BASIC EDUCATIONAL DATA SYSTEM (BEDS)

ADMINISTRATION MANUAL EDUCATIONAL PERSONNEL DATA FORM

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Electronic Personnel Master File (ePMF) USER GUIDE

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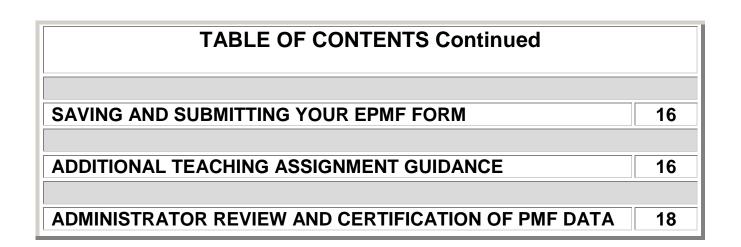
TEACHERS and Non-Teaching Professionals

In School Districts, Charter Schools and BOCES

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INTRODUCTION

Please read through this manual in advance of completing your ePMF form.

The data collected in the ePMF system is legally required to be provided to the New York State Education Department (NYSED) and used for state and federal reporting purposes. Therefore, reporting complete and accurate information is the best way to ensure that your district's data is accurately represented.

This manual is designed to provide assistance with completing the Basic Educational Data System (BEDS) personnel forms (ePMF forms) by all teachers employed in school districts, BOCES and charter schools.

While many of the reported data elements within the form reference "BEDS Day" (October 3, 2018), the form does not need to be completed and submitted on BEDS Day. It is likely there will be considerable traffic on the Teacher Access and Authorization (TAA) system https://eservices.nysed.gov/taa/ around BEDS Day.

In December 2018, ePMF forms will be locked and teachers will not be able to make changes. Administrators with entitlements to TAA/TSRV/ePMF will review the forms and make corrections as needed.

Your administrator may require an earlier deadline and should provide you with a timeline for completing your ePMF form.

After your district has reviewed the data it will be submitted to NYSED. Your Superintendent, Data Coordinator, or BEDS Coordinator should be able to inform teachers when the district has loaded their Staff Snapshot data and that teachers should begin entering their ePMF data via TAA. If your district, charter school or BOCES did not load your TEACH ID into Staff Snapshot in the Student Information Repository System (SIRS), you will not see an ePMF form. If you see a form from your prior school district, they may have inadvertently loaded a record for you.

As in the past, the data submitted to the Department will be used to generate Out of Certification reports. The Department <u>will **not**</u> be accepting assignment code changes after the data are certified, submitted, and after the Final Out of Certification reports are generated. Therefore, we suggest you review teacher assignments carefully and if you have questions about certification, contact the Office of Teaching Initiatives within the Department <u>http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/</u>.

If you have questions concerning these instructions, contact your data coordinator or email us at <u>https://datasupport.nysed.gov</u>.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Persons having both teaching and non-teaching duties should complete an ePMF (BEDS) form for their teaching assignments, and non-teaching assignments will be reported through the Student Information Repository System (SIRS) via eScholar Staff Assignment and Staff Snapshot Template. All assignments (courses) should be reported in SIRS and in PMF/TAA.

Non-teaching Professionals

In 2017-18, the Department created PMF forms for non-teachers from Staff Snapshot and Staff Assignment data. While non-teachers are not required by NYSED to create TAA accounts, they will need to do so to view their data. LEAs may require their non-teachers to create accounts, review their data and submit forms. NYSED will be using the data reported in SIRS (Staff Assignment) for <u>non-teachers</u> for state and federal reporting purposes, therefore it is not required that they submit PMF forms.

If non-teaching professionals do not see any assignments on their PMF forms, their LEA has not loaded their Staff Assignment records to the State Data Warehouse (Level 2). These staff will not be able to submit their forms until Staff Assignment data is loaded.

The following individuals **should not** complete an ePMF form:

- Individuals not employed on a regular basis;
- Teachers working exclusively with non-public school students;
- Teacher aides;
- ROTC teachers;
- Certified and non-certified teaching assistants;
- Athletic Directors;
- Teachers on a leave of absence during the ePMF collection period and not reported as the teacher of record for the assignment; and
- Who are not the Teacher of Record responsible for the course/assignment.

