## **Definition of a School from a Data Perspective**

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## A school:

- (a) is an entity in the CACTUS database
- (b) which has a three-digit "school" number and
- (c) is subordinate to the jurisdiction of another entity in CACTUS which has a two-digit "district" number
- (d) such that the two-digit district number and the three-digit school number together uniquely identify the school and
- (e) if the school is open (as opposed to temporarily inactive or closed) there must also be linked to the five-digit unique school identifier
  - (1) S1 (Student) and AM (Course Membership) records for students in the July 15 Clearinghouse file and
  - (2) assignment records in the CACTUS database for educators identified in the AC (Course Master) records to which the AM records of the same students are linked and
  - (3) answer documents (or test scores) for the same students submitted as part of state mandated assessment programs.