Statewide Student Identifier – SSID

SACWIS Data Exchange

What is the SSID?

The Statewide Student Identifier system (SSID) assigns a unique student identification number to all public school children in the state. The system is used solely to assign the identification numbers which school districts then use for state reporting purposes. This allows the Ohio Department of Education to confidentially collect student level data without personally identifiable information. The SSID follows the student as they move between Ohio schools and/or districts.

Why will SACWIS exchange data with the SSID system?

The purpose of this data exchange is to obtain the Statewide Student Identifier (SSID) for children and young adults involved in the child welfare system. This unique child identifier will provide a means for data sharing and matching across state systems to improve services.

How will SACWIS obtain the SSID?

ODJFS will send a file containing information on all children under age 22 who have had an open children services or Bridges case within the past 5 years to the Statewide Student Identifier (SSID) System. The SSID system will process the records to match with students in their system and return an SSID which will be stored in SACWIS as a person reference number.

The batch file will be transmitted weekly, and for children with multiple potential matches, state users will log into the SSID system to reconcile.

What if the child is not school age and/or does not have an SSID?

Some children who are not school age will have an SSID, as these may be generated based on the child's participation in other state programs. If the child does not yet have an SSID, SACWIS will continue sending the child's information until a match is found. New SSIDs will not be created for children sent over by SACWIS; the system will only retrieve existing SSIDs.

What is required to obtain the SSID?

The SSID system requires the following minimum data for each child, which is expected to match what is on the birth certificate:

- Legal Last Name
- Legal First Name
- Date of Birth
- Primary Native Language
- Gender

If one or more of these elements is missing, the person will not be sent in the data exchange file and no SSID will be obtained. Therefore, it is important to ensure all Person information is entered thoroughly and timely in SACWIS.