Personnel working in a district but <u>employed by a BOCES</u> (Board of Cooperative Educational Services) should have a form under the BOCES code.

<u>Substitute or interim staff.</u> long-term or otherwise, are not covered by §3012- d evaluations <u>unless</u> they are also a teacher in the classroom teaching service and are serving as the teacher of record. Districts/BOCES will need to collect data elements to support teacher of record determinations (Please see Sections B2, B3, D1, and M2 of the APPR Guidance document posted on EngageNY at <u>https://www.engageny.org/resource/guidance-on-new-york-s-annual-professional-performance-review-law-and-regulations.</u>).

<u>Teachers</u> should report all the assignments and number of students they are teaching before the ePMF closes. **If possible, teachers should report 2nd and 3rd quarter classes.**

If student counts (registration numbers) change during the school year, they do not have to update those numbers on the PMF form.

What you should know in advance of logging into ePMF:

- ✓ Your login information (username and password) for the TAA system (Teacher Access and Authorization) is where teachers providing instruction in grades 4-8 ELA and Math and Regents Math can check their Teacher Student Roster data;
- ✓ The registration (count of students) in each of your assignments; and
- ✓ The predominant grade level of the students in each class.

THE ePMF APPLICATION IN TAA

The electronic Personnel Master File (ePMF) system collects data submitted by teachers concerning the assignments they teach, grade level, years of experience, and more. Each teacher completes an ePMF form per district. If you work in multiple districts and each district loaded your TEACH ID in SIRS Staff Snapshot you will see a button on the form to access <u>a different ePMF form for each district</u> identifying you as a teacher.

If you need more information or help filling out your ePMF form, you can visit the NYSED Information and Reporting Services PMF page: http://www.p12.nysed.gov/irs/beds/PMF/home.html

Accessing Your ePMF Form

Accessing the ePMF (electronic Personnel Master File) form is done through the TAA (Teacher Authorization and Authentication) system.

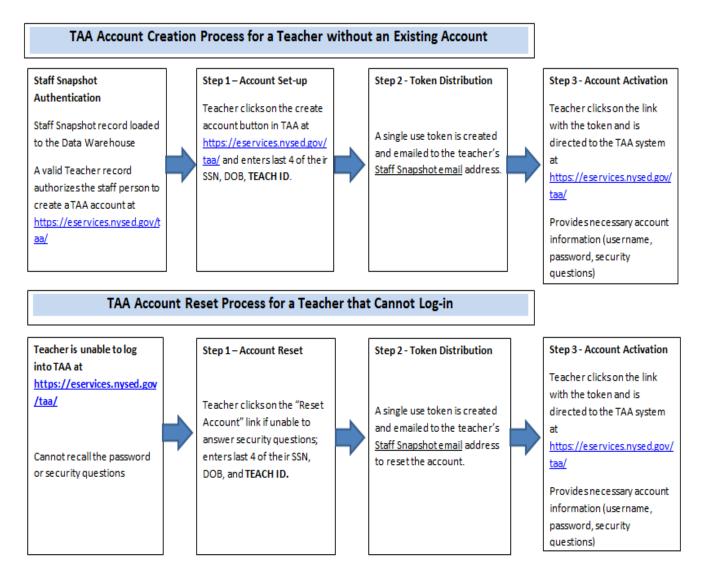
For assistance with username and password information related to TAA, visit the following page: <u>http://eservices.nysed.gov/taa/</u>.

For staff with current active accounts, you may log in with your username (email address) and password. No further account action will be required unless you cannot recall your password and security questions and need to reset your account. After requesting an account reset, you would then need to utilize the new Token process.

Tokens are generated for staff persons who do not have active TAA accounts or who require an account reset. Following a valid Staff Snapshot record in the Student Information Repository System (SIRS), a token (link) will be generated and sent to the staff person's Staff Snapshot work email address allowing the staff person to start the account creation in the TAA system at www.esservices.nysed.gov.

