

The School District Review Program (SDRP)

What is the SDRP?

The SDRP allows state officials the opportunity to review the U.S. Census Bureau's school district information. Every year, states can provide updates and corrections to our database of federal School District Local Education Agency (SDLEA) ID numbers, school district names, boundaries, levels, and grade ranges. The SDRP is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics.



How does the SDRP benefit you?

Accurate district boundaries are vital to allocating federal funding for schools. Along with Census Bureau data on income and population, these boundaries are used to estimate the number of school-aged

children (aged 5-17) in low-income families in each school district. The U.S. Department of Education uses these estimates to allocate more than \$14 billion in Title I funding annually.

Accurate boundaries are vital to estimate the number of children aged 5 through 17 in families in poverty in each school district.

Your participation in the SDRP helps the Census Bureau continue to produce accurate data estimates, which directly affect the quality of life in your schools.



The U.S. Department of Education allocates more than \$14 billion in Title I funding annually based primarily on the estimates produced by the Census Bureau.

Schedule

September 2020: The Census Bureau mails the SDRP response packet to each designated mapping coordinator to begin their review.

October 2020: The Census Bureau provides a free training webinar on responding to the SDRP for mapping coordinators.

December 31, 2020: Deadline to submit annotated school district changes.

April 2021: The Census Bureau provides revised school district boundary information to each mapping coordinator for verification.

December 2021: The Census Bureau releases preliminary poverty estimates based on the updated school district information.

Contact Information

For information and materials about the SDRP, visit us at www.census.gov/programs-surveys/sdrp.html, or contact us at geo.school@census.gov or 301-763-1099.

If you have questions about the school districts in your state, contact your state's mapping coordinator.

Who participates in the SDRP?

Each state and the District of Columbia designate a mapping coordinator to be the Census Bureau's primary liaison for the SDRP. The mapping coordinator collects updates from local school district officials and ensures that submissions are completed within the SDRP's timeframe.



Responding to the SDRP is easy.

The Census Bureau provides two free, user-friendly ways for the mapping coordinator to respond to the SDRP. The method the mapping coordinator uses to respond will depend on the type of school district changes.

- The **submission log** is an easy-to-use spreadsheet that you can fill out and return to the Census Bureau.
- The **Geographic Update Partnership Software (GUPS)** is a free, customized Geographic Information Systems (GIS) software. It was specifically developed for users of all GIS skill levels.



Preparing for the SDRP

The next SDRP will gather information on school district changes effective on or before January 1, 2021. School districts, state education officials, county planners, and state data centers can coordinate with the state mapping coordinator to ensure they have the most up-to-date information.

TIGERweb is a tool that mapping coordinators and local officials can use to review current Census Bureau school district boundaries. You can access TIGERweb at <https://tigerweb.geo.census.gov/tigerweb/>.

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