

RESEARCH AND TESTING

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OVERVIEW

Description

The files formerly known as the Research & Testing files are built from the Student Information Management System (SIMS) and are transferred to a local installation of ABC Tools-LEA. Two files exist: PRECODE and NCTEST.

Uses

Test data is used to calculate a student's growth for a year's worth of work according to the ABC's Accountability model. This information is furnished in the NCTEST build which contains all files listed below in the File Specifications section.

The PRECODE file is used to pre-code testing answer sheets with basic student demographic information. This file contains all of the files listed in the File Specifications section below EXCEPT XXX.TST and XXX.SCO.

Tests Included in the NCTEST Data

Competency	Competency Alternative	CTA
	Form B	CTB
	Form C	CTC
	Form D	CTD
	Form E	CTE
	Form F	CTF
	Form G	CTG
	Form H	CTH
Computer Skills		COMP
End of Course	Algebra I	ALG1
	Algebra II	ALG2
	Biology	BIOL
	Chemistry	CHEM

End-of-Grade

ELPS	ELPS
English I	ENGL
English II	ENG2
Geometry	GEOM
Physics	PHYS
Physical Science	PSCI
US History	USHI
Math 3 rd Pre-Test	MA3P
Math 3 rd	MA03
Math 4 th	MA04
Math 5 th	MA05
Math 6 th	MA06
Math 7 th	MA07
Math 8 th	MA08
Math 10 th	MA10
Reading 3 rd Pre-Test	RD3P
Reading 3 rd	RD03
Reading 4 th	RD04
Reading 5 th	RD05
Reading 6 th	RD06
Reading 7 th	RD07
Reading 8 th	RD08
Reading 10 th	RD10
Writing 4 th	WR04
Writing 7 th	WR07
	PSAT
	SAT1

Other

FILE SPECIFICATIONS

FILE DESCRIPTION:

File Name from Non-Charter School:
 File Name from Charter School:
 File Name at SIMS School:
 File Contents:

BASIC DEMOGRAPHIC

S???.BDM, where ??? = school code
 S???.BDM, where ??? = school code
 NCDEBDMA.BLD
 A record for every student enrolled (both home and visiting) on the date of extraction.

RECORD SAMPLE

Field	Description	Length	Begin	End	Format
1	School Code	3	1	3	X(3)
2	Release Level	8	4	11	X(8)
3	Social Security Number	9	12	20	99X999XXX
4	Student Number	9	21	29	9(9)
5	Student's Surname (Last)	18	30	47	X(18)
6	Student's Given Name	14	48	61	X(14)
7	Sex Indicator	1	62	62	X
8	* Student's Telephone Area Code	3	63	65	9(3)
9	* Student's Phone Number	8	64	73	999-9999
10	* Student Identifier	12	74	85	X(12)
11	Birth Date	8	86	93	CCYYMMDD
12	Grade Level	2	94	95	X(2) 0 filled
13	* Home Room	4	96	99	X(4)
14	* Counselor	4	100	103	X(4)
15	* Scheduling Status	1	104	104	X(1)
16	Run Date	8	105	112	CCYYMMDD
17	Filler	4	113	116	X(4)
TOTAL		116			

* Not required for Non-SIMS.

FIELD DEFINITIONS

1 School Code

The code representing the school.

2 Release Level

A code which identifies the version of the software which produced the extract (this code is left justified). For non-SIMS, the originate code will be "CU".

3 Social Security Number

The student's social security number. If the social security number is not being used as the State ID, the State Student ID Number is used. See Appendix S: State Student ID.

4 Student Number

The number the student is known by at the school. This field is zero filled for student numbers less than nine digits.

5 Student's Surname

The student's last name. For SIMS users, this is the "Surname" field on the Basic Demographic data entry screen.

6 Student's Given Name

The student's first and middle names. For SIMS users, this is "Given Name" field on the Basic Demographic data entry screen.

7 Sex Indicator

An "M" or "F".

8 Student's Telephone Area Code

The telephone area code of the student.

9 Student's Phone Number

The telephone number of the student.

10 Student Identifier

An optional field used to further identify the student. If a school collects Driver's Licenses Numbers, they will be reported here.

11 Student's Birth Date

Birthdate.