For details more on the token refer to quidance process at http://www.p12.nysed.gov/irs/beds/PMF/home.html . For teachers that require an account reset, they will have to provide the last 4 digits of their social security number, date of birth, and 7-digit TEACH ID. Your district may store your TEACH ID with two leading zeros. A single use token will then be emailed to the teacher's Staff Snapshot email address. The teacher clicks on the link with the token and is directed to the TAA system and completes the account creation process.

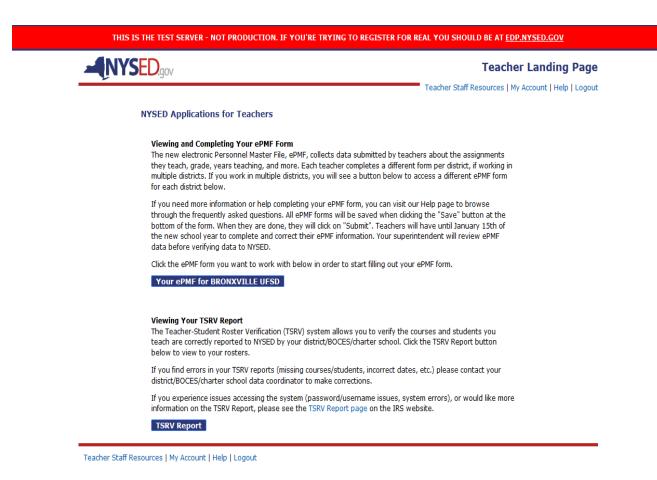
The new process is summarized in the chart below.



Note: Passwords and Security Questions: NYSED staff do not have access to your password and security questions. If teachers cannot recall this information, they need to reset their accounts online.

	Teacher Access and Authorization
Teacher Access and Authorization (TAA) TAA users have access to the Teacher Student Roster Verification (TSRV) system and the ePMF application.	- Login
First Time Users Before accessing TAA users need to create an account. Please watch our Account Creation Video Walkthrough for guidance on creating a new account. More information	Username (Email Address): Password:
Teacher Student Roster Verification System This system is used to verify district/BCCES/charter school reported roster data for teachers and principals outside of NYC. More information	Login I forgot my password
New York City Department of Education (NYCDOE) teachers and principals will use alternate data verification processes and reports. Nore information	I forgot my username
ePMF The rew electronic Persornel Master File, eFMF, collects data submitted by teachers about the sections they teach, including job assignment, grade, years teaching, and more. More information	I need to create an account Help with your account?

Once logged into TAA, the landing page is viewable; teachers can view their Teacher Student Roster Verification Reports (TSVR), and complete and submit their ePMF data.



NOTE: The ePMF form is generated only after a valid staff snapshot record for a teacher is loaded to Level 2 (SIRS). This is followed by a successful login for existing accounts or creation of a new TAA account. After these steps are taken, administrators with entitlements through SEDDAS to TAA/TSRV/ePMF will be able to view and edit ePMF forms as needed.

COMPLETING THE ePMF FORM

** These data are reported from your district's Staff Snapshot and is the official source for ePMF. Please contact your administrator if there is an error in what is reported, they will make the appropriate corrections.

Verifying Personal Information

TEACH Data

Those of you who are returning teachers in this district should have a form with personal information that is pre-populated. The following items: last name, first name, TEACH ID, and date of birth are derived from the TEACH system. If some of this information is incorrect, you should contact the Office of Teaching Initiatives in the Department. Website - <u>http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/contact2.html</u>. Phone number – (518) 474-3901

BEDS Code (Building Location)

Those of you who are new to a district may see the district code in your ePMF account as your location. This would also be the case if your district did not provide your building location prior to loading Staff Snapshot data. You may choose your school building location from the drop-down menu on the ePMF form. If you work in more than one school building or in the district's central office, the district code will be your location code.

Race/Ethnicity

Starting in 2017-18, the Department incorporated Race/Ethnicity into the ePMF forms. This will assist districts in maintaining accurate information and is required for New York's federal student equity plan. NYSED does not release individual staff Race/Ethnicity data. This information is only reported in the aggregate. Please note that while Staff Snapshot in SIRS allows teachers to identify more than one race, the PMF form currently only displays the first one selected on the template.

