

School Administrative Records to be Obtained From School Districts for Students Participating in the National Longitudinal Transition Study 2012 (NLTS 2012)

The student's school or district will be asked to provide Mathematica with school records for participating students. For the 2011-2012 school year, schools will be asked to provide data on the student's eligibility for free or reduced price school meals and the student's English Language Learner status. The district will also be asked to provide school records covering multiple school years as relevant for each sampled student and as available from the district. Data items requested will include: the number of days absent and suspensions / expulsions for each year as the student progresses from the 7th to 12th grade; scores on achievement tests taken by each student during the 8th through 12th grade; each course taken, grade, and credits earned for each year as the student progresses from the 9th through 12th grade (high school only); grade point average in high school, whether the student earned a credential and type of credential. The point or points of data collection will be worked out with each district.