12 Grade Level

The student's grade level as of the effective date. See Appendix G: Grade Levels for a list of valid Grade Levels.

13 Home Room

The code indicating the student's assigned home room in the current academic year.

14 Counselor

The code of the teacher/personnel assigned to be this student's advisor.

15 Scheduling Status

Blank.

16 Run Date

The date on which the record was produced.

17 Filler

Blank.

FILE DESCRIPTION:

File Name from Non-Charter School:
 File Name from Charter School:
 File Name at SIMS School:
 File Contents:

EXTENDED DEMOGRAPHIC

S???.XDM, where ??? = school code
 S???.XDM, where ??? = school code
 NCDEXDEM.BLD
 A record for every student enrolled (both home and visiting) on the date of extraction

RECORD SAMPLE

Field	Description	Length	Begin	End	Format
1	School Code	3	1	3	X(3)
2	Release Level	8	4	11	X(8)
3	Social Security Number	9	12	20	99X999XXX
4	Student's Legal Last Name	18	21	38	X(18)
5	Student's Legal Given Name	32	39	70	X(32)
6	Extended Demographic Data	48	71	118	X(48)
	TOTAL	118			

FIELD DEFINITIONS

1 School Code

The code of the sending school.

2 Release Level

A code that identifies the version of the software which produced the extract. For non-SIMS, the originate code will be "CU".

3 Social Security Number

The student's social security number. If the social security number is not being used as the State ID, the State Student ID Number is used. See Appendix S: State Student ID.

4 Student's Legal Last Name

The student's last name. For SIMS users, this is "Legal Given Names" field on the Extended Demographic data entry screen.

5 Student's Legal Given Name

The student's first and middle names. For SIMS users, this is "Legal Given Names" field on the Extended Demographic data entry screen.

6 Extended Demographic Data

This field represents a string of 12 separate fields of student extended demographic data. A SAMPLE is as follows:

Columns	71 - 74	Extended Demographic Data Field	1- Intended Course of Study
Columns	75-78	Extended Demographic Data Field	2 – Intended Career Pathway
Columns	79-82	Extended Demographic Data Field	3- Achieved Course of Study
Columns	83-86	Extended Demographic Data Field	4 – Achieved Career Pathway
Columns	87-90	Extended Demographic Data Field	5 - Student's Ethnic Code
Columns	91-94	Extended Demographic Data Field	6 - Undefined
Columns	95-98	Extended Demographic Data Field	7 - Undefined
Columns	99-102	Extended Demographic Data Field	8 - Undefined
Columns	103-106	Extended Demographic Data Field	9 - Undefined
Columns	107-110	Extended Demographic Data Field	10 - Undefined
Columns	111-114	Extended Demographic Data Field	11 - Undefined
Columns	115-118	Extended Demographic Data Field	12 - Undefined

All fields which are currently undefined are not required at this time, Fields 1 and 5 are required.

See Appendix C: Course of Study for a list of the valid codes. See Appendix E: Ethnic Codes for a list of the valid codes.

FILE DESCRIPTION:

File Name from Non-Charter School:
 File Name from Charter School:
 File Name at SIMS School:
 File Contents:

LEA DIRECTORY

S???.RT, where ??? = school code
 S???.RT, where ??? = school code
 NCDERT.BLD
 A record for every student enrolled (both home and visiting) on the date of extraction

RECORD SAMPLE

Field	Description	Length	Begin	End	Format
1	School Code	3	1	3	X(3)
2	Release Level	8	4	11	X(8)
3	Social Security Number	9	12	20	99X999XXX
4	Student Number	9	21	29	9(9)
5	LEA Code	3	30	32	X(3)
TOTAL		32			

FIELD DEFINITIONS**1 School Code**

The code representing the school.

2 Originate Code

A code which identifies the version of the software which produced the extract (this code is left justified). For non-SIMS, the originate code will be "CU".

3 Social Security Number

The student's social security number. If the social security number is not being used as the State ID, the State Student ID Number is used. See Appendix S: State Student ID.

4 Student Number

For SIMS users, the number the student is known by at the school. This field is zero filled for student numbers less than nine digits.

5 LEA Code

The school's LEA code.