Educational Experience

Degree Status**

The highest degree you currently hold will be reported by your district.

Professional Development**

Completed if you received professional development during the current school year. "NA" pertains to first-year teachers, teachers on leave, and teachers who had only non-teaching assignments. Use the definition of "professional development" found in ESSA at: http://www.p12.nysed.gov/irs/beds/PMF/documents/CertifcationandProfessionalDevelopment

Employment Information

Number of Years Employed in this District in a Professional Position**

The number of years employed in this district will be reported by your district. This year counts as one full year of experience in this district.

Total Years Employed in a Professional Position (Including Nonpublic) **

This number will consist of all years of professional educational experience, including other public school districts, nonpublic schools, BOCES, and college or university experience within NYS. Your district will report this on your behalf.

Percent of Time Employed in this School District**

For most of you, the entry will be reported as 100 percent. However, there may be some teachers whose services are shared by more than one district or BOCES who have been teaching only part-time, such as a teacher who teaches mornings only. Districts cannot report more than 100 percent.

Number Months Employed by this District**

This refers to the number of months you are employed in the district. The period reported should range from 1 to 12 months. Even if you receive your salary over a 12-month period, the entry reported should be the number of months you are expected to be on the job for 2018-2019.

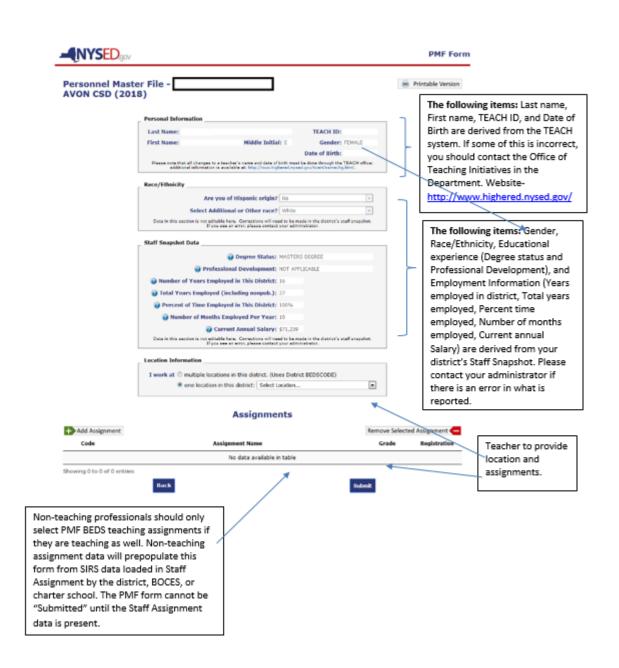
Current Annual Salary**

Your current salary reported by the district **<u>should</u>** include the following (if applicable):

- Primary instructional assignments;
- More than one primary assignment (e.g. teacher and Director of Curriculum);
- Instructional and professional stipends related to your primary assignments (e.g. chairing a department or serving as both a teacher and administrator); and
- Stipends for college credits, in-services, mentoring, longevity/steps, and compensation activities that pertain to your pedagogical duties as long as it is part of the contracted annual salary.

The following should **<u>not</u>** be included:

- Additional pay received for supervising extracurricular activities beyond the normal assignments, such as for coaching or for supervising clubs; and
- Summer school pay or overtime pay.



TEACHING ASSIGNMENT INFORMATION

Selecting Teaching Assignment Codes

Assignments are added by clicking on the "Add Assignment" link at the bottom of the page. A box will open (see below) displaying the first page of assignment codes (See the screenshot below).

A user can use the search box to enter the assignment code or assignment description. The search box will autofill once you start typing.

Grade level and core class designations are made at this point. Guidance about these data elements can be found later in this document.

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	Q Number of Months Employed Per Year: 10
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After you have selected your assignments, you can click outside the assignment box to the main ePMF form. Your assignments should now be in view at the bottom of the form.

