

Guidelines for Reporting Data

The federal government has provided guidance regarding the *Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act* (FERPA) that has resulted in restrictions in the amount of student data that may be publically reported. FERPA (20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99) prohibits the release of individually identifiable information to the public. The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) adopted the guidelines for the reporting of aggregate student data and Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) is implementing MSDE's guidelines as follows:

Student Enrollment and Testing Data

- Any percentage rates greater than or equal to 95.0% or less than or equal to 5.0% will be noted as $\geq 95.0\%$ or $\leq 5.0\%$, respectively.
- If the percentage rate is greater than or equal to 95.0% or less than or equal to 5.0%, the corresponding number of students (N) will not be published.
- When the total N is less than 10, the corresponding N's and percentage rate will not be published.

Out-of-School Suspension Data

- When the number of students enrolled is less than 10, no data will be published.