FILE DESCRIPTION:

File Name from Non-Charter School:
 File Name from Charter School:
 File Name at SIMS School:
 File Contents:

COURSE DIRECTORY

S???.CRS, where ??? = school code
 S???.CRS, where ??? = school code
 NCDECRSL.BLD
 One record for every course scheduled in the school's
 Master Schedule.

RECORD SAMPLE

Field	Description	Length	Begin	End	Format
1	School Code	3	1	3	X(3)
2	Release Level	8	4	11	X(8)
3	Transaction Type	1	12	12	A
4	Course Number	8	13	20	X(8)
5	Long Course Title	32	21	52	X(32)
6	Short Course Title	12	53	64	X(12)
7	Number of Semesters	1	65	65	X
8	Units per Semester	7	66	72	XX9.9XX
9	External Course Code	12	73	84	X(12)
10	Contact Hours	6	85	90	XX9.999
11	* Credits per Semester GPA1	8	91	98	XXX9.9XX
12	* Credits per Semester GPA2	8	99	106	XXX9.9XX
13	* Include in GPA1 Flag	1	107	107	X
14	* Include in GPA2 Flag	1	108	108	X
15	* Include in Credits GPA1	1	109	109	X
16	* Include in Credits GPA2	1	110	110	X
17	* Partial Credit Flag GPA1	1	111	111	X
18	* Partial Credit Flag GPA2	1	112	112	X
19	* Replace Course Types	1	113	113	Not Required
20	* Course Types	100	114	213	X(100)
TOTAL		213			

* Not required for Non-SIMS Units.

FIELD DEFINITIONS**1 School Code**

The code representing the school.

2 Release Level

A code that identifies the version of the software which produced the extract. For non-SIMS, the originate code will be "CU".

3 Transaction Type

The transaction type will always be "A".

4 Course Number

This field represents the internal course number used by the school to identify the course.

5 Long Course Title

This field represents the school's internal long title name of the course being reported.

6 Short Course Title

This field represents the school's internal short title name of the course being reported.

7 Number of Semesters

The number of semesters that the course spans.

8 Units per Semester

The number of course units per semester.

9 External Course Code

The state Course Code of the course being reported. This number is comprised of a subject area, academic level, grade level and course length and should be left justified. See Appendix S: State Course Codes for a list of state course codes.

10 Contact Hours

The number of contact hours per semester.

Fields 11 through 19 inclusive are not required for Non-SIMS units at this time.

Fields 11 through 18 inclusive refer to items called "GPA1" and "GPA2". In SIMS, users have the option of identifying 2 separate calculations for GPA (1 and 2).

11 Credits per Semester - GPA 1

The number of credits awarded per semester in GPA 1.

12 Credits per Semester - GPA 2

The number of credits awarded per semester in GPA 2.

13 Include in GPA 1 Flag

A "1" indicates if this course should be included in the GPA calculation for GPA1. A "0" indicates that it should not be included.

14 Include in GPA 2 Flag

A "1" indicates if this course should be included in the GPA calculation for GPA2. An "0" indicates that it should not be included.

15 Include in Credits for GPA1

A "1" indicates if credit awarded for completing this course is included in GPA1. A "0" indicates that it is not included.

16 Include in Credits for GPA2

A "1" indicates if credit awarded for completing this course is included in GPA2. A "0" indicates that it is not included.

17 Partial Credit Flag for GPA1

A "1" indicates that partial credit is allowed for multi-semestered courses for the GPA1 calculation. A "0" indicates it is not allowed.

Partial credit means a student gets partial credit for the course if he completes at least one of the semesters for a multi-semestered course. For example, if a year long course (two semesters in length) is worth 1 credit, with .5 credits allowed for each semester, and the student passes the first semester, the student will earn .5 credits at the end of semester one.

18 Partial Credit Flag for GPA2

A "1" indicates that partial credit is allowed for multi-semestered courses for the GPA2 calculation. A "0" indicates it is not allowed.

Partial credit means a student gets partial credit for the course if he completes at least one of the semesters for a multi-semestered course. For example, if a year long course (two semesters in length) is worth 1 credit, with .5 credits allowed for each semester, and the student passes the first semester, the student will earn .5 credits at the end of semester one.

19 Replace Course Types

Always “Y”

20 Course Types

For SIMS, this field allows up to 50 course types of two characters each. Course types are used to further define courses at the school. For example, a course type of HN indicates that the course is an honors level course.

