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Utah STATE OFFICE of Education

USOE State Longitudinal Data System

GENERAL INFORMATION

- The Statewide Longitudinal Data System allows Utah to continue efforts to provide schools and districts with necessary data to inform instruction and ensure every student receives the most appropriate education possible.
- The Utah State Office of Education (USOE) has had a student level data warehouse since 1998.
- The USOE has reported aggregate data to the federal government since the 1970s.
- **The Common Core Standards do not contain requirements related to data collection or data reporting. The Common Core Standards have no impact on data collection or reporting.**
- **The new computer adaptive assessment system (SAGE) will not change any of the data that are collected or reported.**
- The USOE collects a variety of information on Utah students, including such things as name, date of birth, race/ethnicity, gender, special education, performance on state assessments, status related to English language proficiency, students who qualify for free/reduced priced meals, grades, credits, enrollment dates, school and district.
- The USOE **DOES NOT** collect information on political affiliations or beliefs; sexual behavior or attitudes; religious practices, psychological or behavior testing, DNA, student address or e-mail, or income of the student or family.
- Required data reports are only provided in the aggregate, meaning only state, district, school and grade level data are provided. **Not student level data**. Note: For the Migrant Student Program (MSIX), when parental consent is given on the certificate of eligibility, student level data is submitted to the federal government.
- USOE uses industry standards for the collection, transfer, storage and reporting of data. All data are stored in secure, encrypted databases. USOE's Data Governance Plan includes policies and procedures that meet industry standard requirements for the security and protection of student level data. The USOE Data Governance Board reviews all research requests and approves only those requests that are appropriate and meet the requirements set by the Board of Education (R277–487).
- USOE received a federal grant in 2007 to develop a Utah Transcript Record Exchange (UTREx) that improved the secure electronic transport of data from the schools/districts to USOE and created a mechanism for electronic data to be transferred when a student moves from one district to the next. This was not "Race to the Top" money and has no connection to the Common Core.
- USOE received a federal grant in 2010 to develop the Utah Data Alliance (UDA). The UDA is a multi-agency partnership that facilitates the reporting of longitudinal data from the Utah State Office of Education, Utah System of Higher Education, Utah College of Applied Technology and the Utah Department of Workforce Services. This data partnership facilitates the reporting of data such as the Governor's goal of 66% of Utah residents to hold a postsecondary degree or certificate by the year 2020. The federal grant was ARRA (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act) money. This was not "Race to the Top" money and has no connection to the Common Core.

