



Student Privacy

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Some cells in pages of Idaho's K-12 Report Card that involve student data have been redacted to protect student privacy pursuant to the laws, regulations and rules in effect on the date each document page was created or subsequently updated.

Authority -- Idaho Code § 74-104(1), exempts from disclosure information or records specifically provided for exemption by state or federal law, including, at a minimum, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, at 20 U.S.C. § 1232g, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, at 20 U.S.C. § 1400, et seq., and their implementing regulations, including, but not limited to, 34 CFR Part 99 and 300, respectively, as well as the Idaho Student Data Accessibility, Transparency and Accountability Act of 2014, at Idaho Code § 33-133.

Under the authority contained in Idaho Code § 33-133(3)(b), responsibility for establishing rules for the protection of student privacy was granted to the State Board of Education (SBOE), which established the Data Management Council (DMC) to develop and monitor student privacy protection rules. The Report Card was redacted based on those SBOE or DMC rules, policies and procedures.

Rules -- In order to protect student privacy, the current rules require that we redact data in any cells of less than 5 students or where the difference between the total of one or more cells of categorical data is less than 5 of the total student population.

In addition, Data Management Council Policies and Procedures call for at least two cells to be redacted in most cases in order to prevent any cell required for redaction to be derived. Under DMC policy additional cells may be required to be redacted until the total of the exempt and therefore redacted aggregate data in a line or column equals 5 or more. Zero is considered a number.

The "Less than 5" rule was adopted by the State Board of Education on June 15, 2017. Prior to that, most data was redacted using a "Less than 10" rule, identical to the rules above but with a higher redaction threshold.

More information -- Some documents had additional rules specific to those documents that may have modified the basic rules. For more information about redaction policies and procedures, including the procedures contained in Idaho Code § 74-103(4) for objecting to any redactions, contact the State Department of Education's Communications Specialist for Public Records by calling the department at 332-6800.