FILE DESCRIPTION:

File Name from Non-Charter School:
 File Name from Charter School:
 File Name at SIMS School:
 File Contents:

TEACHER DIRECTORY

S???.TCH, where ??? = school code
 S???.TCH, where ??? = school code
 NCDETCR.BLD
 One record for every teacher in the school's Master Schedule.

RECORD SAMPLE

Field	Description	Length	Begin	End	Format
1	School Code	3	1	3	X(3)
2	Release Level	8	4	11	X(8)
3	Transaction Type	1	12	12	A
4	Reporting Year Code	8	13	20	CCYY/YY
5	Teacher Code	4	21	24	X(4)
6	Teacher Name	16	25	40	X(16)
7	Teacher Identifier	12	41	52	X(12)
8	Room Code	4	53	56	X(4)
TOTAL		56			

FIELD DEFINITIONS**1 School Code**

The code representing the school.

2 Release Level

A code that identifies the version of the software which produced the extract. For non-SIMS, the originate code will be "CU".

3 Transaction Type

The transaction type will always be "A" .

4 Reporting Year Code

The school year in which the report is created, ex. 1995/96.

5 Teacher Code

The code indicating the teacher being reported.

6 Teacher Name

This field represents the teacher's name. The teacher's first name should be followed by the last name.

7 Teacher Identifier

The teacher's social security number (999999999 with no delimiters).

The SSN cannot be "000000000" or "999999999", except in SIMS when the SSN can be "9999999" if the teacher's experience status is 6 (not teaching at this school).

8 Room Code

For SIMS users, the code indicating the teacher's room assignment. This field is optional

FILE DESCRIPTION:

**ACADEMIC PROGRESS
SCHEDULED SECTIONS**

FILE Name from Non-Charter School:

S???.SCS, where ??? = school code

FILE Name from Charter School:

S???.SCS, where ??? = school code

FILE Name at SIMS School:

NCDESCSA.BLD

FILE Contents:

One record for every semester that a course is scheduled for a student in the current year.

RECORD SAMPLE

Field	Description	Length	Begin	End	Format
1	School Code	3	1	3	X(3)
2	Release Level	8	4	11	X(8)
3	Social Security Number	9	12	20	99X999XXX
4	Student Number	9	21	29	9(9)
5	Transaction Type	1	30	30	A
6	Run Date	8	31	38	CCYYMMDD
7	Semester	1	39	39	9
8	Course Number	8	40	47	X(8)
9	Section Number	2	48	49	9(2)
10	Teacher Assistant Flag	1	50	50	X
	TOTAL	50			

FIELD DEFINITIONS**1 School Code**

The code representing the school.

2 Release Level

A code that identifies the version of the software which produced the extract (this code is left justified). For non-SIMS, the originate code will be "CU".

3 Social Security Number

The student's social security number (99X999XXX with no delimiters). If the social security number is not being used as the State ID, the State Student ID Number is used. See Appendix S: State Student ID Number.

4 Student Number

The number the student is known by at the school. This field is zero filled for student numbers less than nine digits.

5 Transaction Type

The transaction type will always be "A" .

6 Run Date

The date on which the record was produced.

7 Semester

The semester which is being reported for the given course/section number.

8 Course Number

The unique, internal number assigned to this course by the school. It is unique only within the school.

9 Section Number

The number associated with the course number that identifies a unique occurrence of the course.

10 Teacher Assistant Flag

A "0" indicates the student is not a Teacher Assistant for this course. A "1" indicates the student is a Teacher Assistant.

FILE DESCRIPTION:

File Name from Non-Charter School:
 File Name from Charter School:
 File Name at SIMS School:
 File Contents:

MASTER TIMETABLE

S???.MST, where ??? = school code
 S???.MST, where ??? = school code
 NCDEMAST.BLD
 One record for every scheduled
 course/section/semester in the current year.

