

## **M/D Precollege Database Background**

### Purpose of this Document:

This document is meant to provide general information regarding the past and present custodianship and usage of the University of Wisconsin System multicultural/disadvantaged (M/D) precollege database, as well as information concerning M/D precollege data reporting guidelines.

This is provided to generally describe the M/D precollege database to people who are new to the M/D precollege efforts of the University of Wisconsin. In particular, new M/D Precollege Directors, M/D Coordinators, or other personnel involved in data collection, data entry, or reporting regarding University of Wisconsin System M/D precollege programs and participants.

### M/D Precollege Database Custodianship and Usage: 1993-94 to 2003-04

Until the winter of 2003-04 the database was maintained by the UWSA, Multicultural Center for Education Excellence (MCEE). While the database was maintained by MCEE, the purpose was primarily operational – to create the MCEE Recruitment Data Extract (RDE) List. The MCEE's RDE List is a roster of rising high school sophomores and juniors that have had some type of M/D precollege experience on a UW System campus. The RDE List is provided for use by campus admissions officers and M/D Coordinators as a recruitment tool to further increase campus diversity. The RDE List is produced once annually. For more information, contact Gregory T. Ware (gtware@uwm.edu) or Jerry Roberts (jrob@uwm.edu) at the MCEE.

### M/D Precollege Database Custodianship and Usage: 2003-04 to Present

During the winter of 2003-04, the UWSA, Office of Policy Analysis and Research (OPAR) assumed custodial responsibility for the M/D precollege database. OPAR has the responsibility of utilizing the past, present and future M/D precollege participant data and M/D precollege program data for analysis.

The intent of using the data analytically is to inform University of Wisconsin Institutions, the Board of Regents, the State Legislature, and others regarding the level of college-preparation and college-going rates of M/D precollege participants, characteristics of participants, and varying levels of M/D precollege program participation across University of Wisconsin campuses.

### Reporting Your M/D Precollege Participant and Program Data

Currently, data regarding your M/D precollege participants and programs are reported to/collected by Todd Bailey (tbailey@uwsa.edu), a database manager and analyst in OPAR.

Precollege data collection and reporting instruments are available online at:

<http://www.uwsa.edu/opar/precollege.htm>

- UW M/D Precollege Common Registration Form
- Letter to Parents
- Data Element Dictionaries
- M/D Precollege Data Templates
- Instructions for M/D Precollege Data Templates

If you have any questions, concerns, or thoughts to share regarding the M/D precollege database, please contact:

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