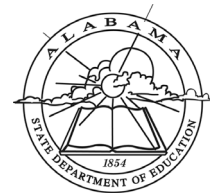




STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



Eric G. Mackey, Ed.D.
State Superintendent of Education

September 9, 2026

MEMORANDUM

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education

FROM: Eric G. Mackey 
State Superintendent of Education

RE: 2027 School District Review Program

The U.S. Census Bureau creates special tabulations of decennial census data by school district geography. These tabulations provide detailed demographic characteristics of the nation's public school systems and offer one of the largest single sources of children's demographic characteristics currently available. Information is distributed through the National Center for Education Statistics.

The School District Review Program (SDRP), conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau every year, is of vital importance for each state's allocation under Title I, Part A, of the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act* as amended (Public Law 114-95). The school district information obtained through this program, along with the Census population and income data, current population estimates, and tabulations of administrative records data, are used in forming the Census Bureau's estimates of the number of children ages 5 through 17 in low-income families for each school district. These estimates of the number of children in low-income families residing within each school district are the basis of the Title I allocation for each school district. The SDRP requests updates to the school district information as it will exist on January 1, 2027 (for School Year 2026-2027).

The SDRP consists of two phases—the Annotation Phase and the Verification Phase. In the Annotation Phase, the Census Bureau provides state officials with materials containing the most current school district boundaries and information for their state. This data is reviewed and any changes in the school district boundaries or attributes are reported to the Census Bureau. The Verification Phase is when state officials review the results of any changes submitted, after the Census Bureau has incorporated those changes into the Master Address Files/Topologically Integrated Geographic Encoding and Referencing System database.

The scope of the 2027 SDRP is for state officials to review the Census Bureau's school district information and to provide the Census Bureau with updates and corrections to the school district names and federal local education agency (LEA) identification numbers, school district boundaries, and the grade ranges for which a school district is financially responsible. In an effort to efficiently implement the school district review process, the Census Bureau has asked that each state education agency contact all LEAs regarding changes in school district boundaries since January 1, 2024.

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Please submit any changes in your LEA's associated information by completing and submitting the [LEA SDRP Information Summary](#). The form may also be accessed by entering the following link into your browser: [LEA SDRP Information Summary](#).

Please complete and submit the [LEA SDRP Information Summary](#) as soon as possible, **but no later than Friday, November 20, 2026**. If you need clarification or have questions regarding this process, please contact Dr. Marcus Vandiver by telephone at (334) 694-4540 or by email at mvandiver@alsde.edu.

For more information on the 2027 SDRP, please visit the SDRP website at [Census | 2027 SDRP](#).

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cc: Dr. Marcus Vandiver

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