Entity Profile System (EPS)

School Year 2025-2026



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Agenda

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- RCDTS Codes
- Making Changes in EPS
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Introduction to EPS



What is EPS?

The Entity Profile
System (EPS) serves as
the directory for Illinois
schools and districts.

Most IWAS systems are populated with information entered in EPS.

- EPS contains:
 - Entity name and address
 - Administrator names and contact information
 - Grades served
 - Program information
 - And much, much more!



Entity Category Types

#	EPS Category
А	Regional Programs
В	Charter School Campuses
С	Nonpublic Special Education Operating Agencies
D	Nonpublic Special Education Programs
Е	Early Childhood Attendance Sites
G	Professional Development Organizations
1	Regional Offices of Education
2	Public Districts
3	Nonpublic Districts/Schools
4	Public Schools
5	Miscellaneous Payees
6	Special Education Districts/Cooperatives
7	Spec Education Schools
8	Other State-Funded Entities and Hybrid High School Districts
9	CTE Area Career Centers/ Education for Employment



Contact Information Data

- Key Personnel
 - For example, principals, Title IX coordinators, etc.
- Addresses
- Phone/Fax Numbers
- Etc.



Grades Served Data

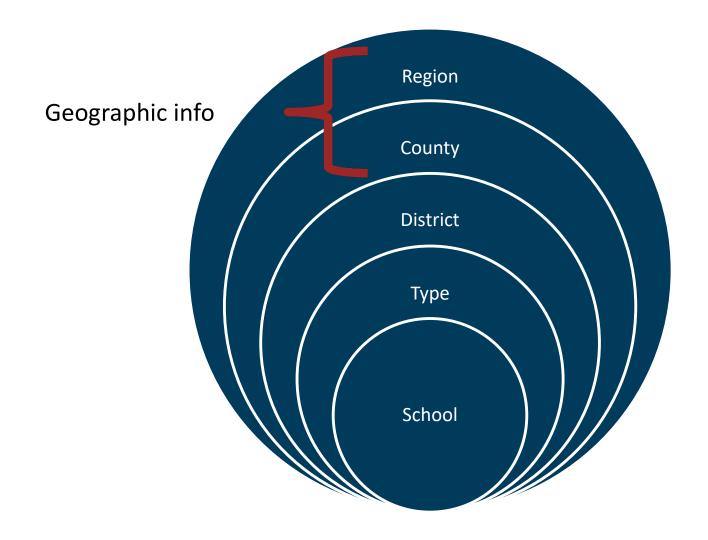
- Per <u>EPS Guidelines</u>, grades served are:
 - For the general student population in your organization's area.
 - For a full, complete, and standard grade.
- If the grades served in EPS are different than the ones you are currently serving, fill out the appropriate EPS major change <u>form</u> available on the ISBE webpage and send it to epschange@isbe.net.



RCDTS Codes



RCDTS Codes





Example RCDTS Code

Public School	Region	County	District	Туре	School
# of digits	2	3	4	2	4
Lake Park HS in Roselle	19	022	1080	16	0001
	DuPage Region	DuPage County	Lake Park CHSD 108	Community HS	High School

Total RCDTS code: 19-022-1080-16-0001



Example RCDTS Code

Public School	Region	County	District	Туре	School
# of digits	2	3	4	2	4
Elmwood Elementary School	06	016	4010	26	2003
	Region 06 West Cook ISC 2	Cook County	Elmwood Park CUSD 401	Community Unit	Elementary School

Total RCDTS code: 06-016-4010-26-2003



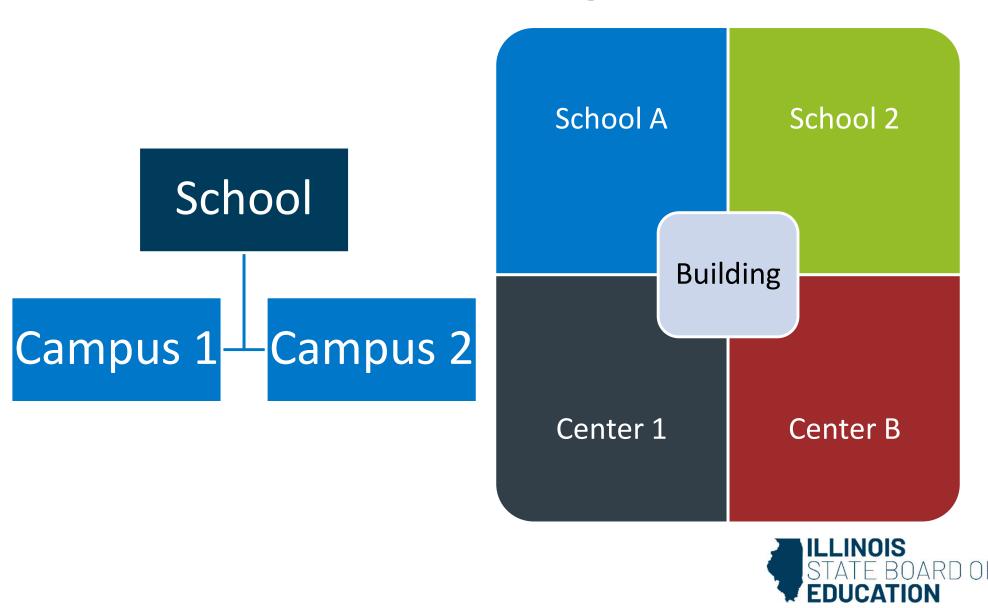
Example RCDTS Code

Public School	Region	County	District	Туре	School
# of digits	2	3	4	2	4
East Peoria SD 86	53	090	0860	02	0000
	Mason/Tazewell /Woodford	Tazewell	East Peoria SD 86	Common -Other	School District

Total RCDTS code: 53-090-0860-02-0000



RCDTS Code vs. Building



Making Changes in EPS



Making Changes in EPS by Entity Category

Make changes in EPS through IWAS.

