

SURE Submission Layout File Specifications

This guide serves as a reference in preparation to submit a SURE file in a format that will successfully load to the SURE SQL database. This document is intended to serve as a checklist, but does not replace the [data dictionary](#).

All fields identified with a “Y” in the column titled “*Required*” are required. The “*Page*” column indicates the page number of the data dictionary on which more information for the specific field can be found. Pages in **BOLD** indicate fields that have historically been prone to errors and thus merit closer attention. If you have any questions, please e-mail research@oshe.nj.gov.

STEP 1: Create Student Unit Record

SURE data files should use the layout below. Each SURE file must be submitted in .xlsx format.

IMPORTANT: Do not enter commas, dashes, or slashes in any of the fields. For all fields with “Text” in the “*Variable Type*” column below, select the entire column in the file and change the type from “General” to “Text” and then paste as values .

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COLUMN	FIELD NAME	VARIABLE TYPE	LENGTH	REQUIRED	FORMAT	PAGE	CHECK LIST
A	Month of Award	Text	2	Y	MM	7	☐ Values correspond with month, 01 (Jan) through 12 (Dec)
B	Year of Award	Numeric	4	Y	YYYY	8	☐ Year indicated is the calendar year the credential was awarded
C	Institution Code	Text	6	Y	XXXXXX	9	☐ All codes are 6 digits ☐ Column is formatted as text and not a custom format
D	Social Security Number	Text	9	Y	XXXXXXXXX	10	☐ SSN is 9 characters ☐ No commas, dashes slashes are present ☐ Invalid <u>SSNs</u> are replaced with a <u>temporary identifier</u> in the format 9XXXXXXXXX, using “9” followed by the Student ID Number. ☐ This temporary Identifier has been consistently reported across reporting years and submission type. ☐ Column is formatted as text and not a custom format
E	Sex	Numeric	1	Y	X	11	☐ All values are 1 digit and valid values are between 1 or 2
F	Citizenship	Numeric	1	Y	X	12	☐ All values are 1 digit and valid values are between 0 and 3
G	Birth Date	Text	8	Y	MMDDYYYY	13	☐ Date does not include separators, slashes “/” or dashes “-” ☐ Yields age between 11 and 100 ☐ Column is formatted as text and not a custom format
H	Admissions Status	Numeric	1	Y	X	14	☐ All values are 1 digit and valid values are between 1 and 6
I	Year of Matriculation	Numeric	4	N	YYYY	15	☐ Year indicated is the calendar year in which the student first matriculated

J	Semester of Matriculation	Numeric	1	N	X	16	☐ Value is either 2 (Spring), 3 (Summer) or 4 (Fall)
K	Award Type	Text	3	Y	XXX	17	☐ 3-digit Award Type Code matches credential earned ☐ Column is formatted as text and not a custom format
L	Award Major	Text	6	Y	XXXXXX	19	☐ Award Major is 6 digits, including leading zeros ☐ Column is formatted as text and not a custom format FYI For accepted codes, refer to the Degree Program Inventory on the OSHE website.
M	Accumulated Degree Credits	Numeric	3-5	Y	XXX.XX	20	☐ All values are separated by a decimal and are between 3 and 5 digits ☐ All values of 0 indicate “failed all attempted credits” ☐ No leading zeros FYI Leave cell blank if unavailable, student is first-time freshman and has no prior credits, or is a transfer student awaiting credit evaluation.
N	Accumulated Grade Point Average	Numeric	3	Y	X.XX	21	☐ All values are separated by a decimal and are 3 digits ☐ All values of 0 indicate “failed all attempted credits” ☐ No leading zeros FYI Cell can <u>only be left blank</u> if information is <u>not available</u> or student is first-time with no semester GPA.
O	Hispanic/Latino Code	Numeric	1	Y	X	22	☐ Code is 1 digit and valid values are 0 and 1
P	American Indian/Alaskan Native Code	Numeric	1	Y	X	23	☐ Code is 1 digit and valid values are 0 and 1
Q	Asian Code	Numeric	1	Y	X	24	☐ Code is 1 digit and valid values are 0 and 1
R	Black/African American Code	Numeric	1	Y	X	25	☐ Code is 1 digit and valid values are 0 and 1
S	Native Hawaiian/Pacific	Numeric	1	Y	X	26	☐ Code is 1 digit and valid values are 0 and 1
T	White Code	Numeric	1	Y	X	27	☐ Code is 1 digit and valid values are 0 and 1
U	NJ SMART Identification Number	Text	10	Y	XXXXXXXXXX	28	☐ Valid NJ SMART SID is provided. ☐ NJ SMART ID Includes leading 0s ☐ Left blank (ONLY if NJ SMART SID is NOT available) ☐ Column is formatted as text and not a custom format
V	Institutional Student Identification Number	Text	0-15	Y	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	29	☐ Valid Institutional ID is ≤ 15 characters ☐ Institutional ID Includes leading 0s ☐ Column is formatted as text and not a custom format
Separate Excel File	Federal IPEDS Distance Education Data Collection Spreadsheet	Text		Y		30	☐ Spreadsheet is completed with values for each variable ☐ Spreadsheet follows all instructions provided in pages 30-32 of the Completions Data Dictionary

