**Office of Academics - Research and Analysis Division**

**PEIMS Reporting Unit**

**Masking Processes and Rules for Web Reports**

We apply the following masking rules to data in order to comply with the **Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (**FERPA).

**2018 and later**

**Primary masking**

* Mask small numbers for any student counts at the state, region, district, or campus levels. Counts other than student counts, such as disciplinary action counts, may be masked if their values are associated with student counts in such a way that allow imputation of student counts.
* Mask the percentages that correspond to the masked numbers.

**Secondary masking**

* If a masked value can be deduced, another value is masked to prevent the imputation. The values that are masked in this stage could be a larger value.

**Notation for masking**

* To indicate a masked value, use the characters “-999,” the characters “N/A,” an asterisk (\*), a dash (-), or a period (.).