

AIM User Guide:
**AIM Dropout, Graduate,
and Cohort Data
Validation and
Certification**

DATA COLLECTED IN THE OPI AIM INFINITE CAMPUS STUDENT SYSTEM IS USED IN FEDERAL OR STATE FORMULAS TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR MONTANA SCHOOLS. THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF STUDENT DATA BY THE DEADLINE DIRECTLY IMPACT FUNDING FOR ALL MONTANA SCHOOLS.

CITATIONS:

STATE REPORTING:

» [MCA20-7-104](#) TRANSPARENCY AND PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF PUBLIC SCHOOL PERFORMANCE DATA

US DEPT. OF ED REPORTING:

» [EDFacts: FS032](#) — Dropouts v14.4

» [EDFacts: FS150](#) — Adjusted-Cohort Graduation Rate v14.0

» [EDFacts: FS151](#) — Cohorts for Adjusted-Cohort Graduation Rate v14.0

» [EDFacts: FS040](#) — GRADUATES/COMPLETERS v15.1

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Within Infinite Campus, there are data *validation reports* (created by the OPI staff) for each dropout, graduate, and cohort data groups for either the ***secondary or primary user*** to check the data and fix errors before certifying the data. There are also data *certification events* (setup by the OPI staff) for each dropout, graduate, and cohort data groups for the ***primary user*** to submit the finalized data to the OPI by certifying it.

This guide describes 1) how to run validation reports and 2) how to certify the data to the OPI.

NOTE: Validation can begin at any time, however, the Certification process will not be available until October 1st of every year. Validation and Certification user setup can be done at any time.

NOTE: To remove a student from the cohort, a school or LEA must confirm, in writing, that the student transferred out, emigrated to another county, transferred to a prison or juvenile facility, or is deceased. To confirm that a student transferred out, the school or LEA must have official written documentation that the student enrolled in another school or in an educational program that culminates in the award of a regular high school diploma. A student who is retained in grade, enrolls in a GED program, or leaves school for any other reason, may not be counted as having transferred out for the purpose of calculating graduation rate and must remain in the adjusted cohort.
(ESEA sections 1111(h)(1)(C)(iii)(II) and 8101(23), (25) (20 USC 6311(h)(1)(C)(iii)(II) and 7801(23), (25))).

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Data Checklist:

- ___ Enter End Date and End Status for withdrawn students. (Exit Scenarios Guide and/or Enrollment End Status Codes.)

- ___ Verify status of MT Youth Challenge, Job Corps and Montana Digital Academy students and End Date enrollment as necessary. (MT Programs: Job Corps & MTDA and/or MT Programs: Youth Challenge)

- ___ Validate the data by running the dropout, graduate, and cohort data validation reports to check/validate the data (done by the secondary user with access to the 'data validation' user group).

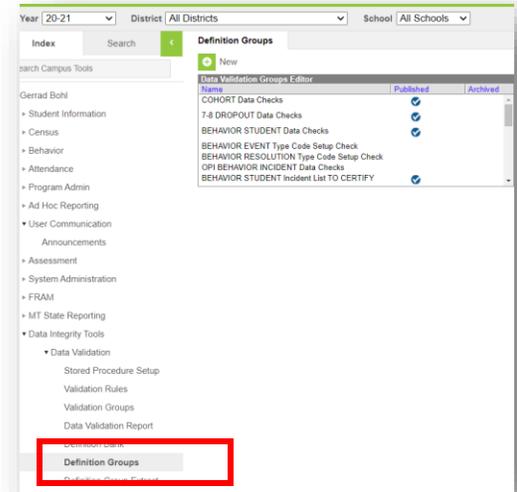
- ___ Fix any data issues found in data validation reports.

- ___ Certify the data by running dropout, graduate, and cohort data certification reports to view the finalized data and certify it to the OPI (done by the primary user with access to the 'data certification' user group).