Make changes on letterhead sent to epschange@isbe.net.

- Public school/District
- Private/Nonpublic School
- Regional Office of Education/Regional Program
- Other State-Funded and Hybrid High School Districts
- Charter School Campus (Category B)
- Nonpublic Special Education Operating Agency
- Nonpublic Special Education Program
- Early Childhood Attendance Site
- Miscellaneous Payee
- Special Education District/Cooperative
- Special Education Schools
- CTE Area Career Center/Education for Employment
- Professional Development Organizations



Major vs. Minor EPS Data Changes

Major Changes

- Changing RCDTS code
- Opening/adding/reopening an entity
- Closing an entity
- Grade changes*

Minor Changes

- Updates to entity website URLs, addresses, phone numbers, contact info
- Virtual school indicator
- Block schedule indicator
- Add/remove preK/B-3 grades



Letterhead Required:

- Entity name change:
 - Include current name, previous name, and effective date
- When outgoing district superintendent unable to update incoming superintendent information in EPS:
 - For public school districts, should be signed by either outgoing superintendent or head of district school board
 - District superintendent is IWAS administrator of public districts



Sample Admin Change Letter

Cat. 2 (Public District)

Sample School District

123 Whoville Street, Whoville, IL 65432 | 217-123-4567 | www.sampleschoolsd.org

April 11, 2025

I'm writing to you to let you know that Sample School District 101 has a new superintendent, Dr. Jane Superintendent.

RCDTS Code: 01-010-0101-01-0000

Phone: 217-123-4567

New administrator: Dr. Jane Superintendent

New administrator's email: <u>superintendent@school.org</u>

Prior Administrator: Dr. Dakota Norwood

Effective date: July 1, 2025

Sincerely,

Henry Harvard

Henry Harvard, Board President



Making Changes on Letterhead

Non-cat 2 entities

- Send letter on official organization letterhead to epschange@isbe.net with:
 - Organization's RCDTS Code
 - Organization's FEIN (Found on W-9.)
 - *Outgoing Administrator's Name
 - *Incoming Administrator's Name
 - *Incoming Administrator's Email/Phone
- PDF preferred.

^{*} This information is needed only if changing administrators.



Sample Admin Change Letter

Non-cat 2 entities

Sample Special Ed Co-Op 101

123 Whoville Street, Whoville, IL 65432 | 217-123-4568 | www.samplesped.org

April 11, 2025

I'm writing to you to let you know that Sample Special Ed Co-Op 101 will have a new administrator, Dr. Jordan Crawford.

RCDTS Code: 01-010-0101-61-6100

Phone: 217-123-4568

New administrator: Dr. Jordan Crawford

New administrator's email: jcrawford@samplesped.org

Prior Administrator: Ms. Nina Willow

Effective Date: July 1, 2025

Sincerely,

Nina Willow

Nina Willow, Director

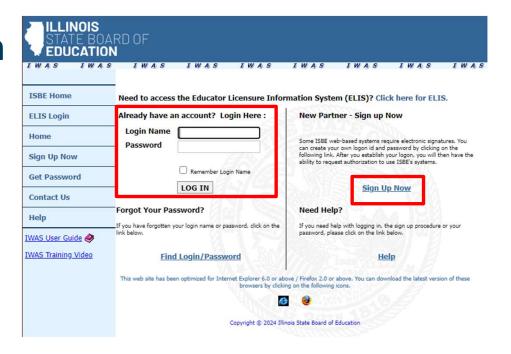


Making Minor Changes in EPS



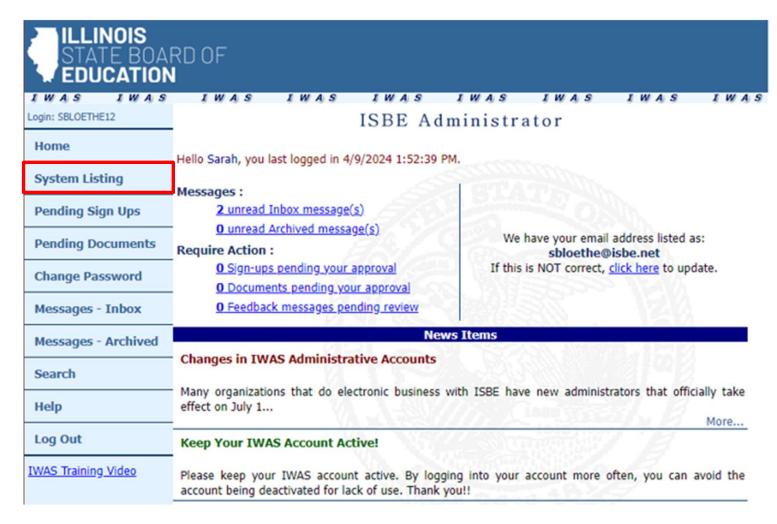
Updating Info in EPS via IWAS

- Access EPS by logging in to <u>IWAS</u>.
- Click on "Sign Up Now" to create a new Admin account.