RECORD SAMPLE

Field	Description	Length	Begin	End	Format
1	School Code	3	1	3	X(3)
2	Release Level	8	4	11	X(8)
3	Transaction Type	1	12	12	"A"
4	Reporting Year Code	8	13	20	CCYY/CCYY
5	Semester	1	21	21	9
6	Course Number	8	22	29	X(8)
7	Section Number	2	30	31	9(2)
8	* Capacity	4	32	35	9(4)
9	Meeting Code	8	36	43	X(8)
10	Room Code	4	44	47	X(4)
11	Teacher Code	4	48	51	X(4)
TOTAL		51			

* Not required for Non-SIMS Units.

FIELD DEFINITIONS**1 School Code**

The code representing the school.

2 Release Level

An code which identifies the version of the software which produced the extract. For non-SIMS, the originate code will be "CU".

3 Transaction Type

The transaction type will always be "A" .

4 Reporting Year Code

The school year in which the report is created, ex. 1995/96.

5 Semester

The semester being reported for the given course/section number.

6 Course Number

The unique, internal number assigned to this course by the school. It is unique only within the school.

7 Section Number

The number associated with the course number that identifies a unique occurrence of the course.

8 Capacity

The maximum number of students that can be accommodated in the room assigned to this course.

9 Meeting Code

The code that identifies the matrix entries during which this activity occurs. A unique code that identifies a unique combination of matrix entries. Analysis of the meeting code reveals the length and frequency of occurrence of the activity. See "School Activity Report" for a discussion of meeting codes.

10 Room Code

The code indicating the room assigned to the course.

11 Teacher Code

The code of the teacher assigned to this scheduled course.

FILE DESCRIPTION:

File Name from Non-Charter School:
 File Name from Charter School:
 FILE Name at SIMS School:
 FILE Contents:

STUDENT PERSONAL DATA

S???.SPD, where ??? = school code
 S???.SPD, where ??? = school code
 SPDSEXTR.BLD
 A summary attendance record, by year, for each School in which the student was enrolled.

RECORD SAMPLE

Field	Description	Length	Begin	End	Format
1	Form Code	3	1	3	"N51"
2	Transaction Type	1	4	4	"2"
3	Social Security Number	16	5	20	99X999XXX
4	Year Code	8	21	28	CCYY/YY
5	School ID	6	29	34	X(6)
6	School Name	20	35	54	X(20)
7	Grade Level	2	55	56	9(2)
8	* Excused Absences	5	57	61	9(5)
9	* Unexcused Absences	5	62	66	9(5)
10	* Times Tardy	3	67	69	9(3)
11	Days not in violation of 10-Day	5	70	74	9(5)
12	Days in violation of 10-Day Rule	5	75	79	9(5)
13	* In-School Suspension Times	3	80	82	9(3)
14	* In-School Suspension Days	5	83	87	9(5)
15	* Out-of-School Suspension Times	3	88	90	9(3)
16	* Out-of-School Suspension Days	5	91	95	9(5)
17	* Dropout Flag	1	96	96	X
18	* Retention Flag	1	97	97	X
19	* Official Dropout Flag	1	98	98	X
20	* Dropout Reason	4	99	102	X(4)
TOTAL		102			

* Not required of Non-SIMS

FIELD DEFINITIONS**1 Form Code**

The form code is always "N51".

2 Transaction Type

The transaction type is always "2", Add.

3 Social Security Number

The student's social security number. If the social security number is not being used as the State ID, the State Student ID Number is used. See Appendix S: State Student ID Number.

4 Year Code

The field indicating the year of the reported summarized attendance information. This field should be in the format of CCYY/YY for a regular school year such as 1995/96. The format for summer school sessions is CCYY/YYS, or 1995/96S for example.

5 School ID

The code representing the LEA Code + School Code.

6 School Name

The school's name.

7 Grade Level

The student's most recent grade level in the year of the attendance information being reported.

8 Excused Absences

The student's number of excused absences for the year of attendance information being reported.

9 Unexcused Absences

The student's number of unexcused absences for the year of attendance information being reported.

10 Times Tardy

Not required for Non-SIMS units.

For SIMS, the number of times the student was tardy.

11 Days not in violation of 10-Day Rule

The number of days the student was not in violation of the 10-day rule. *See the "Principal's Monthly Report" for an explanation of the 10 day rule.*

12 Days in violation of 10-Day Rule

The number of days the student was in violation of the 10-day rule. *See the "Principal's Monthly Report" for an explanation of the 10 day rule.*

13 In-School Suspension Times

The number of times the student was in in-school suspension. (For example, suspensions of 10 days and 5 days yields 15 days, but only 2 times.)

