Minnesota Department of Education

Minnesota Early Indicator and Response System (MEIRS)

Definitions of MEIRS Variables Used to Screen for Students At Risk of Not Completing School In Four Years

Variable	For Students Starting Grade 6	For Students Starting Grade 9
Math	The student received a "D" achievement level (does not meet standards) on at least one mathematics state accountability test in 3rd - 5th grades	The student received a "D" achievement level (does not meet standards) on at least one mathematics state accountability test in 6th-8th grades
Reading	The student received a "D" achievement level (does not meet standards) on at least one reading state accountability test in 3rd - 5th grades	The student received a "D" achievement level (does not meet standards) on at least one reading state accountability test in 6th-8th grades
Multiple Enrollments	The student attended more than one school in the same fiscal year in 3rd-5th grades, excluding dual enrollment and summer school	The student attended more than one school in the same fiscal year in 6th-8th grade, excluding dual enrollment and summer school
Suspension/Expulsion	The student was suspended (in school or out), expelled or excluded at least once in 3rd-5th grades	The student was suspended (in school or out), expelled, or excluded at least once in 6th-8th grades
Attendance	The average of the proportion of NCLB average daily attendance days/ NCLB daily membership days for the number of fiscal years the student was enrolled in 3rd-5th grades. If the student had less than an average of 85% attendance he/she was considered at risk for this variable.	The average of the proportion of NCLB average daily attendance days/ NCLB daily membership days for the number of fiscal years the student was enrolled in 6th-8th grades. If the student had less than an average of 85% attendance he/she was considered at risk for this variable.

Demographics	For Students Starting Grade 6	For Students Starting Grade 9
English Learner	The student was identified as receiving English Learner Services anytime in their 3rd-5th grade enrollment records	The student was identified as receiving English Learner Services anytime in their 6th-8th grade enrollment records
Free and Reduced-Price Lunch	The student was identified as receiving free/reduced price	The student was identified as receiving free/reduced price

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Special Education Status	The student was identified as receiving special education services anytime in their 3rd-5th grade enrollment records	The student was identified as receiving special education services anytime in their 6th-8th grade enrollment records
Migrant	The student was identified as a migrant anytime in their 3rd-5th grade enrollment records	The student was identified as a migrant anytime in their 6th-8th grade enrollment records
Homeless	Not Available	The student was identified as experiencing homelessness anytime in their 6th-8th grade enrollment records

Note: All information on variables was gathered from Minnesota Automated Reporting Student System (MARSS) except for suspension/expulsion which was gathered from the Disciplinary Incident Reporting System (DIRS) and the accountability test variables which came from MDE's Assessment data.

State Accountability Test Scores could include: MCA-II, MCA-III, MOD-III, MTAS, MTAS-III, MTELL.

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