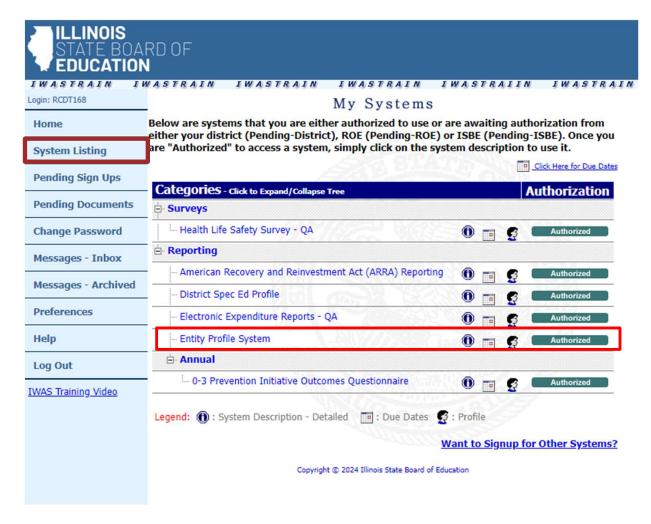


Navigating to EPS in IWAS





Navigating to EPS in IWAS





Welcome Screen

Welcome to the Entity Profile System (EPS)

The Entity Profile System has the following features for all EPS Profiles :

- Requires an "Effective Date" for all EPS profile changes. This allows for the post dating of changes for the next school year (e.g. July 1st).
- The requirement of an "Effective Date" also allows for multiple pending changes to be requested for an EPS profile in one sitting.

The Entity Profile System has the following features for ROEs and Public Districts:

- Allows authorized ROE personnel to electronically update ROE profile information and view all Districts and Schools in their ROE.
- Allows authorized Public School District personnel to electronically update profile information for their District or Schools.
- Sends automatic emails to all relevant ROE and District EPS users when an Entity Profile is updated.
- · Includes a report showing all district and school information for ROE staff.
- Includes a report showing all school information for Public District Staff.

The Entity Profile System has the following features for Non-Public Schools:

Allows authorized Non-Public School personnel to electronically update EPS profile information.

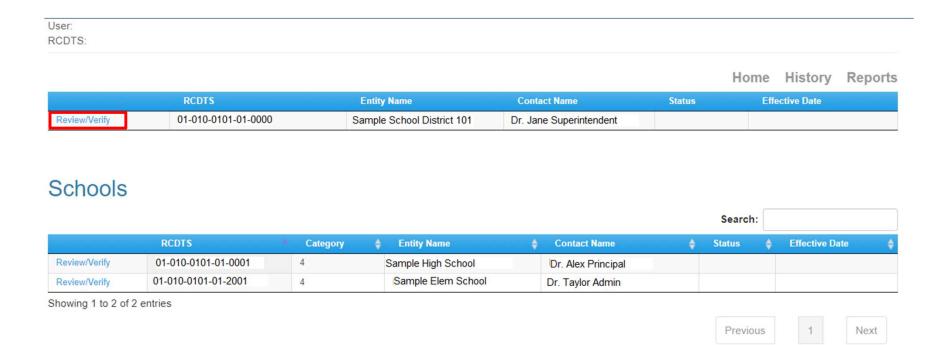
For all current procedures please consult the document at the following link:

CDS Codes: Guidelines and Procedures for Changes





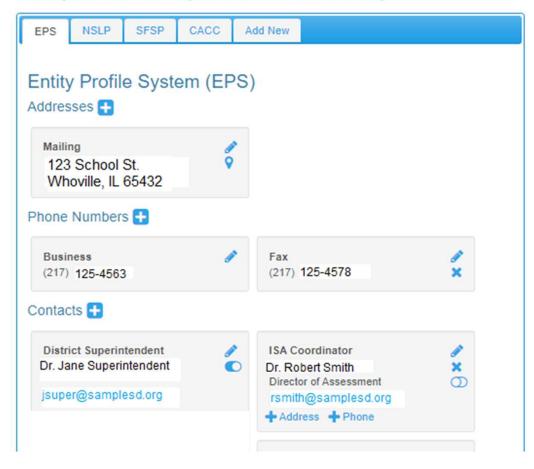
Welcome Screen





Editing EPS Information

Sample SD 101 (01-010-0101-0000)