STEP 1: **SECONDARY USERS:** HOW TO VIEW AND CHECK DATA IN INFINITE CAMPUS VALIDATION REPORTS

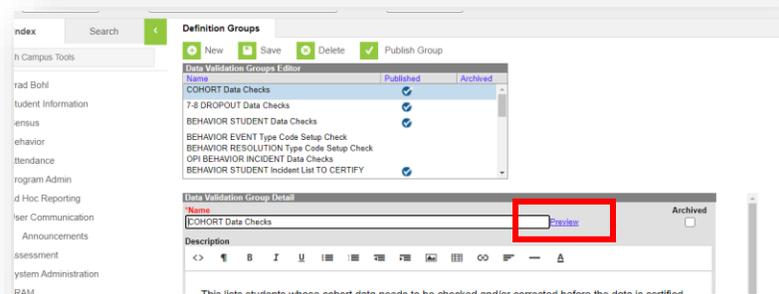
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1. Choose the **PREVIOUS SCHOOL** year at the top of the Infinite Campus screen.
2. Click on the **Index** tab. Select **Data Integrity Tools**.
3. Select **Data Validation**.
4. Click on **Definition Groups** (**Note:** Middle schools should only pay attention to the 7-8 Dropout reports.)
5. From the *Data Validation Groups Editor*, select the report you wish to view:



7-8 Dropout Data Checks	This report has one possible list of students whose data may need to be fixed: student was marked as a dropout but have since returned.
7-8 Dropout List and Counts- to Certify	This list contains students who are dropouts by school, grade, last name and first name. After this list is reviewed and verified to be correct, it will need to be certified as final list of dropout students.
9-12 Dropout Data Checks	This report has one possible list of students whose data may need to be fixed: student was marked as a dropout but have since returned.
9-12 Dropout List and Counts - to Certify	This list contains students who are dropouts by school, grade, last name and first name. After this list is reviewed and verified to be correct, it will need to be certified as the final list of dropout students.
Graduate Data Checks	This report possibly has multiple lists of students whose data may need to be fixed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduates that are not grade level 12 • Graduates excluded as foreign exchange • Graduates missing diploma information
Graduate List and Counts - to Certify	This list contains students who are graduates by school, last name, first name. After this list is reviewed and verified to be correct, it will need to be Certified as the final list of graduate students.
Cohort Data Checks	This report has possible list of students whose data may need to be fixed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students missing their 'Date first entered 9th Grade' on the graduation tab.
Cohort List and Counts - to Certify	This includes four lists and counts of: Cohorts on Time Graduates, Cohort Dropouts, Cohort Transferred Out, Cohort Still Enrolled and will need to be certified as the final (count) of cohort student list.

6. Select **Preview** next to the **Name** field to review the report. A pop-up window will appear with the report.
7. Review the report and correct any errors you may find in the data. When the errors have been fixed, notify the Primary member (person who will be certifying data) for your district that the data has been checked. Let them know the data is accurate and ready to be certified for the OPI to use for state reporting.
8. Repeat this process for each report as necessary in the Data Validation Groups Editor list.

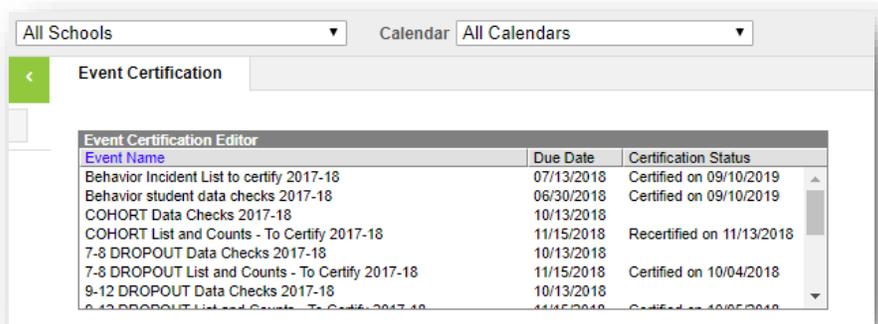


STEP 2: **Primary Users:** How to Check and Certify Dropout, Graduate, & Cohort Data in Infinite Campus Certification Module

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The final certification process can be done after the data errors are fixed and the certifying staff has been notified that the data has been checked, verified, is accurate and ready to be certified for the OPI to use for state reporting. **NOTE: The Certification process is not available until the 1st of October every year.**

1. Choose the **PREVIOUS SCHOOL year** at the top of the screen in Infinite Campus.
2. Click on the **Index** tab. Select **Data Integrity Tools**.
3. Select **Data Certification**.
4. Select **Event Certification**. (*Note:* Middle schools will only see the 7-8 Dropout events.)
5. Scroll down until you come to the previous year's events. Click on the event name from the *Event Certification Editor* to certify the data. The chart below helps to identify events that will likely need certifying.