14 In-School Suspension Days

The number of days the student was in in-school suspension.

15 Out-of-School Suspension Times

The number of times the student was in out-of-school suspension. (For example, suspensions of 10 days and 5 days yields 15 days, but only 2 times.)

16 Out-of-School Suspension Days

The number of days the student was in out-of-school suspension.

17 Dropout Flag (Previous W2/W2A)

"Y" indicates that the student's last withdrawal code for the year being reported (up to the date of extraction) is a W2 or W2A. "N" indicates that it is not a W2 or W2A.

18 Retention Flag

"Y" indicates that the student's end-of-year withdrawal code contains a promotion code of "Retention" as the last promotion code entered for the year being reported, i.e., the student was retained for the year being reported. "N" indicates that the student was not retained for the year being reported.

19 Official Dropout Flag

"Y" indicates that the student was officially reported as a dropout for the year being reported. For example, assume a student was officially reported in the fall of the 1995/96 school year as a dropout for the 1994/95 school year. When the dropout data build is created, the system automatically goes back to the 1994/95 Student Personal Data Record and posts a "Y" in the Official Dropout Flag field. "N" indicates that the student was not officially reported as a dropout.

20 Dropout Reason

The code indicating the reason the student was officially reported as a dropout. See Appendix D: Dropout Reason Codes for a list of the valid codes.

FILE DESCRIPTION:

File Name from Non-Charter School:
 File Name from Charter School:
 File Name at SIMS School:
 File Contents:

STUDENT TEST DATA

S???.TST, where ??? = school code
 S???.TST, where ??? = school code
 STESSXTR.BLD
 One record for every test that the student has taken.

RECORD SAMPLE

Field	Description	Length	Begin	End	Format
1	Form Code	3	1	3	V70)
2	Transaction Type	1	4	4	2
3	Social Security Number	16	5	20	99X999XXX
4	Last Name	18	21	38	X(18)
5	Given Names	32	39	70	X(32)
6	Test Date	8	71	78	CCYYMMDD
7	Test Code	4	79	82	X(4)
8	Exempt from Test Flag	1	83	83	X
TOTAL		83			

FIELD DEFINITIONS**1 Form Code**

This code is always "V70".

2 Transaction Type

The transaction type is always "2", Add.

3 Social Security Number

The student's social security number. If the social security number is not being used as the State ID, the State Student ID Number is used. See Appendix S: State Student ID Number.

4 Student's Legal Last Name

The student's last name.

For SIMS users, this is "Legal Given Names" field on the Extended Demographic data entry screen.

5 Student's Legal Given Name

The student's first and middle names.

6 Test Code

A code indicating the test being reported for the student. See Overview for a listing of the tests to be included.

See Appendix T: Test Codes for a list of valid codes.

7 Exempt from Test Flag

See Appendix T: Test Omission Reasons for a list of valid codes.

FILE DESCRIPTION:

File Name from Non-Charter School:
 File Name from Charter School:
 File Name at School:
 File Contents:

STUDENT TEST SCORE DATA

S???.SCO, where ??? = school code
 S???.SCO, where ??? = school code
 STSTSXTR.BLD
 One record for each score associated with a test for a given student.

RECORD SAMPLE

Field	Description	Length	Begin	End	Format
1	Form Code	3	1	3	V67
2	Transaction Type	1	4	4	3
3	Social Security Number	16	5	20	99X999XXX
4	Last Name	18	21	38	X(18)
5	Given Names	32	39	70	X(32)
6	Test Date	8	71	78	CCYYMMDD
7	Test Code	4	79	82	X(4)
8	Score Name	8	83	90	X(8)
9	Score Value	8	91	98	X(8)
10	Exempt from Score Flag	1	99	99	X
TOTAL		99			

FIELD DEFINITIONS**1 Form Code**

This code is always "V67".

2 Transaction Type

The transaction type is always "3", Add/Replace.

3 Social Security Number

The student's social security number (99X999XXX with no delimiters). If the social security number is not being used as the State ID, the State Student ID Number is used. See Appendix S: State Student ID Number.

4 Student's Legal Last Name

The student's last name.

