

## **State of Alabama**

### **State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF Phase II) – Report for Indicator (c)(11)**

#### **Draft Report for 2008/2009 High School Graduates**

##### **Indicator Requirement**

Provide, for the State, for each LEA in the State, for each high school in the State and, at each of these levels, by student subgroup (consistent with section **1111(b)(2)(C)(v)(II)** of the ESEA), of the students who graduate from high school consistent with **34 CFR 200.19(b)(1)(i)**, the number and percentage (including numerator and denominator) who enroll in an institution of higher education (IHE) (as defined in section 101(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA)) within 16 months of receiving a regular high school diploma.

##### **Federal Definitions Referenced Above**

###### **1111(b)(2)(C)(v)(II)**

(v) includes separate measurable annual objectives for continuous and substantial improvement for each of the following:

(I) The achievement of all public elementary school and secondary school students.

(II) The achievement of--

(aa) economically disadvantaged students;

(bb) students from major racial and ethnic groups;

(cc) students with disabilities; and

(dd) students with limited English proficiency;

except that disaggregation of data under subclause

(II) shall not be required in a case in which the number of students in a category is insufficient to yield statistically reliable information or the results would reveal personally identifiable information about an individual student;

###### **34 CFR 200.19(b)(1)(i)**

(b) High schools—(1) Graduation rate. Consistent with paragraphs (b)(4) and (b)(5) of this section regarding reporting and determining AYP, respectively, each State must calculate a graduation rate, defined as follows, for all public high schools in the State:

(i)(A) A State must calculate a “four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate,” defined as the number of students who graduate in four years with a regular high school diploma divided by the number of students who form the adjusted cohort for that graduating class.

## **Report Criteria and Definitions**

**Input :** Alabama SDE high school graduates file (for year represented by the report)

**Referenced Files:** Alabama Student Database - Enrollment Master Public  
Alabama Student Database - Enrollment Master Private  
National Student Clearinghouse Student Tracker  
Alabama SDE High Schools Listing (from SDE Education Directory)

**Output:** SFSF Detail Table (students)  
SFSF Summary Table (high schools)  
Report in PDF format

## **Important Notes/Comments**

Although not part of the requirements for Indicator (c)(11), we added two subgroups that break out the “Enrolled in Higher Ed” count into the subgroups of “In-State” and Out of State”. Also we grouped LEAs by State District. We thought this would enhance the report for Alabama education officials.

The draft report uses the 2008/2009 high school graduates file as this is the first year that can meet the 16 months from graduation date for enrolling in an IHE.

As required, the denominator and numerator for all percentages displayed must be displayed on the report. The denominator for all student subgroups is “Cohort Grads”. Any count under a student subgroup can be divided by the cohort grads count on the same line of the report to verify the percent rate displayed for that subgroup.

New Race/Ethnicity codes were not implemented until the 2009/2010 school year. For that reason, the new reporting categories are blank on this report. Also, we added an additional column for this draft report that provides counts for the “N” code used in the 2009 graduate records for “Not Reported” (or unknown). This column will be removed when the new codes are provided that meet the new reporting requirements.

The following data is currently not being provided in the high school graduates file from the Alabama SDE:

**Cohort Year** – This is the year that the student was included in the “four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate”. The required implementation of this calculation for the States is not until the 2011/2012 school year. In our code, we have deactivated this report filter until the data can be provided. For the draft report, this means that the “Cohort Grads” count will be the same as the “Total Grads” count and all graduates reported by the SDE are being counted in the student subgroups.

**Limited English Flag** – This data element was not included in the 2008/2009 high school graduates file, but is collected by the SDE and will be provided for production reports. For this draft report, the “Limited English” student subgroup column is blank.

**Disabilities Flag** – This data element was not included in the 2008/2009 high school graduates file, but is collected by the SDE and will be provided for production reports. For this draft report, the “Disability” student subgroup column is blank.