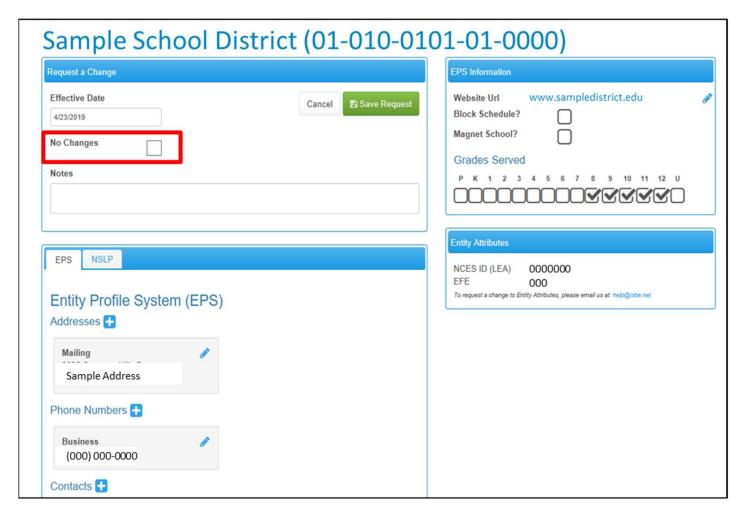








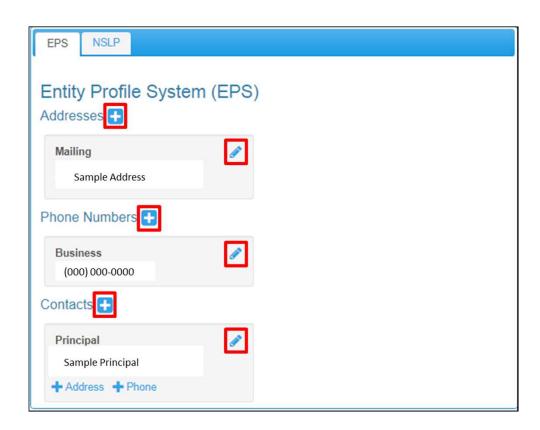
No Changes Checkbox





Editing EPS Information

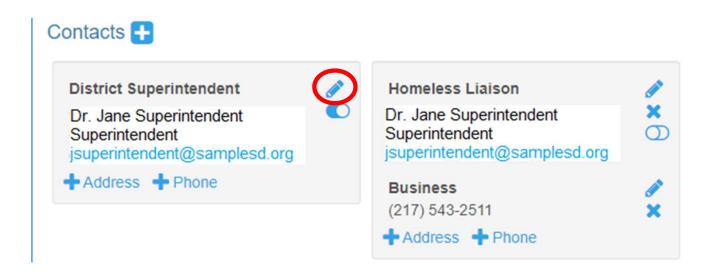
- Click on the pencil icon to edit.
- Click on the + icon to add an additional contact, phone/fax number, address.





Editing Contact

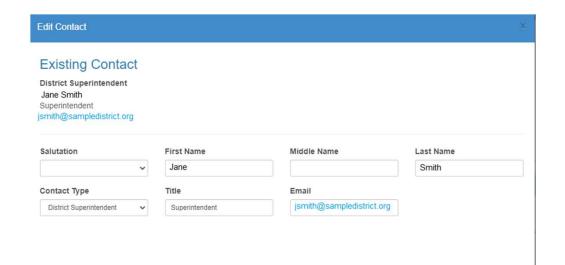
Click on pencil icon of contact.





Editing Contact Info

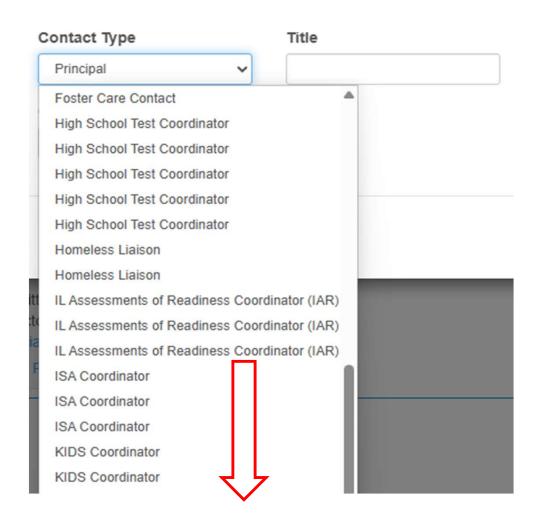
- Fill out:
 - Salutation
 - First Name
 - Last Name
 - Email Address
 - Contact Type





Editing Contact Type

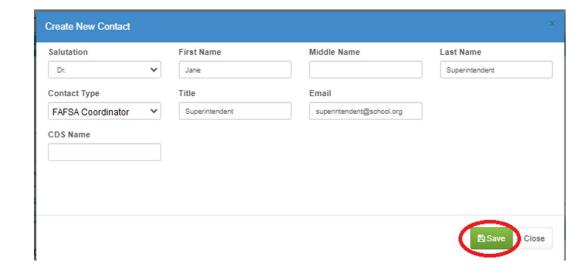
- Select the appropriate Contact Type using the dropdown menu.
- Can only have one of each Contact Type.
- Scroll down to see all options!





Save Contact

- Click on green "Save" button to save contact.
- Click on "Close" button to NOT save contact.





Create New Address

- 3 addresses per entity:
 - Mailing
 - Delivery
 - Serving
- + icon to add address.
- Pencil icon to edit address.





Adding Address

- Select Address Type:
 - Can only have one of each type!
- Input street address, city, and ZIP.
- Click green "Save" button!





