## **Teacher-Student-Data Link (TSDL)**

What is the purpose of TSDL?

TSDL is a data system that consists of records linking students and teachers within classes. To move away from collecting this information through sFTP and to streamline this process for all district staff, data will now be collected via a *single*, new online application.

How is TSDL used?

Data will be used for assessment pre-gridding, as well as for CVR teacher rosters and for EAGLE and will be collected at two points in the school year, September 2014 and January 2015.

What are the implications?

In order to support an online batch upload process, TSDL will leverage structure and formatting used in existing collection systems (i.e., SIS, PEP, etc.). Slight modifications to the previous layout are necessary to facilitate data upload. Details of those modifications can be found in the table below. The final TSDL layout can be found here.

| Field Name                   | Description                                | Modification   |
|------------------------------|--|--|
| System Indicator             | Must always be "TSD"                       | New field added to assist with file identification and align |
|                              |  | with other collection systems                                |
| LEA Code                     | LEA code assigned by LDOE                  | New field added to align with other collection systems       |
| Record Type Code             | Code indicating record type. Must by "010" | New field added to align with other collection systems       |
| Period, Grade, Ed            |  |  |
| Classification, Student LEP, | Code used to identify student or class     | Format change to accept 2 character length only              |
| Free/Reduced Lunch, SER      |  |  |
| Primary Exceptionality       |  |  |
| Student Date of Birth        | MMDDYYYY format                            | Date formatting change to align with format in SIS           |

TSDL Application Structure:

Files will be uploaded via a fixed width text format to the online application. A single record will be submitted representing each class in which a student is enrolled. Classes should be submitted for all grades and all subjects. Like SIS, the accepted file types are .txt and .zip (with .txt file inside).

Accessing TSDL:

District Security Coordinators can now assign users to the LEAs w/Update within the "TSD" system. In TAS, select a user who needs access. In the *Application Systems* section select *Manage* next to TSD. In the *Account Permissions for TSD* pane, click the radio button next to *LEAs w/Update*. Click *Save*.

## **Future Uses of TSDL data**

| Activity                                      | Data Collection Timeline  |
|---|---------------------------|
| December 2014 End-of-Course Test Pre-gridding | September 15-September 22 |
| DSC Kindergarten Readiness Assessment         | September 15-September 22 |
| Spring 2015 End of Course Test Pre-gridding   | January 2015              |
| CVR Teacher Roster Verification               | January 2015              |