

Graduation Accountable Rules User Guide

Introduction

The Accountable CDS Perspective is currently available for viewing the High School Graduation Cohort Status Profile Report in District Reports. Using this perspective, the report displays the students that a given district is responsible for tracking graduation according to federal requirements. This perspective varies somewhat from the Attending CDS Perspective (the default for most District Reports), which displays students that are attending school in a given district.

Accountable High School Rules

In order to determine the accountable district/school for a student, the business rules check to see who should be responsible based on the combination of Resident, Receiving, and Attending Codes submitted per the [NJ SMART Reporting Responsibilities](#) guidelines, Grades Offered, Grade Level, and in some cases Submitting District and In District Placement.

The following rules apply to Cohort 2018, 2019, **2020** and future cohorts:

If Attending CDS = Receiving CDS = Resident CDS, follow the steps below:

1. If the following three requirements are all true:
 - a. Attending CDS has a valid Federal and State Type of Regular or Vocational
 - b. Attending CDS has an Operational Status that is not Closed, Future, or Inactive
 - c. Attending CDS offers grades 9, 10, 11, or 12

then **Accountable CDS = Attending CDS.**

Otherwise, proceed to step 2.

2. If the Submitting District has an Operational Status that is not Closed, Future, or Inactive, then:
 - **Accountable District = Submitting District,** and
 - **Accountable School = Cannot be Determined**

If no, then **Accountable District & Accountable School = Cannot Be Determined**

If Attending CDS, Receiving CDS, and Resident CDS are not all the same, follow the steps below:

3. If the following five requirements are all true:
 - a. Receiving CDS has a valid Federal and State Type of Regular or Vocational School
 - b. Receiving CDS has an Operational Status that is not Closed, Future, or Inactive
 - c. Receiving CDS offers grades 9, 10, 11, or 12
 - d. Receiving District = Submitting District
 - e. Student's "In District Placement" is Other or NULL

then **Accountable CDS = Receiving CDS.**

Otherwise, proceed to step 4.

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4. If the following four requirements are all true:
 - a. Resident CDS has a valid Federal and State Type of Regular or Vocational School
 - b. Resident CDS has an Operational Status that is not Closed, Future, or Inactive
 - c. Resident CDS offers grades 9, 10, 11, or 12
 - d. At least one of the following is true:
 - i. Resident District = Submitting District
 - ii. Attending CDS has a Federal or State Type that is not Regular or Vocational

Then **Accountable CDS = Resident CDS.**

Otherwise, proceed to step 5.

5. If the Submitting District has an Operational Status that is not Closed, Future, or Inactive, then:
 - **Accountable District = Submitting District,** and
 - **Accountable School = Cannot be Determined**

If no, then **Accountable District & Accountable School = Cannot Be Determined**

Please note: Accountability Rules are subject to change. Any future changes to accountability will be announced via email communication and documented in this Guide.