Editing Address

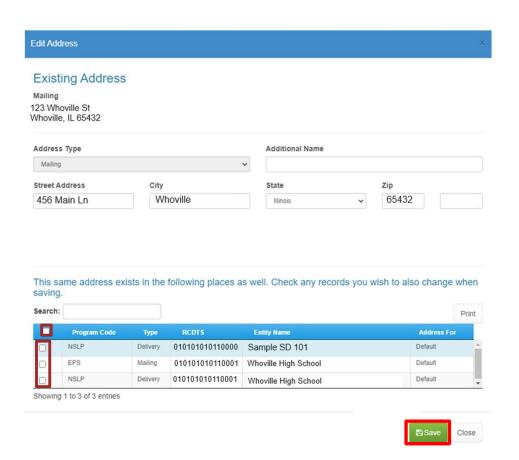
 Click on pencil icon to edit selected address.





Editing Address

- Update Address info.
- You may change multiple records at once.
- Click on green "Save" button to save changes.

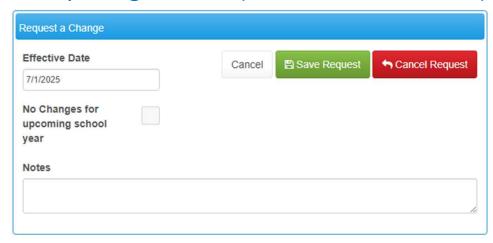


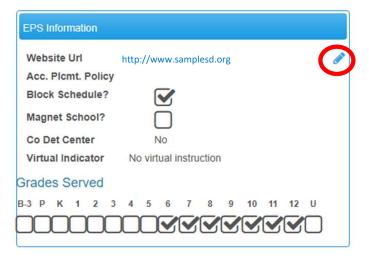


Editing EPS Information

 Click on the pencil icon to edit EPS Information.

Sample High School (01-010-0101-11-0001)







Editing Website and Accelerated Placement Link

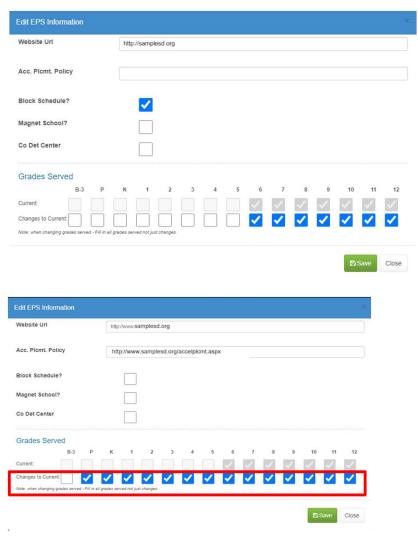
 Input the URL for website and/or District Accelerated Placement Policy.

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Editing Grades Served

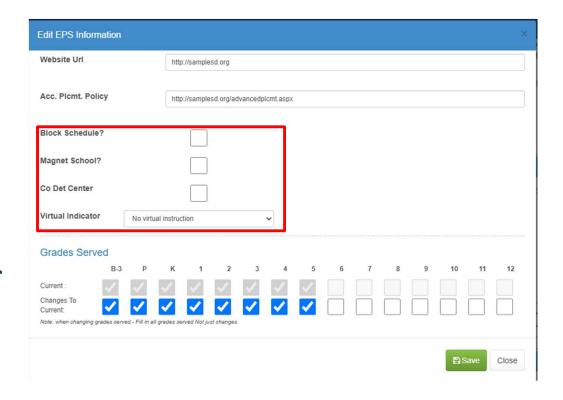
- Fill in ALL grades served.
 - Not just changes.
- Grade changes are NOT automatically approved.





Editing Other EPS Information

- Block Schedule
- Magnet School
- County Detention
 Center
- Virtual School Indicator





Save Changes

- Click on green "Save" button to save changes.
- Clicking on "Close" button will NOT save your changes.

Website Url		http	://sample	sd.org										
Acc. Plcmt. Policy		http	://sample	sd.org/ad	dvancedp	lcmt.asp>								
Block Schedule?														
Magnet School?														
Co Det Center														
Virtual Indicator	No virt	ual instruc	tion			~								
Grades Served														
В-3	3 P	К	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Current:	4	\checkmark	\checkmark	4	\checkmark	~	4							
Changes To Current:	/	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
Note: when changing grades se	rved - Fill in a	Il grades se	rved Not ju	st changes				_						



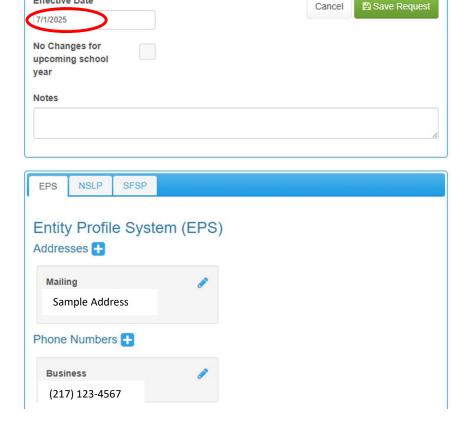
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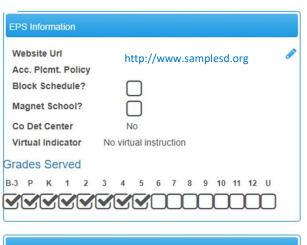
Double-check your work!

