

TERM	DEFINITION
ACPE	Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education; Partner agency.
AIMS	ANSWERS Information Management System. This system handles the association between an individual’s PII and de-identified information used for analysis.
Anonymization	The process of data de-identification which produces de-identified data where individual records cannot be linked back to an original person record or to other individual records from the same source, because they do not include a record code needed to link the records.
ANSWERS	Acronym for Alaska Navigator: Statewide Workforce Education Related Statistics. ANSWERS refers to the entire P-20W SLDS and is not specific to a single database.
Blurring	A disclosure limitation method which is used to reduce the precision of the disclosed data to minimize the certainty of individual identification.
CEDS	Common Education Data Standards is a national collaborative effort to develop voluntary, common data standards for a key set of education data elements to streamline the exchange, comparison and understanding of data within and across P-20W institutions and sectors.
De-identified/ de-identification	The process of removing or obscuring any personally identifiable information from person records in a way that minimizes the risk of unintended disclosure of the identity of individuals and information about them.
DOB	Date of birth
DOLWD	State of Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development; Partner agency.
EED	State of Alaska Department of Education and Early Development; Partner agency.
ETL	Acronym for extract, transform, and load. ETL is a process in data warehousing that involves extracting data from outside sources, transforming it to fit business needs, and loading it into the data warehouse.
FERPA	Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
MPI	Master Person Index. Sequestered process for incorporating custom matching algorithms and processes for matching individual records within the system and assigning unique P20W Identification Numbers.
P-20W	Preschool - grade 20 – workforce. From early learning through to workforce.
Partner Agency	The four partner agencies involved in the development and administration of ANSWERS are Alaska Department of Education and Early Development (EED), the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development (DOLWD) Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education (ACPE) and the University of Alaska (UA).
PII	Personally identifiable information is information that can be used individually or in conjunction with other information to identify an individual, e.g. name, SSN.
SLDS	Statewide longitudinal data systems are intended to enhance the ability of States to efficiently and accurately manage, analyze, and use education data, including individual student records. The SLDS should help states, districts, schools, educators, and other stakeholders to make data-informed decisions to improve student learning and outcomes; as well as to facilitate research to increase student achievement and close achievement gaps.
SSN	Social Security Number
Suppression	A disclosure limitation method that involves removing data from a cell, row, or table, to prevent the identification of individuals in small groups or those with unique characteristics.
UA	University of Alaska; Partner agency