CEI Rosters on MyData Portal

In 2007-08, teachers in Dallas ISD were first able to review their "CEI rosters" in preparation for the computation of their Classroom Effectiveness Indices. Here is a little history on why that was started and some notes about what information is available during the process.

Getting students correctly matched with teachers is essential to the accurate and fair calculation of CEIs. In the past, a teacher probably would not have known of any discrepancies in scheduling information in the student information system until *after* the indices were already computed. This meant that teachers, if they so chose, had to request corrections to scheduling problems *after the production of CEIs, during the adjustment period*. By the time the process was complete, the school year was well under way, and the time period when CEIs were often most needed had long passed.

In response to this problem, a module on MyData Portal was created that would allow teachers to ensure their students had been properly assigned to sections and courses. **The sole purpose for the resulting "CEI Roster Verification" module is to provide CEI-eligible teachers the opportunity to help create the most accurate rosters for use in computing their CEIs.** The roster verification process is now provided approximately two weeks after the end of the fifth six-week grading period.

The requests made during the roster verification period for the removal and addition of students are collected and compiled to create the final CEI rosters which determine which students are potentially eligible for inclusion in a teacher's CEIs. The rosters that are submitted online in the spring define which students were "in a teacher's class." There are many other criteria that students must meet to then be "used for a teacher's CEI." CEI eligibility is described more completely in another issue of this series as well as in the annual FAQs.

More (often many more) students may be enrolled in a teacher's section ("in the teacher's class") than are actually eligible for inclusion in the CEI. The criteria that determine which students are eligible exist to make the process fair to teachers and the results meaningful for those who use them.

Frequently Asked Question:

Q: I did not review my rosters during the window in the spring. How do I make corrections after I receive my CEI report?

A: Roster corrections (that is, providing information about students who were or were not enrolled and in attendance in the teacher's course) cannot be made after the online session in the spring.