

K-12 District Data Certification

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Daily, year-round attention to data accuracy helps to reinforce standards, spreads the workload out over time, and makes high levels of data quality easy to sustain.

What does your data say about your district?

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

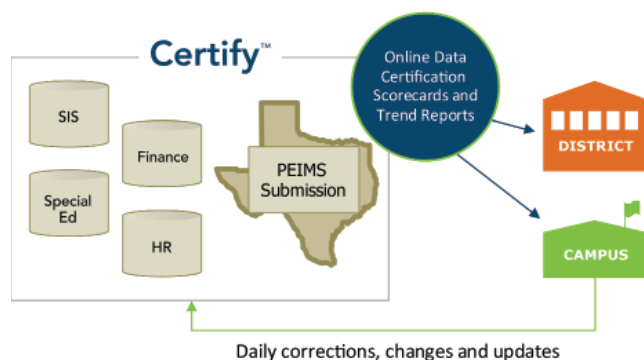
Certify also generates compliance alerts by identifying patterns, exceptions and inconsistencies in district data. These alerts – or early warnings – give a district the chance to perform interventions, make policy changes or otherwise remedy situations that may be putting the district at risk of non-compliance.

Certify's capabilities include:

- Automated, scheduled, nightly certification of district databases for a battery of complex data quality, compliance and accountability concerns, such as:
 - ▶ **PEIMS:** Assurance that your district meets with PEIMS data standards, at any point during the year – not just when EDIT+ is ready to process data. Certify software includes data certification modules for all four PEIMS submissions.

- ▶ **PBMAS:** Certification of data that TEA will use in Performance Based Monitoring Analysis System (PB-MAS) calculations. These certifications cross reference student sub-populations to ensure that students are being properly served and that policies are applied in a balanced and appropriate manner.
- ▶ **TRex:** Identification of incorrect student transcript data, including improper student credits, incorrect course history and invalid course grades.
- ▶ **Dropout and Attendance:** Alerts to patterns of student attendance data that indicate students who are at risk of dropping out and are in need of intervention services.
- ▶ **Discipline:** Notification of disciplinary actions that do not comply with TEA discipline standards.
- ▶ **Limited English Proficiency:** Verification of the alignment of all facets of LEP programs, including eligibility criteria, entrance, exit and testing information.
- ▶ **Special Education:** Confidence that your district is receiving maximum state aid for special education programs, by ensuring proper documentation and reporting.

Daily Process of Pro-Active Data Certification



for campuses – that can be annotated with explicit instructions to campus personnel about how to clean up data problems, cutting down on the need for constant re-training and support.

How is this Different from PEIMS EDIT+?

With Certify, your district can:

- Ensure the quality of your data every day – not just at PEIMS submission time. Daily, year-round attention to data accuracy – for example, discipline data – will help 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 PEIMS submission extracts.
- Let campuses 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 campuses.
- Certify your data for district-specific rules and policies – as well as PEIMS data requirements.
- Get an advanced look at how TEA views your district through the lens of PBMAS – so you'll be getting early indicators of PBMAS compliance – not just notifications after the fact.
- Reduce the time your technology department spends training, emailing and supporting campuses, especially as PEIMS data standards change.

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

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.