Using Data to Prepare for Back to School

One of the keys to a successful school year is collecting and analyzing data during preplanning. Knowing students’ data stories enables instructors to get a head-start on learning about their students.

Questions that SLDS can help to answer about new students:
• Are the students reading at grade level?
• Do I have students with a history of high absenteeism?
• How have the students performed on state and local assessments?
• What are the students’ growth percentiles on state assessments?
• What grades did the students earn in the past in the subjects I teach?
• What are the students’ demographics: Homeless, Foster Care, EL, Retained, Gifted, Migrant, Military, SST, or SWD?
• What is the withdrawal rate of the students?
• Have the students repeated grades?
• Which of the students need remediation or acceleration?

To learn how to answer these questions and more, click here.

Technical Updates

• ACCESS Spring 2022 Assessment data is now in SLDS.
• Operational Attendance data is available to administrators.

Professional Learning Events

Upcoming virtual webinars, in-person events, on-demand content, and by-request workshop opportunities are available at https://community.gadoe.org/events.

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SLDS data goes back to the 2006-2007 school year.

SLDS maintains a longitudinal data record for students enrolled in a Georgia public school for the past 15 years. The records include information such as state and local assessments. All of the data is exportable.

The SketchUp Pro licensing grant program for K-12 has officially ended.

You can now access [SketchUp for Schools](#) via the web.

Free Online Live Training Opportunities for Staff

The SLDS training team continues to provide live training on the Statewide Longitudinal Data System (SLDS). We have adapted to providing this training via an online meeting. Each session tailors the training to suit the audience in attendance and the allotted timeframe provided by the school or system-level personnel. All sessions are hands-on, so attendees should have computer access during the sessions. Once a training request arrives through email or the [Training Request Form](#), a GaDOE trainer will reach out to the requester to discuss training options to meet the school’s or system’s needs.

[Request SLDS Training for Staff](#)

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