

Public Education Information Management System or PEIMS

Public Education Information Management System or PEIMS is a state-wide data management system for public school information in the State of Texas. One of the basic goals of PEIMS, as adopted by the State Board of Education in 1986, is to improve education practices of local school districts. PEIMS is a major improvement over paper reports.

School districts submit their data in a standardized electronic format. The data collection is defined in an annual publication, the PEIMS Data Standards which is available on the Texas Education Agency or TEA Website. Technical support for gathering the data from district databases is supplied by one of the twenty educational service centers (ESCs) or by private vendors. A software system of standard edits is used to enhance the quality of district data submissions. Currently, the major categories of data collected are: organization data; budget data; actual financial data; staff data; student demographic and program participation data; student attendance and course completion data; retention and "school leaver" information (graduates, dropouts, etc).

As a CTE teacher your role in ensuring that your district submits accurate PEIMS-related data includes:

1. Figuring out who the designated official in charge of collecting and entering PEIMS data in your department.
2. Maintaining attendance records for your students.
3. Tracking course completions and fulfillment of graduation requirements.
4. Monitoring transfers and drop-out rates.
5. Recognizing that records need to be maintained on several special populations. According to Perkins legislation the special populations in your classes include; students with disabilities, English language learners, single parents including single pregnant women and students preparing for non-traditional employment.

Why is this information important for you to know?

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) uses the PEIMS data to record how federal and state educational program funds are spent. When data is inaccurate either because of under-reporting or lack of reporting TEA's allocation of funds will be affected. School districts may not receive the monies they require for successful implementation of CTE programs.

For more information about the PEIMS system visit the Texas Education Agency website.

Suggestions for parents:

While reporting to the Public Education Information Management System is the responsibility of the school district you as parents play a very important role. With your help teachers can guarantee that the school district reports are accurate and that funding for your child's programs is maintained.

1. Encourage and ensure that your child gets to school on time.
2. Help them maintain regular attendance.
3. As they get closer to graduation find out what the requirements are and check to ensure that your child meets all the criteria.
4. Meet regularly with teachers to jointly monitor your child's progress.