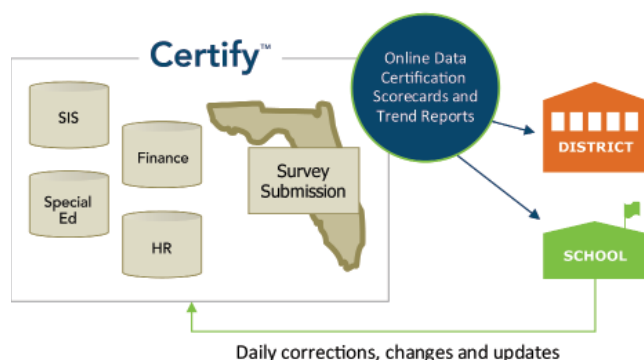
Certify also generates compliance alerts by identifying patterns, exceptions and inconsistencies in district data. These alerts – or early warnings – give a district a chance to perform interventions, make policy changes or otherwise remedy situations that may be putting the district at risk of non-compliance.

Certify's capabilities include:

- Automated, scheduled, nightly certification of district databases for a battery of complex data quality, compliance and accountability concerns, such as:
 - ▶ **FTE:** Assurance that your district meets with FTE data submission standards, at any point during the year – not just during a survey or amendment period.

- ▶ **Class Size Mandate:** Identification and monitoring of classrooms that are out of compliance with the Florida class size requirements.
- ▶ **Exceptional Student Education Programs:** Confidence that your district is receiving maximum aid for exceptional students, by ensuring proper documentation and reporting.
- ▶ **Graduation Cohort:** Assurance that your district is correctly tracking and reporting transfer and drop-out students over the course of four years as well as graduating students in order to calculate an accurate graduation cohort.
- ▶ **Dropout and Attendance:** Alert to patterns of student attendance data that indicate students who are at risk of dropping out and are in need of interventions.
- ▶ **Discipline:** Notification of disciplinary actions that do not comply with FLDOE discipline standards.
- ▶ **Teacher Qualification:** Verification that teachers are tracked as being properly trained, certified and teaching in the appropriate fields.

Daily Process of Pro-Active Data Certification



How is this Different from FLDOE's Data Edit Programs?

With Certify, your district can:

- Ensure the quality of your data every day – not just at survey submission time. Daily, year-round attention to data accuracy helps to reinforce standards, spread the workload out over time, and make 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 reporting amendment system.
- Let schools manage their own data verification and clean-up process – with daily, online 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 survey data requirements.
- Get an advanced look at how FLDOE views your district's compliance – without waiting for the state to report back to you.
- Reduce the time your technology department spends training, emailing and supporting schools, especially as Survey 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.

- Daily, online data error reports, personalized for each school administrator or program coordinator, displaying school-specific and department-specific data certification results.
- Student-level and school-level detailed data errors, which allow school personnel to make expedient corrections in student information systems.
- Trend reports which allow department directors and cabinet-level staff to view metrics across the district, and monitor data improvement over time.
- Data certification rules that are easy for districts to configure and maintain – and 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 re-training and support.