AYP and SI Feeder School Assignments

Each public school building within a school district is required to have a Feeder School IRN on the Yearend Building Record. This is the IRN of the building in the district where the majority of students will be sent when they complete the highest grade level of the building they are currently attending. If the building has more than one Feeder School option (i.e., it sends its finishing students to several other buildings), then the Feeder School to which the majority or greatest number of students are sent must be designated as the primary Feeder School. A designation of no Feeder School, or "******" (i.e., not applicable), is valid for high schools, community schools, and certain other schools with students enrolled in 12th grade or otherwise having no feeder pattern. Districts are responsible for designating the appropriate Feeder Schools for all of their buildings on the Yearend Building Records in EMIS.

Feeder School assignments are used only when necessary, which is whenever a building does not have sufficient test data to meet minimum group size requirements (i.e., at least 30 total results in the All Students subgroup) over a two-year period, in reading and in mathematics. This situation occurs most frequently in schools that have no tested grades (e.g., grade K-2 elementary schools) and in small schools that have relatively few students in the AYP tested grades. In a case like this, ODE uses the Feeder School IRN to apply both the AYP determination and the School Improvement status to the building with insufficient test data. Thus, the designated Feeder School must have sufficient data in its tested grades to be evaluated for AYP. If it does not, the next highest grade-level school with sufficient test data should be designated as the Feeder School. Please note that Feeder School assignments are used only to apply an appropriate AYP determination and School Improvement status to a building; components of the state accountability system (e.g., state rating) are not affected by Feeder School assignments.

ODE reviews the accuracy and feasibility of all Feeder School assignments. After each week of preliminary Local Report Card data processing, cases where a valid Feeder School IRN is needed are identified, EMIS Feeder School assignments are reviewed for correctness and applicability, and potential Feeder School IRN overrides are identified whenever the Feeder School IRN is unspecified or appears to be incorrect. A list of all buildings needing Feeder School AYP determinations/School Improvement statuses, as well as all buildings possibly needing Feeder School IRN overrides, is posted weekly under the "Important Announcements" link in the AYP 2011 Web site.

After the final EMIS data submissions are processed, any remaining buildings with Feeder School IRNs that have not been fixed in EMIS are assigned Feeder School IRNs that override the incorrectly specified Feeder School IRNs and provide the final AYP determinations and School Improvement statuses for these buildings. In cases like these, the Feeder School IRN overrides effectively become the actual Feeder School IRNs, with the AYP determinations and School Improvement statuses shown in the final version of the AYP 2011 Web site. If no Feeder School IRN overrides are necessary, as occurs in most cases, the Feeder School IRNs specified in EMIS are used to assign the final AYP determinations and School Improvement statuses for the applicable buildings.