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MSIX Success in a Texas High School

As a high school junior, Emmanuel moved from Riverview, Florida, to Baytown, Texas, during the Christmas holiday in December 2010. Since he arrived in Texas without any school records, his counselor, Cristina Richardson, had problems enrolling him in the proper grade level. Richardson met with Emmanuel and his mother, and verified that he was a migrant student. She contacted his previous school in Florida but could not get records even though she was communicating directly with the school registrar. Richardson then called the Educational Service Center in Region IV to obtain help in finding Emmanuel's school records. The Educational Service Center verified Emmanuel's Migrant Student Information Exchange (MSIX) information that he was a migrant student by accessing his MSIX consolidated record. The Texas Migrant Interstate Program (TMIP) office also verified that he was migrant, and provided his record to his high school in Florida which helped expedite the process.

Emmanuel was able to enroll in the 11th grade and finish his last semester in Texas. This lifted his spirits, his hopes and dreams, and helped him decide to stay in school and continue learning instead of dropping out of high school. Emmanuel subsequently graduated from high school in Texas.

Currently, Emmanuel is attending junior college and is part of the student ambassador program. His parents are extremely proud—he is the oldest of five children and the first in the family to attend college. This success story would not have been possible without the information listed within MSIX and the knowledgeable staff who had access to this important student information, which helped Emmanuel succeed!

We thank Cristina Richardson, migrant counselor at Goose Creek CISD in Baytown, Texas, for this month's contribution.

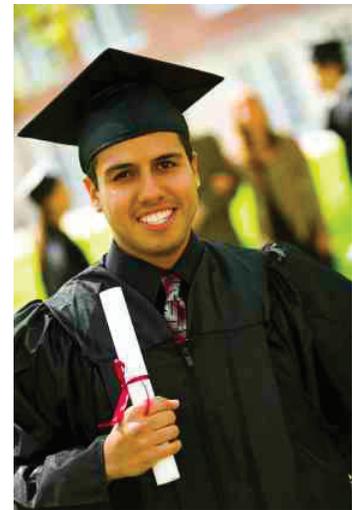


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We would love to hear from you.

Please contact us at reactshelp@ed.gov.



This Quarter's New MSIX Features Highlight—Release 3.15

New Features with Release 3.15

The MSIX Team released three new functional enhancements on May 14, 2012. These new enhancements, related to the student move and worklist notifications, will help promote a more efficient exchange of records across states, while still protecting sensitive student information. A document describing specific details associated with these changes is available in the Release Notes section of the Trainers' Corner on the MSIX website (<https://msix.ed.gov/msix/training.html>). The following sections provide additional information on the new functionality.

State Student ID Link Removed from Search Results Page

Have you ever searched for a particular student in MSIX and realized that all the information for that student was not present? This was because the information displayed in the Consolidated Student Record View was dependent upon which link you clicked from the Search Results page. If you clicked on the State Student ID, only data submitted by that state would be included. If you clicked on the MSIX ID, consolidated data from all of the states would be included.

With the release of version 3.15, the data displayed on the consolidated record will be consistent. The State Student ID link has been removed from the Student Search Results page. Now, when the Consolidated Student Record is viewed, it will always show all enrollments, assessments, and course history data submitted from all states for the student. If you wish to view the demographics, enrollments, assessments, and course history for just one state's record, this can still be done through the "historical student record view" and expanding the data for a specific state.

Student Move Notifications Updated

This enhancement allows student move notifications to be more informative while displaying a minimum amount of student information. The move notifications will now include: (1) the student's MSIX ID; (2) the first three letters of the student's last name; (3) user-selected move information; and (4) the sender's contact information and comments.

The comment box in the move notification is a great way to help direct the student's information to the right people! If the school district is unknown, include the city or town the student is moving to in the comment box to ensure that notification is sent to the appropriate person.

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Worklist Notifications—More Preferences

Do you ever receive so many worklist notifications in one day that you cannot keep track of them all? Data administrators now have the option of receiving their worklist notifications: (1) as they happen; (2) once per day in a consolidated format; or (3) not at all. If a user selects option 2, all worklist notifications created in a day will be sent to the data administrator the following morning in one consolidated email. The daily notification will only include those worklists still pertinent at the time the notification is sent. This means that any worklists resolved or reassigned by a user throughout the day will not be included in the daily morning notification.

To change your worklist notification preference, access the My Account Page (via the link in the top right navigation pane of the MSIX Homepage). From the My Account Page, choose the second option under worklist email notification preferences (“I want to receive one email a day with all the worklist notifications”), and save the changes. The consolidated notification preference is meant for data administrators who receive a large number of worklist notifications a day, but any data administrator can take advantage of the enhancement.

With this enhancement, MSIX also altered the student information contained in the worklist notifications (real-time or consolidated) to only include the information necessary to resolve the worklist. Worklist notifications will include only the student's last name and worklist ID.

Do not forget, data administrators can view current or old worklist items assigned to themselves or other data administrators in their state through the Worklist History Search. The Worklist History also includes details of a worklist, including users' comments, and can be accessed via the Worklist History Search link in a user's Worklist page.



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What MSIX Can Do When Everyone Does Their Part

As a records clerk for the Western Regional Office of the Kentucky Migrant Education Program, Cindy Sasser serves as the region's MSIX data administrator. In April, a migrant student withdrew from the MEP district program in Christian County, Ky. Jan Heltsley, the district advocate, indicated on the individual's withdrawal form that the student was moving to Weld High School in Keensburg, Colo.

With this information, Sasser was able to log in MSIX and use the email notification to send an alert ahead to Colorado that the student was moving to their area. Brenda Meyer, the data administrator for Colorado, received the notification. She then passed it on to the appropriate district level person, Becky Flores, who contacted Sasser for the certificate of eligibility to qualify the student on remaining eligibility from the Kentucky move. All of this happened in a relatively short timeframe.

This whole process was exciting for Sasser because it was the first time she had seen an MSIX notification run its course. However, none of it would have been possible without each individual following through and doing his or her part, from the advocate who filled out the information on the withdrawal form, to all of the data specialists in between, and finally to the recruiter in Colorado who made the placement. It shows MSIX works and, most importantly, that this student will continue to be served.

We thank Cindy Sasser, records clerk for the Western Region Office, of the Western Kentucky Regional Migrant Education Program, for this contribution.

Future Newsletters

You are on the Office of Migrant Education distribution list to receive this newsletter on a quarterly basis.

We would love to hear your MSIX stories, challenges, and advice, and include these in future issues.

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Thank you for your continued support of the Migrant Records Exchange Initiative and MSIX. We look forward to serving you.

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