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NSLDS ENROLLMENT REPORTING APPROVED THROUGH PESC
AS EDUCATION COMMUNITY DATA STANDARD
PESC’s Development & Approval Process Ensures Consistency, Transparency

(Washington, D.C.) – The Board of Directors of PESC - the Postsecondary Electronic Standards Council is pleased to announce the release of an Enrollment Reporting XML data standard for the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) approved through PESC’s development, approval & maintenance process. This new Enrollment Reporting XML data standard will be allowable for use in reporting enrollment information to NSLDS starting in Summer 2012 with a date to be published by Federal Student Aid (FSA). All supporting standards documentation will be made freely available within 30 days at http://www.PESC.org.

PESC’s development, approval & maintenance process is lead by a diverse constituency of technical and non-technical stakeholders and managed by PESC’s Standards Forum for Education, comprised of the Change Control Board (CCB), Technical Advisory Board (TAB), Steering Committee and development workgroups. The entire process is documented and available online at www.PESC.org as PESC’s Policies and Procedures Manual v 1.0, comprised of PESC’s Guidelines for Data Modeling and XML Architecture and the User Guide to the XML Registry and Repository for the Education Community. The Seal of Approval program, just recently released by PESC, allows implementers the opportunity to communicate to all education stakeholders that its implementation of a PESC Approved Standard was implemented and functions appropriately and according to the spirit and purpose to how the standard was developed and intended to be used.

PESC members approving NSLDS Enrollment Reporting:

- AACRAO
- ACT
- College Board
- ConnectEDU
- Florida International University
- Kuali Foundation
- National Student Clearinghouse
- SCRIP-SAFE International
- University of Denver
- University of Louisiana at Lafayette
- University of Oklahoma
- AcademyOne
- Central Connecticut State University
- Common Application
- Datatel + SGHE
- Georgetown University
- NASLA
- Oracle
- Smart Catalog
- University of Illinois System
- University of Northern Iowa
- University of Oregon
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**About Enrollment Reporting**

Since the passage of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, institutions have been required to confirm and report the enrollment status of attending students who receive Federal loans. This process is called Enrollment Reporting (formerly the Student Status Confirmation Report (SSCR)). Schools report the enrollment status of students receiving Title IV aid to the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) and this enrollment information is merged to the NSLDS database and reported to the guarantors, lenders, and servicers of student loans.

Because a student’s enrollment status determines deferment eligibility, grace periods, and repayment schedules, as well as the government’s payment of interest subsidies, Enrollment Reporting is critical for effective administration of Title IV loans. Enrollment Reporting is the primary means of verifying students’ loan privileges and the Federal government’s financial obligations.

In 1996, the U.S. Department of Education (ED) began using NSLDS to track the enrollment of all student loan borrowers. ED has incorporated Enrollment Reporting into NSLDS to centralize and fully automate the enrollment verification system. The Enrollment Reporting process benefits the entire student loan community: students, schools, Guaranty Agencies (GAs), the Direct Loan servicer, loan holders and ED.

**About PESC**

Established in 1997 at the National Center for Higher Education and located in Washington, D.C., the Postsecondary Electronic Standards Council (PESC) is a non-profit, community-based, 501 (c)(3) umbrella association of colleges and universities; college and university systems; professional and commercial organizations; data, software and service providers; non-profit organizations and associations; and state and federal government agencies. Through open and transparent community participation, PESC enables cost-effective connectivity between data systems to accelerate performance and service, to simplify data access and research, and to improve data quality along the higher education lifecycle.

PESC envisions national & international interoperability, that is a trustworthy, inter-connected environment built by and between communities of interest in which data flows seamlessly from one system to another and throughout the entire eco-system when and where needed without compatibility barriers but in a safe, secure, reliable, and efficient manner. To achieve the mission and the vision, PESC organizes activities to: accelerate performance and service, reduce cost, lead collaborative development, set and maintain common data standards, promote best practices, link public and private sectors, and serve as data experts.

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