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The Office of Civil Rights (OCR) gathers data biannually through the Civil Rights Data Collection (CRDC) on key education and civil rights issues in our nation's public schools, tracking performance toward the provision of equal educational opportunity. In the fall of 2014, the U.S. Department of Education (USDE) will be including all public districts and schools in the nation in the CRDC. This data collection will gather data for the 2013 – 2014 school year.

While all data for the CRDC must be submitted by school districts directly to USDE, the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) is committed to assisting districts and schools as much as possible. The KSDE web page (link below) will serve as a communication tool for information on the CRDC for Kansas educators.

The OCR is redesigning the functionality of their web application this year so that states can submit data directly to the CRDC on behalf of their districts. This would be data that the districts had previously submitted to the state. KSDE will utilize this already reported data to reduce burden and duplicative effort for the districts. The districts will still have the responsibility for the data reported on the CRDC and can choose whether or not they would like to use any or all of the state pre-populated data. Keep in mind that KSDE will not be able to provide all data required. **We have posted a spreadsheet to our website that details which data elements KSDE is able to pre-populate. Make note of the column where you can filter for which data elements are marked as "Yes – KSDE has the data".**

State and Federal support:

- KSDE email support - [crdcks@ksde.org](mailto:crdcks@ksde.org)
- KSDE web page - [http://www.ksde.org/Agency/FiscalandAdministrativeServices/InformationTechnology\(IT\)/CRDCKansasSupport.aspx](http://www.ksde.org/Agency/FiscalandAdministrativeServices/InformationTechnology(IT)/CRDCKansasSupport.aspx)
- OCR email support - [crdc@aemcorp.com](mailto:crdc@aemcorp.com).
- OCR website - <http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/data.html>

Tasks you should be considering now include:

- Review the KSDE data element spreadsheet to understand what data can be pre-populated for you.
- Start gathering and preparing your data. Reference the CRDC documentation on the OCR website.
- Watch for further communications from KSDE and OCR regarding collection window timeframes and the process for opting in or opting out of state data pre-population.

The current target for the CRDC to open is early/mid-November. OCR will adjust the due date to be 75 working days after the collection opens.

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