



## Highly Mobile Students

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### Definitions and Reports

#### Introduction:

Nebraska statute 79- 760.05 requires a statewide system for tracking individual student achievement by specific student demographic characteristics. One of the student characteristics listed in the statute is high mobility. The demographic characteristic of high mobility is not defined in state statute or federal reporting requirement. The Department developed a definition for the student characteristic of high mobility and determined the data used to identify students with the characteristic. In addition the statute requires the Department to annually analyze and report on student achievement for the state, each school district, and each learning community aggregated by student demographic characteristics. One of the reporting characteristics identified in the statute is high mobility.

Student achievement for students who are highly mobile will be reported annually as part of the State of the Schools report and will be included in the information displayed in the Data Reporting System. For purposes of identifying students who are highly mobile, data concerning student enrollment will be extracted from information submitted by school district to the Department using NSSRS student enrollment templates. School enrollment data for individual students will consider only information from the official enrollment day (last Friday in September) until the end of the regular school year.

#### Definition:

**Highly Mobile Student:** Any student who enrolls in two or more public schools during an academic year. If a student's initial public school enrollment for the year is after the State's official membership day (last Friday in September), it is assumed that this enrollment represents the second public school enrollment occurrence for the school year.

**Highly Mobile Rate:** The Highly mobile rate is calculated by determining the total number of highly mobile students during an academic school year at the district or state, divided by the total number of students served by the district or state, respectively.

**Subgroups for highly mobile students in the reports:**

- Intra-state transfers: Students enrolled in two or more Nebraska public schools during an academic school year. This includes two or more public schools within the same district.
- First time entrees: Students enrolled in a Nebraska public school for the first time after the State's official membership day (last Friday in September).
- Re-enrollees: Students enrolled in a Nebraska public school during any previous school year that were not enrolled in any public school on the State's official membership day for the current school year but were enrolled after the State's official membership day.

**Considerations Relating to Part Time Students**

Students will be identified as highly mobile only if they meet the definition of highly mobile, are enrolled in a public school, and have a full time equivalency in the public school of 51% or greater. If the student meets the definition of highly mobile but is enrolled in a public school for less than 51% of the time the student will not be identified as highly mobile. However if the student is enrolled in any public school 51 percent or a greater amount of the time the student will be included in the list of highly mobile if the student meets the definition of highly mobile students.

This clarification regarding a part time student is included so that the definition of a highly mobile student will not identify a student who is enrolled in both a non public or home school and a public school if the enrollment in the public school is less than 51 percent of the time.

**Reports provided to school districts:**

Unduplicated list of all students, in kindergarten through grade 12, considered to be highly mobile reported at the district and school building level and school level reports that identify students by (a) intra-state transfers; (b) first time entrees; and (c) re-enrollees. No prekindergarten students will be included. The school level reports may contain duplicates as each student will be reported in each school where there is an enrollment record. The categories for the school level reports are:

- a) Intra-state transfers: All students who are in the state's Fall Membership for the current school year and all students with Enrollment Codes in the 100 series enrolled after the last Friday in September are included if they are enrolled in at least two schools during the academic school year.
- b) First time entrees: All students with Enrollment Codes of 101 (original entry) and 102 (transfer in) after the last Friday in September who are not in the state's Fall Membership of the current school year and were not found in the Student data in any previous year in Nebraska and were not part of the Intra-state transfers report.

- c) Re-enrollees: All students with Enrollment Codes in the 100 series entered after the last Friday in September who are not in the state's Fall Membership of the current school year, but were in the Student template in any previous year and are not part of the Intra-state transfers report.

The verification reports are available on the NSSRS validation web site for all school districts.