# Teacher-Student Linkages Data Set

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## Executive Summary

PDE created the *optional* **Teacher-Student Linkages** data set in the School Year 24-25 to allow LEAs to report teacher-student connections to facilitate pre-population of PVAAS custom student reports (a teacher's currently enrolled students with their longitudinal, state and local assessment student-level data, as well as PVAAS student-level projections). The submission of this new data set will ease the administrative burden in creating custom student reports. Furthermore, these reports will grant teachers access to their current students' data, including historical assessment data and PVAAS projections to future assessments. Data will follow students across schools, LEAs/Districts, and school years. LEAs should report data as completely and accurately as possible to PIMS.

# PIMS Teacher-Student Linkages

## Who Must Report
The target audiences for the *Teacher-Specific Linkages* collection are LEAs/school districts, intermediate units, charter schools, and both comprehensive and occupational career and technical centers (CTC). However, all LEA types are welcome to use the extensive range of PVAAS reporting, so this data set is available for submission by all public LEAs.

## What Must Be Reported
The core of this data set comes from one PIMS template: *Staff Student Subtest Template for Teacher-Student Linkages* and references several other PIMS templates for contextual and administrative data. The template is named 'Staff Student Subtest Template for Teacher-Student Linkages' to distinguish it from the 'Staff Student Subtest Template for Act 13 Educator Effectiveness.'

## Teacher-Student Linkages Template
The specification for the *Teacher-Student Linkages* template is in the Student Domain of the ***PIMS Manual Vol. 1 (Staff Student Subtest Template for Teacher-Student Linkages).*** The template should contain one record for each instructional relationship associated with the specific subtest identifier for the respective reporting period. Include instructional relationships for educators who would benefit from access to a comprehensive analysis of a student's historical assessment data and projections for future assessments. This may include classroom teachers, interventionists, and other educational groups providing targeted support to students needing additional assistance beyond the general curriculum. The department sends the relevant fields from this template to our partner for pre-population of custom student reports.

## Staff Template
The *Staff Template* contains a list of all professional-level positions and the people filling those positions in an LEA. The specification for this template is in the Staff Domain of the *PIMS Manual Vol. 1*. The template captures one person per record. The PPID field in the *Teacher-Student Linkages* template is validated against the Staff Template in the PIMS warehouse during the Extract, Transfer, and Load (ETL) phase of the PIMS upload process.

## Student Template
The *Student Template* contains a list of students and their relevant demographic information. The specification for this template is in the Student Domain of the *PIMS Manual Vol. 1*. The template captures one person per record. The PAsecureID field in the *Teacher-Student Linkages* template is validated against the Student Template in the PIMS warehouse during the Extract, Transfer, and Load (ETL) phase of the PIMS upload process.

**Collection Window**

The *optional* Teacher-Student Linkages data set will be collected twice a year: October and January. The Elementary/Secondary Data Collection Calendar will have details about the collection windows. See the [Appendices](#) section for a link to the calendar.

## Reports

### PIMSReportsV2

PIMSReportsV2 > Template Verification Reports > **Teacher-Student Linkages Template Details:** List of all records in the Teacher-Student Linkages template. This report can be run after each successful PIMS upload.

### PIMSReportsV2_Sandbox

The validation report related to this data set is in one PIMSReportsV2_Sandbox folder: Template Verification Reports.

## Appendices

### Appendix A – [PIMS Manuals and Calendar](#)

- **Elementary/Secondary Data Collection Calendar**

  Due dates for collection windows and Accuracy Certification Statements are available in the PIMS Elementary/Secondary Data Collection Calendar.

- **PIMS Manuals**

  Please reference these manuals for detailed information on the templates used to upload the Teacher-Student Linkages data to PIMS.

### Appendix B – Contact

- PIMS Application Support (Questions related to PIMS uploads): 1-800-661-2423.

- PVAAS Support Team (Questions related to PVAAS policy): [pdepvaas@iu13.org](mailto:pdepvaas@iu13.org).

- PIMS Data Collection Team (Other questions or concerns): [RA-DDQDataCollection@pa.gov](mailto:RA-DDQDataCollection@pa.gov).