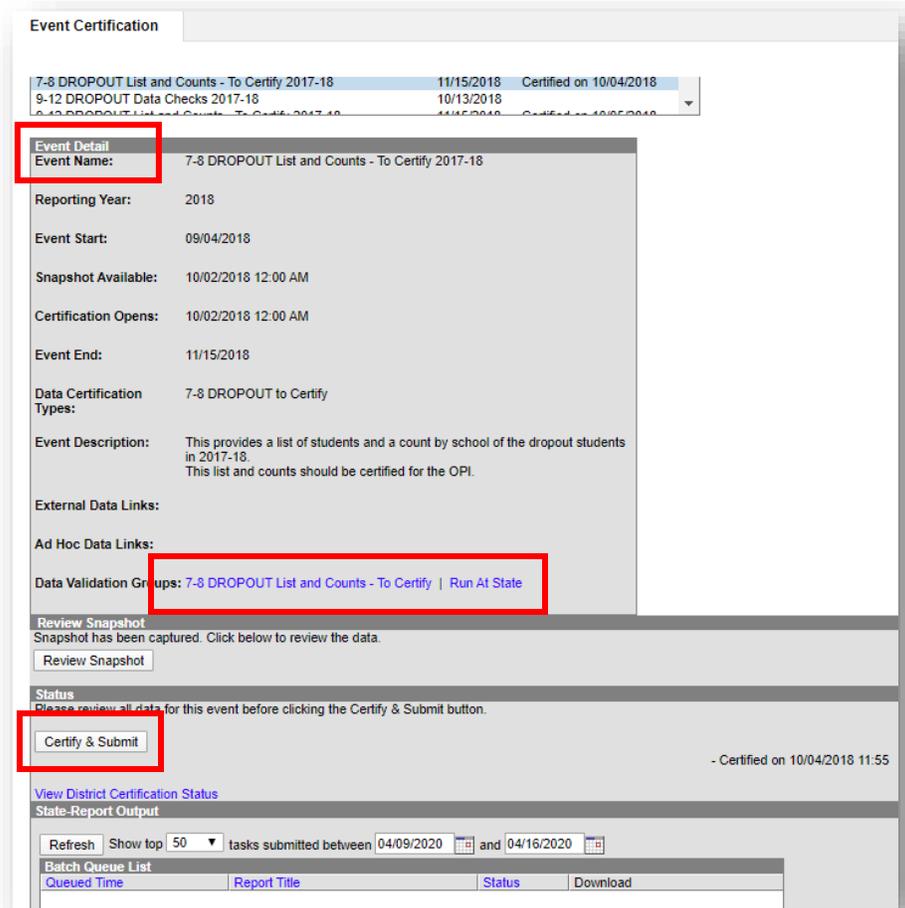


7-8 Dropout List and Count - to Certify	<i>Middle Schools Only</i>	This list contains students who are dropouts by school, grade, last name and first name. After this count and list is reviewed and verified to be correct, it will need to be certified as a final list of dropout students.
9-12 Dropout List and Count - to Certify	<i>High Schools Only</i>	This list contains students who are dropouts by school, grade, last name and first name. After this count and list is reviewed and verified to be correct, it will need to be certified as a final list of dropout students.
Graduate List and Count - to Certify	<i>High Schools Only</i>	This list contains students who have graduated (excludes foreign exchange). This list is sorted by School, last name, first name. After this count and list is reviewed and verified to be correct, it will need to be certified as a final list of graduate students.
Cohort List and Counts to Certify	<i>High Schools Only</i>	This contains the following lists: Cohort on Time Graduates, Cohort Dropouts, Cohort Transferred Out, Cohort Still Enrolled. After these counts and lists are reviewed and verified to be correct, they will need to be certified as final lists of Cohort students.

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- After selecting the event, the *Event Detail* portion of the screen will appear. Look for the blue link next to the label **Data Validation Groups**. **Note:** *The label will match the event you clicked on, such as 'Dropout List to Certify' or 'Dropout data checks'.*
- Click on the blue link with the label of the event you selected, to review the student data that is stored in your districts' local Infinite Campus system.

Note: There is also a blue link to the right called **Run At State**. This will process the report and put it into a batch queue list. When complete and ready to view, it will show the student data that is stored at the state level of Infinite Campus. This should be the same list as the report showing student data that is stored in your districts' local Infinite Campus system. If the lists are not the same, please call the AIM help desk.



- Once the data has been reviewed and is confirmed as complete and accurate, then under the *Status* section of the screen, click on **Certify and Submit** button. A message will appear that your information has been submitted. **NOTE:** The OPI will check all certified reports for incomplete or inaccurate data and will *un-certify* the report if any are found. The district will need to make the necessary changes and then re-certify the report to the state.

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