



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



To: Superintendents of Districts Operating High Schools
From: Ajit Gopalakrishnan, Chief Performance Officer
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Subject: Connecticut Cohort Verification System (CCVS)

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) is launching the Connecticut Cohort Verification System (CCVS) – a new application to streamline the verification of adjusted cohort graduation data. This application will be accessible starting in October 2026. Unlike in prior years when information had to be submitted manually via email/spreadsheets, the CCVS will store all evidence within the application, significantly reducing back-and-forth email correspondence.

In preparation for this launch, the timeline for the verification of the cohort data is being modified. Please see the timeline below for the verification of the 2026 graduation cohort.

- **August – September 2026 Training and Setup:**
 - CSDE will introduce CCVS for Public School Information System (PSIS) coordinators as part of the annual PSIS training. The CSDE strongly recommends that PSIS coordinators be the primary contact for the CCVS. The primary contact will be responsible for verifying and correcting student data in PSIS (e.g., transfers, exits, and graduations) to ensure each student is correctly included in or excluded from the cohort. This ensures the accuracy of graduation cohort membership and subsequent graduation rate calculation. Other staff members can be designated as secondary contacts.
 - The LEA Security Manager within each district can provide access for the CCVS to the PSIS Coordinator(s) and any other staff as identified by the superintendent.
 - Additional details will be shared directly with the relevant district contacts.
REMINDER: As [stated previously](#), June graduates should be exited from PSIS by August 1 and summer graduates should be exited from PSIS by September 3.
- **October 2026 – Preview:** The CCVS will open and district staff can view the preliminary list of students in the 2026 graduation cohort. Districts should begin collecting the required documentation to support their requests for inclusion/exclusion of specific students from the cohort. No correction requests can be submitted during the preview period.
- **November 2 – December 15, 2026 – Verification and Correction Window:** Districts and schools can submit corrections, upload evidence, and finalize verification. **This will be the only verification and correction window.** For the 2026 graduation cohort only, superintendents and principals will receive a communication on November 2, 2026, containing their district- and school-adjusted cohort graduation rates report.

We appreciate your cooperation and support to ensure timely and accurate verification of cohort graduation data. Considering this more efficient process, the CSDE expects that going forward, cohort graduation rates will be reported publicly earlier than in prior years. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Francis Apaloo at francis.apaloo@ct.gov.