Beta Testers Needed for the 2014 STARR Collection   ✕

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The Center for Educational Performance and Information (CEPI) is seeking volunteers to test the 2014 Student Transcript Academic Record Repository (STARR) Collection. This involves submitting data to our test application and putting the system through its paces. Volunteer testing is critical to assure the system runs smoothly during the next data collection period. Participation is also a good tool for your systems people to use to get a head start on changing your reporting systems over to the new schema.

We anticipate opening the testing window **March 13, 2014** and running it for one to two weeks. If you, or any of your colleagues, will be available during this time frame and are interested in testing, please complete the attached security form and return the completed form by February 24, 2014 by fax (517) 335-0488 or email at CEPI@michigan.gov.

Following is a brief overview of what is involved and what CEPI expects from our testers:

*   You must have or be able to obtain permission to at least one Michigan institution of higher education's data, and be granted authorization by that institution to work in our test environment as a "STARR-Edit" and/or "IHE UIC – Edit" user.

*   You must have access to one or more "live" student data extracts (files) for the IHE Request for Unique Identification Code (UIC) Collection and the 2014 STARR Collection, or be able to create "dummy data" that can be used for testing purposes.

*   A minimum commitment of eight hours devoted to testing one or more of the collections. This may be done all at once, but we would recommend that you spread it out over the testing period.

*   During this process we want you to try and "break the system" and then document the steps you took while breaking it and show us the results. Testing the application involves working through one or more collections from data upload through data validation, including:

> *   Resolving UICs

> *   Confirming that errors and warnings are correctly generated when they should be and are not generated when they should not be (positive and negative rule testing)

> *   Verifying report data are accurate based on the data you have submitted

When you discover a break or "bug" in the system, you will email the details, including supporting documentation and any applicable screen shots, to CEPI customer support. Our team will review each report to confirm it is a problem with STARR and then forward it to our development team for investigation. When the investigation is completed, you may be asked to perform follow-up testing to ensure the issue has been resolved.

If you have questions about the testing process, please contact Rachel Edmondson at EdmondsonR2@michigan.gov or call (517) 241-5487.

Thank you,

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