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Title: How to report data for N/X150 & N/X151 in special circumstances.

Issue Description:

Many States may find that they have unique reporting situations for graduation rates and cohort counts. Here are a few examples of how to report those:

- No data should be reported for closed schools. If the district is still operational a student would be reported at the LEA and SEA level. . This is true for students in a 5 year cohort, or students who dropped out prior to the closing of the school.
- There are some instances where students transfer in, and out of alternative schools during the School Year. Some schools may not have a current cohort or graduation rate. In this case if AYP is assigned to the alternative school, then a graduation rate would be assigned to the school. If a state maps APY back to the sending school, then the students data should be assigned to that school. For the individual student, if the alternative school offers a diploma and the student transfers out, he/she would be counted as a transfer. If the alternative school does not offer a regular high school diploma, then the student would be counted as a non-graduate from his/her sending school unless the student re-enrolls at another school offering a diploma, in which case the student would become part of the receiving school's cohort.
- In alternative schools where all of the grade 12 students are certificate bound–students should be reported based on the state’s accountability workbook. If in the State's accountability workbook AYP is assigned to the alternative school, and the alternative school offers a regular high school diploma, then a graduation rate would be assigned to the school. If the State's practice is to map student data back to sending schools for AYP, then the student's data would be assigned to the sending school. If the school does not offer a regular high school diploma, the students are counted as non-graduates from their sending schools.
- When a school is a start-up high school with grades 9-11 and no 12th grade students to report a graduation rate for, does any graduation information on that high school need to be reported? - No. No graduation rate is reported for a school until it includes a 12th grade. When the transfer students in this question graduate, they should be reported in the schools 4-year & 5-year (if applicable) graduation rates.