Sample SD (01-010-0101-11-0000)

Request a Change

Effective Date



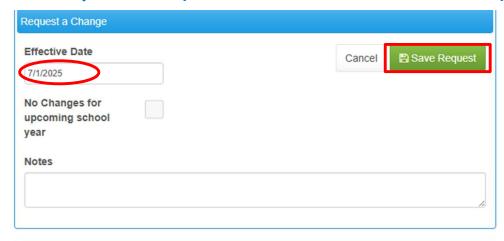


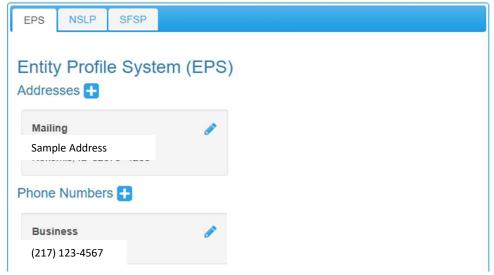


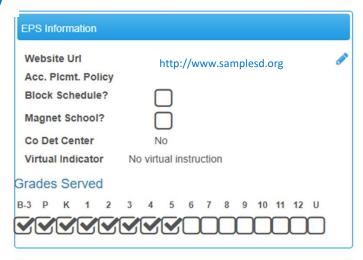


Final Step – Save Request

Sample SD (01-010-0101-11-0000)







Entity Attributes		
NCES ID (LEA)	172856002992	
Geographic Area	Southwest	
NCES	wn, Distant	
To reques	is, please email us at: help@isbe.net	



ISBE Process – What Happens Next?

- ISBE receives the requested changes from EPS.
- ISBE staff processes requests when they are received.
 - Processing may take several days.
- Newly added superintendents will receive an email containing instructions to set up their IWAS Administrator account a few days after the effective date.



ISBE Process – Grade Changes

- EPS team will reach out to your district for more information about grade changes.
- Questions asked:
 - How does this grade change affect attendance at other schools?
 - What are the reasons for the grade change?
- All grade changes are reviewed by ISBE's Title, Accountability, and School and District Improvement Departments.



Making Major Changes in EPS



Types of Major Changes

- Changing RCDTS Code
- Opening/Adding/Reopening an Entity
- Closing an Entity
- Grade Changes
 - Except for PreK and B-3



Categories 2, 4, and 8 Major Change Forms Previous Policy

- Make a change via EPS or send an email change request to <u>EPSchange@isbe.net</u>.
- Have a response sent back from the EPS change team with a form.
- Send the form back with all questions answered electronically.



Categories 2, 4, and 8 Major Change Forms New Policy

- Go to <u>EPS webpage</u> and download the forms provided.
 - The major change forms include additions, closures, grade changes, and RCDTS changes.
- Answer all the questions in light orange for each change form required and send them to <u>EPSchange@isbe.net</u> as a PDF or Word document.
 - Please do not fill out the forms by hand.



Categories 2, 4, and 8 Major Change Forms Grade Change Example

Directions

This is for entities that are already open in the Entity Profile System (EPS). The deadline to submit major EPS changes for school year 2025-26 is June 15, 2025. All major EPS changes submitted after that will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

This form is used specifically for changing grades for an already-open school. All major EPS change forms can be found on the ISBE EPS webpage:

- If a school is changing its RCDTS code, please fill out the RCDTS Code Change Form.
- If a school is opening, please fill out the School Addition Form.
- If a school is closing, please fill out the School Closure Form.

To complete this form, please fill out the light orange fields.

You may add extra rows as needed to explain which schools' attendance will be affected and how, and the reasons for the school closure. You also may add extra rows if you have over five schools that have grade changes or if you need more room to explain which schools' attendance will be affected and how, and the reasons for the grade change(s).

Once you have completed the appropriate major EPS change form(s) electronically, please email it to epschange@isbe.net. Please allow for at least two weeks to process each major EPS change request.

If you have questions on the submission process, including which form(s) to fill out and submit, please contact the EPS team at 312-814-9192 or epschange@isbe.net.



Categories 2, 4, and 8 Major Change Forms Grade Change

Grade Change Request

Effective Date of Change	School Year Change Will be Implemented	
(e.g., 07/01/2025)	(e.g., SY 2025-26)	
District Name		
District RCDTS Code		



Categories 2, 4, and 8 Major Change Forms Grade Change

School Name(s)	Home	Serving School	RCDTS Code	Current Grades	Grades	Grades	After Change, New
	School? (Y/N)	Only? (Y/N)		Served	Removed	Added	Grades Served



Categories 2, 4, and 8 Major Change Forms Grade Change

for each grade added/removed, explain which schools' attendance will be affected and how:							
Reasons implementing change(s):							



Answering Major Change Questions

Your answers **should**:

- Have the correct school or entity names and, if possible, their respective RCDTS codes.
 - The RCDTS code makes it easier to confirm information.
- Be accurate and complete, but not necessarily long.



Answering Major Change Questions

Your answers **should not**:

- Contain inaccurate information.
- Have typos in school names, entity names, and RCDTS codes.
 - This makes it difficult to confirm information.
- Be incomplete or unclear.
 - Clear and precise answers help to make for an efficient review process.



All Other Categories

- Please continue to send your major EPS change requests to <u>EPSchange@isbe.net</u>.
 - Ensure that they are on official letterhead.