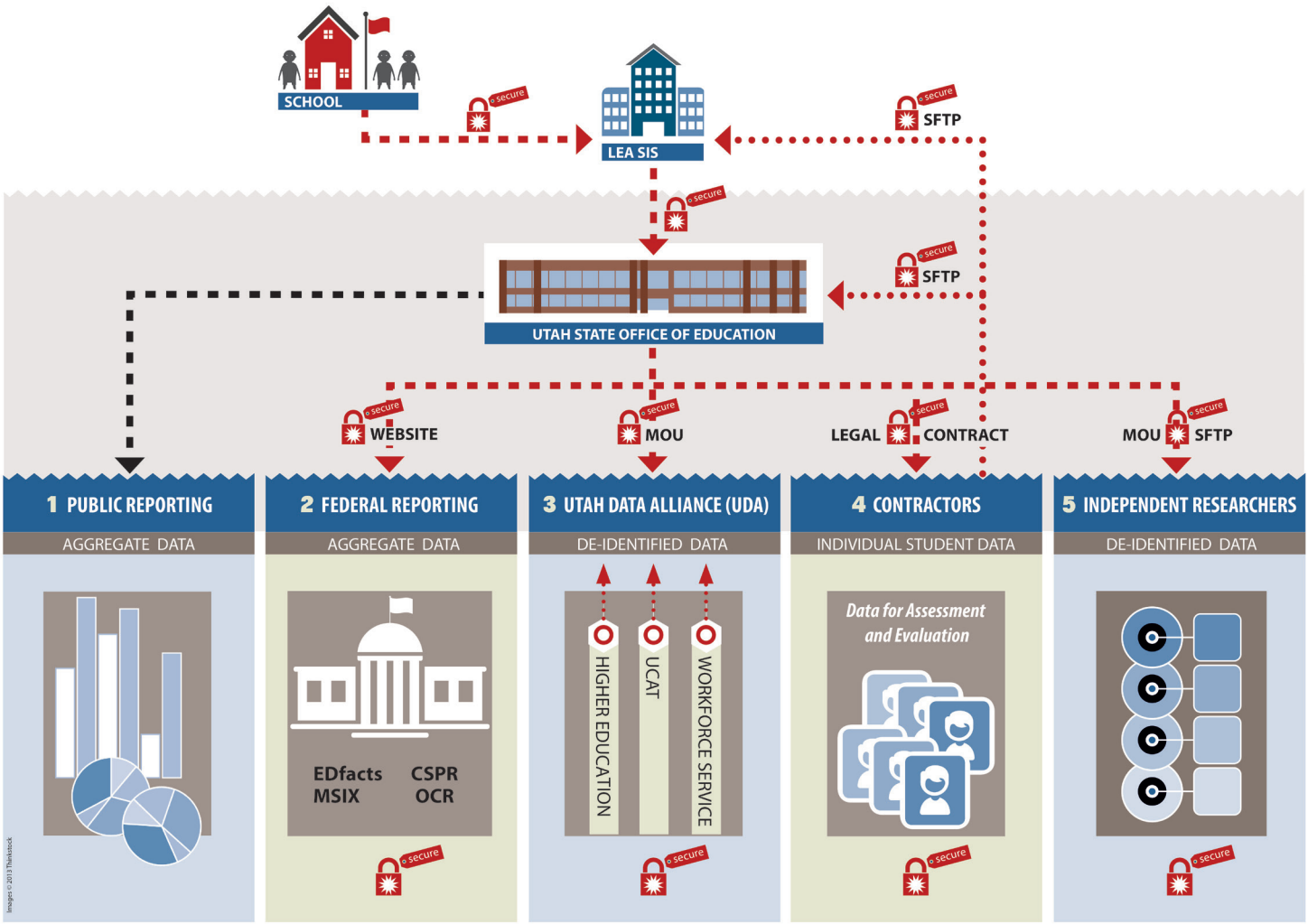
Detailed information about the data collected and reported at USOE is available on the USOE website

http://www.schools.utah.gov/computerservices/Services/Data-Clearinghouse/Data_Clearinghouse_Update_Transactions_20130123.aspx

http://www.schools.utah.gov/warehouse/Specifications/Warehouse-Data-Dictionary.aspx

http://www2.ed.gov/about/inits/ed/edfacts/index.html

WHO GETS THE DATA? HOW IS IT PROTECTED? WHO USES IT?



TERM	DEFINITION
AGGREGATE	Elements of data combined to represent a group that is greater than 10 students
ASSESSMENT	State mandated assessments such as Criterion-Referenced Tests (CRTs)
LEGAL CONTRACT	This must be signed before any data can be shared with a contractor
CONTRACTOR	A company or person with a formal contract with USOE to do a specific job
CSPR	Consolidated State Performance Report
DE-IDENTIFIED	Data that has been adjusted to prevent the identification of a student
EDFACTS	U. S. Department of Education data collection system for data required by federal law
INDEPENDENT RESEARCHERS	Researchers associated with a university or private company requesting data for purposes of conducting research
LEA	Local Education Agency
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MSIX	Migrant Student Information Exchange —includes some student level data
OCR	Office for Civil Rights
SFTP	Secure File Transfer Protocol; the secure, encrypted transfer of data files
SIS	Student Information System; the technology that each LEA/school uses to collect student data
UCAT	Utah College of Applied Technology
UTAH DATA ALLIANCE (UDA)	A multi-agency partnership that facilitates the reporting of longitudinal data from the USOE, Utah System of Higher Education, UCAT and the DWS
UTAH STATE OFFICE OF EDUCATION	The State Office of Education (USOE) is responsible for the collection, storage and report ing of data
UTREX	Utah Record Exchange; the technology for LEAs to securely transfer data to USOE
WORKFORCE SERVICE	Department of Workforce Services (DWS)