**Research and Analysis Division**

**PEIMS Reporting Unit**

**Masking Rules for PEIMS Standard Reports**

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To comply with the **Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (**FERPA), small counts and percentages of students are masked to prevent the identification of individuals. Masked values may be displayed with the characters “-999” or “N/A” or ranges (e.g., <10 and <20), an asterisk (\*), a dash (-), or a period (.). There are two types of masking – primary and secondary.

**Primary masking**

Small numbers (counts between 1 and 9) are masked for any student counts at the district and campus levels. Percentages that correspond to the masked numbers are also not displayed.

**Secondary masking**

If a masked value can be deduced, another value is masked to prevent imputation. The values that are masked in this stage may be greater than 10.