Making Major Changes on Letterhead For categories 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, A, B, C, D, E, G

- Send a letter on official organization letterhead to epschange@isbe.net with:
 - Organization's name and RCDTS code.
 - Major change request (closure, addition, name change, changing grades served).
 - As much detail as possible.
- PDF preferred.
- Gatekeepers for your respective category will contact you.



Nonpublic Categories For categories 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, A, B, C, D, E, G "Hello,

We have built a new building and are adding 8th grade to Whoville Elementary School (xx-xxx-xxx-xxx-xxxx). Our previous building did not allow us to have an 8th grade, but now we have enough room to add the students to our school. Please let us know if you have any further questions."



Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) Overview



Annual GATA Information Review

- Entities must annually update contact information in third-party systems used by ISBE.
- SAM.gov and the GATA portal are third-party systems that integrate with ISBE as part of the grant-making process utilizing the Unique Entity ID (UEI).



GATA Portal Access

The school district office, a chief signing official, or other authorized individual should verify the following in the GATA Grantee Portal:

- 1. Portal access:
 - New administrators/users must create an <u>Illinois.gov</u> account.
 - Approval can only be granted by the grantee or the governor's Grant Accountability and Transparency Unit (GATU).
 - ISBE can only remove portal access.
- 2. Up-to-date contact information, including names, email addresses, and telephone numbers.
- 3. The organization's UEI is consistent in the GATA Grantee Portal, SAM.gov, and EPS.
 - UEI should never change.



GATA Portal Access

- Go to GATA Grantee Portal.
- 2. Click "Create Account" to create an Illinois.gov account.
 - Follow the prompts to create and activate the user profile.



- UEI and GATA ID are needed to access the portal.
- Current administrator or GATU must grant access.
 - Email is sent to profile administrator.



GATA Grantee Portal

 Once logged into the portal, click the "Edit" button to view the UEI.

Organization: Illinois State Board of Education Edit



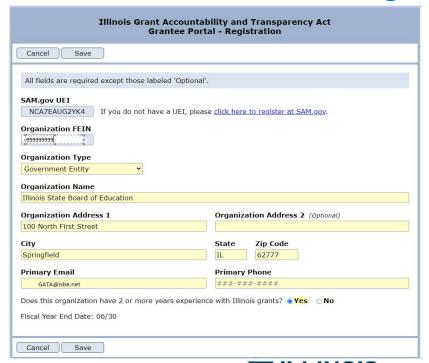
GATA ID: 671341

State cognizant agency: **Human Services (444)**

Contact for assistance: DHS.GrantApp@illinois.gov

You are signed in as: GATAISBETEST

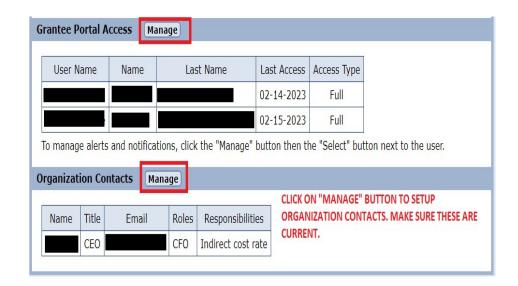
- Review the UEI and click "Cancel" to exit page.
 - UEI should never change.





GATA Portal Contact Update Instructions

- Allow entity to manage the organization's contact and portal access lists.
 - Scroll down to the bottom of the main GATA page.
 - Lists should be updated regularly to ensure notifications are sent to correct contacts.