5 Student's Legal Given Name

The student's first and middle names. For SIMS users, this is "Legal Given Names" field on the Extended Demographic data entry screen.

6 Test Date

The date the test was administered.

7 Test Code

A code indicating the test being reported for the student. See Overview for a list of the tests to be included.

See Appendix T: Test Codes for a list of valid codes

8 Score Name

The code indicating the score being reported. See Appendix T: Test Codes for a list of valid codes.

9 Score Value

The value of the score being reported depending on score type:

Score Type	Format	Justification
Numeric	9999.999	Right justification, suppress leading zeroes
Percentage	999.99	Right justification, suppress leading zeroes
Freeform	XXXXXXXXX	Right justification, suppress leading zeroes
Integer	9999	Right justification, suppress leading zeroes
Pass/Fail	"P" or "F"	Right justification, suppress leading zeroes
Yes/No	"Y" or "N"	Right justification, suppress leading zeroes

10 Exempt from Score Flag

See Appendix T: Test Omission Reasons for a list of valid codes.

FILE DESCRIPTION:

File Name from Non-Charter School:
 File Name from Charter School:
 File Name at School:
 File Contents:

SENDER CONTROL FILE

S???.SEN, where ??? = school code
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None
 One record which provides the name of the school and the total number of files being sent.

RECORD SAMPLE

Field	Description	Length	Begin	End	Format
1	School Code	4	1	4	X(3)
2	School Name	32	5	36	X(32)
3	Total # of Files	3	37	39	9(3)
4	End of Record Marker	2	40	41	X(2)
TOTAL		41			

FIELD DEFINITIONS**1 School Code**

The code representing the school.

2 School Name

The school's name.

3 Total Number of Files

The number of files being sent with the Research and Testing Data Build. This field is right justified.

4 End of Record Marker

Carriage Return/Line Feed.

REPORT SAMPLE

No report exists for this data.

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School Year	Reference	Description
1999-00	NC6.40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ File has been divided into 2 files to reduce calculation time. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ PRECODE file contains all former files except .TST and .SCO files and can be used to pre-code testing answer sheets ▪ NCTEST contains all files and must be used when providing test data to ABCs

File: Basic Demographic

School Year	Reference	Description
1998-99	NC6.39v2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Field 10 will report student Driver's License Number's if collected by the school. ➤ Field 3 Format changed from 999999XXX to 99X999XXX to allow Charter Schools to create a State Student ID using their unit number (which contains an alpha character).

File: Extended Demographics

School Year	Reference	Description
1998-99	NC6.39v2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Field 6 will report as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Positions 71-74 Intended Course of Study ➤ Positions 75-78 Intended Career Pathway ➤ Positions 79-82 Achieved Course of Study ➤ Positions 83-86 Achieved Career Pathway ➤ Field 3 Format changed from 999999XXX to 99X999XXX to allow Charter Schools to create a State Student ID using their unit number (which contains an alpha character).

File: LEA Code

School Year	Reference	Description
1998-99	NC6.39v2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Field 3 Format changed from 999999XXX to 99X999XXX to allow Charter Schools to create a State Student ID using their unit number (which contains an alpha character).

File: Academic Progress Scheduled Sections

School Year	Reference	Description
1998-99	NC6.39v2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Field 3 Format changed from 999999XXX to 99X999XXX to allow Charter Schools to create a State Student ID using their unit number (which contains an alpha character).

File: Student Personal Data

School Year	Reference	Description
1998-99	NC6.39v2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Field 3 Format changed from 999999XXX to 99X999XXX to allow Charter Schools to create a State Student ID using their unit number (which contains an alpha character).

File: Student Test Data

School Year	Reference	Description
1998-99	NC6.39v2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Field 3 Format changed from 999999XXX to 99X999XXX to allow Charter Schools to create a State Student ID using their unit number (which contains an alpha character). ➤ Field 7 Exempt from Test Flag contains Test Omission Reasons from Appendix T.

File: Student Test Score Data

School Year	Reference	Description
1998-99	NC6.39v2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Field 3 Format changed from 999999XXX to 99X999XXX to allow Charter Schools to create a State Student ID using their unit number (which contains an alpha character). ➤ Field 10 Exempt from Score Flag contains Test Omission Reasons from Appendix T.