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TITLE: Information Services

TYPE: Information

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BACKGROUND:

The mission of the Information Services department is to support the district mission and strategic priorities by building capacity through research, evaluation and the application of data to inform school improvement for student success. We provide support and expertise to schools and staff through:

- Providing expertise in the area of measurement and delivering accurate and timely information to building and district staff
- Providing support to district and schools through a systematic evaluation process of district programs
- Reviewing and summarizing data related to student learning and instruction
- Providing professional development on assessment practices, data analysis and interpretation

Support and resources to ensure a safe and welcoming learning environment

- On Mar 3, 2025, Information Services staff opened and started supporting **25-26 Online Registration Applications** for the 2025-2026 School Year. Applications are coming in at a fast clip and we are excited for our new PreK and K learners for 25-26. Applications will continue to be open and available for new families through the spring/summer.
- On Jun 9, 2025, we will be opening the **Annual Renewal Applications** for all our existing families, so look for more information as we approach the June opening.

Packer Profile for all learners

- In February, Information Services worked to move all the data from the **Multi-Year Academic Plans** into the 25-26 Schedule for AHS/ALC/AOA. This process creates **course requests** for each student based on their MYAP plan so school administration can build the master schedule with the course choices provided by students and families. We are excited to continue to enhance the MYAP planning process to include Pathways and Career focused coursework from the Packer Profile.

District-wide multi-tiered systems of support for all learners

- **Exciting News: eduCLIMBER is Coming to Austin Public Schools!**

We are excited to announce that Austin Public Schools will be implementing **eduCLIMBER** from Renaissance Learning Inc. as our new data warehousing solution starting in the **2025-2026 school year!**

Why are we switching from Viewpoint to eduCLIMBER ?

Austin Public Schools has long been a state-wide leader in utilizing data to inform decisions. As one of the initial districts to start warehousing and visualizing student data, APS has been a 20-year partner with ViewPoint® Data Warehouse from cmERDC and while our relationship with the Viewpoint team has remained strong during this tenure, Renaissance Learning Inc. announced recently that it has acquired the Viewpoint Data Warehouse from cmERDC. With this acquisition, Viewpoint as we know it will be discontinued June 30, 2025.

Austin Public Schools is committed to providing staff and students the best tools possible to inform instruction and learning. Information Services has been constantly reviewing data warehousing solutions annually to keep us in alignment with our district strategic priorities to support our MTSS efforts and maintain fiscal responsibility. eduCLIMBER has been an effective and efficient solution that we have had interest in for a couple of years. With Viewpoint being acquired by Renaissance Learning Inc. and our existing relationship with Renaissance Learning Inc. for district assessment programs, including both STAR and FASTBridge assessments, we are extremely excited to bring eduCLIMBER into the APS ecosystem.

What is eduCLIMBER ?

eduCLIMBER is a powerful, user-friendly data platform that brings together academic, attendance, behavioral, and social-emotional data in one centralized system. It allows educators to visualize trends, monitor student progress, and make data-driven decisions to support every learner.

How Will eduCLIMBER Support Our MTSS Efforts?

- **Streamlined Data Access:** Quickly view academic, attendance, behavioral data to gain a complete picture of each student.
- **Efficient Progress Monitoring:** Track interventions and student growth with easy-to-use tools, ensuring timely support.
- **Data-Driven Collaboration:** Enhance team discussions with visual reports and dashboards that highlight student needs and successes.
- **Informed Decision-Making:** Use real-time data to drive instruction, interventions, and resource allocation across all tiers.

eduCLIMBER will help us strengthen our **Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS)** by simplifying how we analyze data and improving our ability to respond proactively to student needs.

Next Steps:

- Information Services is currently in process with integration efforts and eduCLIMBER onboarding work.
- We will provide training sessions and resources leading up to the launch to ensure a smooth transition.
- Stay tuned for updates on timelines, training opportunities, and how eduCLIMBER will integrate into your daily workflow.

For more information about eduCLIMBER: <https://www.renaissance.com/products/educlimber/>

We're excited about the potential of eduCLIMBER to enhance our data practices and positively impact student success. Thank you for your continued dedication to our students!

Excellence in Resource Management

- Each March, MDE releases "certified" enrollment/demographic data state-wide based on MARSS Oct. 1 data annually. Below are links to review:
 - [APS492 Demographic Summary](#)
 - [APS492 District Demographics](#)