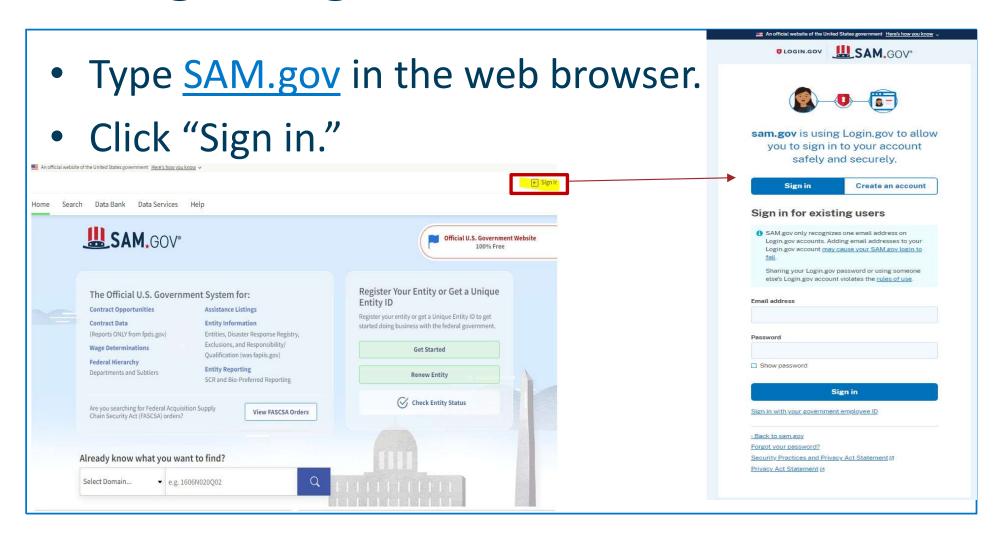


SAM.gov

- System for Award Management (SAM.gov).
- LEAs, ROEs, ISCs, EFEs, charter schools, co-ops, and other educational entities already have a UEI issued by SAM.
 - Do NOT create a new UEI.
- SAM accounts are valid for 12 months.
 - Begin the renewal process at least 10 weeks prior to expiration, as it can take weeks or months to fully activate.
 - Expired, invalid, or private-view SAM accounts will stop an ISBE grant.
 - Per <u>Administrative Code 44 7000.70</u>, SAM profiles <u>MUST</u> be set to public view.
- Ensure the SAM administrator and alternate(s) are current.
 - Assign new or secondary role with SAM.gov <u>Role Management Guide</u>.
 - Follow <u>instructions</u> to submit <u>SAM New Administration Letter</u>.
- Help Desk number at SAM.gov is 1-866-606-8220.
- SAM.gov is a free service.

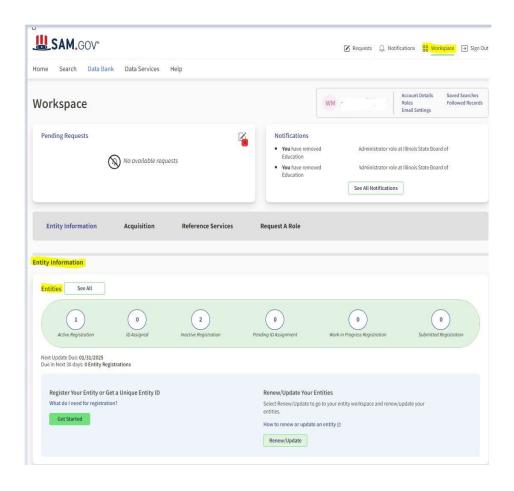


SAM.gov Log In





SAM.gov Workspace



 In the upper right, click the three dots for dropdown actions.



Click the back arrow



Under Entity Information, click the numbered circle in the green bar to view your profile.



SAM User Directory

- To access the User Directory:
 - Log in to <u>SAM.gov</u>.
 - Go to your Workspace.
 - Locate the User Directory widget.
 - Click See All to view users and roles on the account.
 - From this screen users can be sent a link to access SAM.
 - Delete users no longer with your organization.





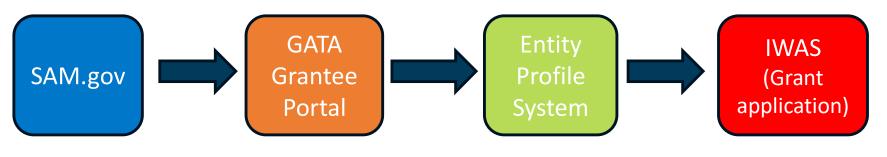
SAM User Directory

- Losing access to SAM.gov:
 - Delays processing of grant applications.
 - Before this occurs, assign new or secondary role.
 - See SAM.gov Role Management Guide.
 - If access is lost, a SAM <u>New Administrator Letter</u>
 must be submitted according to these <u>instructions</u>.



Information Usage

- SAM.gov/UEI information interfaces nightly with the GATA Grantee Portal.
 - Private or not valid UEIs do not populate into the GATA portal.
- The GATA Grantee Portal interfaces nightly with EPS/IWAS.
 - Populates grantee prequalification information into grant applications.
- Data imported into EPS should match information in eGMS.
- Note: Missing or inaccurate UEI can cause problems importing information between the GATA Grantee Portal and EPS/IWAS.





Unique Entity ID -- Profile Screens by System

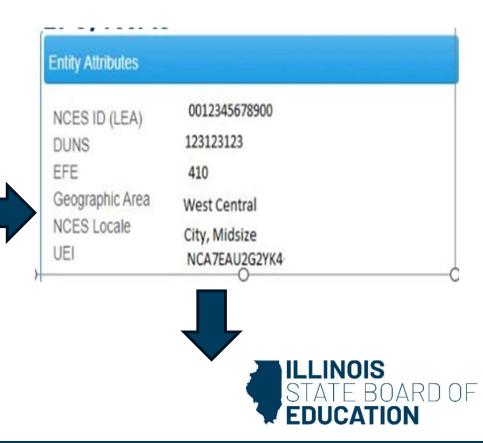
SAM.gov



GATA Grantee Portal

GRANTEE INFORMATION	Add a note						
Names:	GATA: Illinois State Board of Education SAM: Illinois State Board of Education IOC: ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUC						
ID Numbers:	GATA: 671341 UEI: NCA7EAUG2YK4 FEIN: 999999999 SOS: N/A DUNS: 123123123						
Address:	100 North First Street, Springfield, IL 62777						
FY End Date:	06/30						
Organization Type:	Government						
Cognizant Agency:	444 - Department Of Human Services Request to be cognizant						
State Agency Contacts:	Cog Change: DHS.GrantApp@illinois.gov Grantee Help: DHS.GrantApp@illinois.gov						

Entity Profile System



Unique Entity ID -- Profile Screens by System

IWAS – (Grant application prequalification screen)

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Resources and Contacts



Resources

- EPS Webpage
 - Directory of Educational Entities
 - EPS Guidelines
 - Gatekeeper List
 - Keys to Coding
 - Instructions to Update EPS



Contacts

- Data Strategies and Analytics
 - General questions: <u>datahelp@isbe.net</u>
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