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Category	Question	Answer
General	Will a tape of today's session be available?	Yes - on the PennData website under Training link.
General	Will the questions and answers be made available on the PennData website?	Yes
General	When will the Resource Guide be final? Most vendors do not release changes until the guide is final.	As indicated at training this will be finalized after the 9/22 PD User Group meeting at IU 15.
General	Concern over new deadline for Penn State of 12/12/08. Will you consider allowing us to submit early Jan 2009 so we can clean the data, communicate with our member school districts and charter schools. Ius need more time after 12/1.	No. This is based on Federal timelines and cannot be altered.
General	I attended the video conference on Wednesday at King of Prussia. I need to inform our programmer of the changes. I want to make sure I'm relaying the information correctly. The changes that we are supposed to make are effective immediately; however, we are able to include both the old and the new when we submit our December 1 <sup>st</sup> child count. Is this correct?	Whenever possible the new data is to be reported.
General	Are Amount of Special Education % and Educational Environment % (item 21) the same thing?	No, they can be very different. For example, in a situation where the student is in a regular classroom but has a teacher working with them part or most of the day. Amount of Special Education % is not collected for Penn Data, only the category (Itinerant, Supplemental, Full-time, Gifted).
Item 7 - Ethnic Background	PIMS has a multi-racial category. Can we use this for Special Ed students when we submit through PIMS?	No. For the 2008-09 School Year there will be a Special Education Ethnic Code field included in the Student Snapshot Template. This field will allow consistent reporting to OSEP as they have not yet modified their collection to accommodate a multi-racial category.
Item 14 - Building	Is punctuation allowed in the building field?	Spaces, pound sign (#), dashes (-), and periods (.) will be accepted. Commas are NOT allowed.
Item 15 - Location Code	Location code – what if there is no code assigned to the school?	Use 9999.
Item 15 - Location Code	Do you still need the building name if collecting the location code?	Yes, for compliance monitoring, especially if 9999 is used.
Item 19 - Type of Support	Will a new code be added for Deaf or Hard of Hearing Support or do we use 06 for both?	Use 06

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<b>Item 21</b> - Educational Environment %	Data Item 21: Educational Environment Percentage. What do we report in this field for students whose IEP's were completed prior to 7-1-08?	See Column 5 of the IEP - there should be a number included even on the old IEP format. This is new for collection purposes but not new for IEPs.
<b>Item 24</b> - Transition	For Transition, what about students in Corrections incarcerated after their 21 <sup>st</sup> birthday?	§ 300.324 Development, review, and revision of IEP - (d) Children with disabilities in adult prisons—(1) Requirements that do not apply. The following requirements do not apply to children with disabilities who are convicted as adults under State law and incarcerated in adult prisons: (i) The requirements contained in section 612(a)(16) of the Act and § 300.320(a)(6) (relating to participation of children with disabilities in general assessments). (ii) The requirements in § 300.320(b) (relating to transition planning and transition services) do not apply with respect to the children whose eligibility under Part B of the Act will end, because of their age, before they will be eligible to be released from prison based on consideration of their sentence and eligibility for early release.
<b>Table 2</b>	How do we determine Highly Qualified versus Not Highly Qualified for Paraeducators? Does passing the test make them highly qualified? What is they are in the process of getting credentialed through PDE?	There is no highly qualified designation for Paraeducators - we report the Paraeducators who are "Certified" as "Qualified".
<b>Table 4-7</b>	If a student exits who is 21, should they be coded as Reached Max Age or Graduated?	Reached Max Age should only be used if the student does not graduate or receive a certificate.
<b>Table 8A</b>	How should the summer be counted for Table 8A calendar days?	You do not count summer break.
<b>Table 8A</b>	If an evaluation was started at the end of the year, how do we calculate days?	If the Permission to Evaluate was signed before 7/1/08 you use school days. If the Permission to Evaluate was signed on or after 7/1/08 you use calendar days, excluding Summer.
<b>Table 8A</b>	When does the 60 day timeframe start - with the signed parent permission or with the parent request?	The 60 clock begins when the signed parent permission to evaluate form is received by the district.
<b>Table 8A</b>	Do we count snow days?	If the Permission to Evaluate was signed before 7/1/08 you use school days and therefore do not count snow days. If the Permission to Evaluate was signed on or after 7/1/08 you use calendar days and therefore snow days count as a day.
<b>Tables</b>	What should we say if the table flag is due to a small number change?	Simply indicate "Small N Size"

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Tables	Can flags be changed to look at a number limit as well as %?	This standard was set by USDE and is beyond our control.