



The 5 W's to Understanding the Post-School Outcomes (PSO) Data Collection

The purpose of this document is to support understanding of the PSO data collection requirement by briefly answering what, why, when, where, who, and how questions commonly asked about PSO data collection.

What – What is the *PSO* data collection?

PSO is a **required** data collection completed with former students one year after they exit secondary school. It measures former students' postschool engagement in higher education, competitive employment, some other education and training and some other employment. The *Follow-Up Interview* collects post-school outcome data that is used for improving programs. Follow-Up Interviews are conducted by school personnel with former students, ages 16-21, who were receiving services through an IEP when they exited secondary school. Interviews occur one year after a student graduates or permanently exits secondary school.

Why – Why do we collect this information?

PSO data collection is required by IDEA; a federal law that governs special education and related services to students who experience disability. To ensure compliance with IDEA, all states **must** report annually to the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) on 17 performance indicators. Four of these indicators relate to secondary transition, B-1 Graduation, B-2 Dropout, B-13 Transition Components, and B-14 Post-School Outcomes. Since this is a **federally required** data collection, school district personnel must conduct *Follow-Up Interviews* with former students (or their designee).

When – When are the *Follow-Up Interviews* conducted?

Follow-Up Interviews are conducted one year, 365 days, after the student has left school. This timeframe allows time for the student to enroll and complete at least one term of further education, and or to work for at least 90 days – the minimum criteria for being engaged. For this reason, the *Follow-Up Interviews* should be conducted between approximately June 1 and September 30. Data are recorded in the PSO 2.0 Application, a secure online data collection platform. A list of eligible students is available for the district to review on the PSO App approximately 90 days before the App opens for data collection.

Where – Where do we access the *Follow-Up Interviews*?

The **PSO 2.0 App** is a central portal for PSO data collection. It can be found on the ODE Central Login site: <https://district.ode.state.or.us/apps/login/>. In addition to the Follow-Up Interview, the PSO 2.0 App contains several PSO related features – an **Exit Interview** for collecting contact and other information before a student leaves school is available throughout the school year. A **Student Review List** to see which students should be contacted for the Follow-Up Interviews is available in mid-April. The App also provides updated trainings, events, notices and resources. The preferred method of collecting interviews is by using the PSO 2.0 App, this provides a convenient place to conduct the interview, all inputs are automatically retained by the PSO App. The App is specifically designed for interviewers to use while conducting the interview. It provides helpful features, scripts and instructions to allow the interviewer to obtain accurate and complete information. To obtain access to the PSO App, contact your District Administrator.

Who – Who collects and supports the district's PSO data collection?

Districts determine who conducts the *Follow-Up Interviews* and are encouraged to identify a PSO team. The team should include (a) an **administrator**- the person who will be contacted if there is a question or problem with the submission and who is responsible for the collection, personnel performing the collection, reviewing the final collection, and deciding when to "Mark Collection Complete" within the PSO App; (b) **points of contact** for the Follow-Up and Exit Interviews – these are the people/person to whom notices will be sent; and (c) **PSO interviewers** – a list of everyone who conducts the interviews, including anyone who only enters data. These are the people who will be contacted if there is a question with a specific student record.

How – How do we find resources to support the PSO data collection?

A wealth of resources for the PSO collection can be found under the **PSO Resources** section on the Oregon Transition Education website: www.transitionoregon.org. Resources include training videos, scripts, resource and strategy documents. Specific questions can be sent to psu@uoregon.edu.