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Making Data Notes Say More

In order to protect privacy when writing data notes, do not use exact counts. Consider using approximate counts such as “over 500” or “about 50.”

Exiting Data Note Examples

Data note	What questions are unanswered? What more would you like to know about these data?	What additional information could be provided? Or what might the state examine in order to provide additional information?
Increase in Students Graduating with a Diploma – Various programs were being implemented during this time to help students with disabilities achieve proficiency.		
This 2016-17 Exiting data collection showed an increase in the number of students with disabilities who dropped out. The special education dropout count from 2015-16 was especially low. The 2016-17 counts have returned to more typical counts and the increase occurred over many LEAs.		



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Assessment Data Note Examples

Data note	What questions are unanswered? What more would you like to know about these data?	What additional information could be provided? Or what might the state examine in order to provide additional information?
High school assessments are end-of-course exams, which are taken at the time of course completion and span all high school grade levels.		
The state medical exemption was removed for 2014 but may be reinstated in 2015.		

Child Count Data Note Example

Data note	What questions are unanswered? What more would you like to know about these data?	What additional information could be provided? Or what might the state examine in order to provide additional information?
The increase in 3- to 5-year-olds with LEP status correlates to an overall increase in the number of LEP students in the state over the last year.		



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Discipline Data Note Examples

Data note	What questions are unanswered? What more would you like to know about these data?	What additional information could be provided? Or what might the state examine in order to provide additional information?
The increases in removals to IAES for violations of conduct related to drugs and weapons are likely related to school safety concerns. Removals are implemented in compliance with federal and state laws.		
1) There has been an increase in higher-level infractions. 2) There has been a decrease in lower-level infractions.		