STEP 2: SAVING AND NAMING Your File

Your file name should include your account code. File names should only be alphanumeric, with no spaces, underscores, punctuation marks, or special characters. Files must be submitted using the file extension XLSX). All SURE files must contain the appropriate naming convention for successful submission. Please review the naming convention criteria and examples below.

TITLE VARIABLE	EXAMPLES
1. SURE FILE TYPE	- ENR (Enrollment) - TWM (12-Month Enrollments) - COM (Completions) - NTE (New Transfer Enrollments) - NCR (Noncredit Enrollments) - SUM (Summer Completions)
2. INSTITUTION CODE	123456
3. SEMESTER	- F (Fall) - S (Spring) - Y(Year/Annual)
4. REPORTING YEAR	YY (e.g., 25)

Naming convention for file type

- COM123456Y25.xlsx

Also make sure that there is only one file worksheet, and that the worksheet follows required naming conventions. **The worksheet name must be consistent with these conventions in order for the file to successfully process.**

Naming conventions for worksheet

File Type	Worksheet Name
FY Completions	Completions
12-Month Enrollment	12Month
Non-credit Enrollments	NonCredit
Summer Completions	Completions
Fall Enrollment	Enrollments
New Transfer Enrollment	Transfers
Spring Enrollment	Enrollments

STEP 3: Uploading prepared SURE File to SURE SQL Database platform.

Once the file is ready and appropriately named, it is ready to be loaded directly into the SURE SQL database. You will navigate to the NJ OSHE SURE platform by signing in to <https://my.nj.gov/ai/Login> and clicking on the “OSHE SURE” tile located under the “Treasury Links” header.



Once you click the OSHE SURE icon above, you will be navigated to the OSHE SURE web application.

A screenshot of the OSHE SURE web application. The top navigation bar includes 'CDA', 'File Tracking' (highlighted with a blue circle), 'File Upload', 'IPEDS Files', 'IPEDS Generation', 'IPEDS Tracking', 'SSN Update', 'Reports', 'Table Maintenance', 'User Administration', 'Welcome Chad May', and 'Profile'. Below this is a 'File Tracking' section with filters for File Type, Semester, Year, FileName, School, and Non Submitted School. There are 'Submit' and 'Reset' buttons. A 'Process' button is also present. Below the filters is a table with columns: School, FileName, FileType, Semester, Year, Status, ProcessDate, Record Count, and Process. The table is currently empty, showing 'No data available in table'. At the bottom, it says 'Showing 0 to 0 of 0 entries' and has 'Previous' and 'Next' links.

Click the “File Upload” tab to upload your file. If your file successfully uploads, you will then click the “File Tracking” tab. **Note that there are separate procedures for processing the file depending on if the file is the first version being submitted or is a revised version.** If you are submitting the first version of a file, you may simply click “Process” button. If you are submitting a revised file, **you must first search for the file name by using the filters in the drop down menus for file type, semester, year, and school. Once you find the correct file you are replacing, use the checkbox under the “Process” column before clicking the “Process” button.** For tracking purposes, we recommend that institutions create an internal file repository to track file submission that is updated to reflect subsequent version submissions. You can check the status of the file import process by searching for the file using the file tracking page filters, see screenshot below.

A close-up screenshot of the 'Process' button and a table. The 'Process' button is circled in red. The table has columns 'Record Count' and 'Process'. The first row shows a record count of 3257 and a checked checkbox in the 'Process' column. The second row shows a record count of 13598 and an unchecked checkbox.A screenshot of the OSHE SURE web application with filters highlighted by blue circles. The filters are: File Type (set to 'Completions'), Semester (set to 'F'), Year (set to '2025'), School (set to 'Stockton University'), and Non Submitted School (unchecked). There are 'Submit' and 'Reset' buttons at the bottom.