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3116	SIXTH GRADE ENGLISH	Select Grade ▼		Core •	
3118	ENGLISH 7	Select Grade ▼		Core 🔻	
3120	ENGLISH 8	Select Grade ▼		Core •	
3122	ENGLISH 9	Select Grade ▼		Core 🔻	
3124	ENGLISH 10	10 🔻	22	Core 🔻	
3126	ENGLISH 11	Select Grade V		Core 🔻	
3128	ENGLISH 12	Select Grade V		Core ▼	
3170	ENGLISH HUMANITIES	10 🔻	16	Core 🔻	

Add Selected Assignment

<u>Note: Special Education Teachers.</u> Teachers with certification in special education and acting in this capacity should use the special education assignment codes beginning with 77. If they use the general education content area codes and do not have the content area certification they will generate an out of certification status on the end of year reports.

Grade Level

For the assignment you are recording, enter the *predominant* grade level of the students.

The following are general rules for determining grade level:

- If 75% or more of the students in your class are in any one grade, please enter that grade.
- If less than 75% of the students are from any one grade, enter an "E" for "Mixed Elementary," an "M" for "Mixed Middle," or an "S" for "Mixed Secondary" grades.
- "PK" stands for pre-kindergarten, while "K" stands for kindergarten. Do not combine half-day classes. Use two assignment blocks.

Registration (Number of Students)

Under "Registration," record the *number of students* in the particular class or assignment reported.

Teachers should report all the assignments and number of students they are teaching before the ePMF closes. **If possible, teachers should report 2nd and 3rd quarter classes.**

If student counts (registration numbers) change during the school year, they do not have to update those numbers on the PMF form.

Teachers should *not* combine classes and student registration numbers. Report *each* class separately showing the appropriate number of students for each class.

<u>NOTE</u>: This item asks for registration data (student counts) in the traditional sense of one teacher per group of students.

For team-teaching situations, report only the number of students to whom you would be teaching your subject matter under ordinary circumstances. For instance, if a team of 3 teachers is working with 90 students, each teacher should report the number of students he/she would ordinarily be meeting outside of a team-teaching situation (for example, 3 classes or 30).

SAVING AND SUBMITTING YOUR EPMF FORM

All ePMF forms can be saved when clicking the "Save" button at the bottom of the form. If you are uncertain about some of the information you have entered and need to return to the form, click "Save." You will have to return to it later and "Submit" to finalize your selections.

If the information is complete and accurate you should click, and "Submit." You will <u>not</u> be able to edit the ePMF form after submission. Your Superintendent will then be able to review and correct the data before submitting it to the New York State Education Department.

ADDITIONAL TEACHING ASSIGNMENT GUIDANCE

If none of the listed assignment titles correspond precisely with the title(s) of your assignment(s), please select the assignment code(s) that most accurately describes your assignment(s).

NOTE: Use caution in reporting assignments in the areas of <u>Health Education</u> (4512-4516); <u>Health Occupations Education</u> (5912-5998); and <u>Health Services</u>, which are non-teaching assignment codes under <u>School Health Services</u> (2208-2298). These are three distinct assignment areas and are <u>not</u> interchangeable.

Notice that each major subject area has a category "Other." Select the assignment code for "Other" only if you cannot find another title that describes your course assignment. Use "Other" sparingly. For example, if an English teacher finds that none of the listed course titles in any way describes a literature course he/she teaches, that teacher should select the assignment code for "Other English."

Note that there are blocks for sixteen assignments.

Be sure to report each unique assignment code.

Elementary Team Teachers- If teachers are departmentalized, they would report their classes using the appropriate assignment codes- do not count the homeroom. If classes are not departmentalized, teachers would use the Pre-Kindergarten/Common Branch code and count the number of students in the course.

Teachers who meet with classes including students with disabilities for the purpose of teaching specific subjects such as physical education, art, music, reading or math, should report the class under an assignment code in their specific certified subject area. **Inclusion teachers should use the Consultant Teacher assignment codes.**

Except for the variations just noted, teachers should complete one assignment block for each class taught. Reporting should be based on the following guidelines:

- Pre-K and Kindergarten, Common Branch, and other teachers who spend the entire day with the same class will complete only the first assignment block;
- Pre-K and Kindergarten teachers who teach two half-day sessions should complete a second assignment block;
- Elementary and Secondary school teachers who have *different* groups throughout the day should complete one assignment block for each class they teach to a *different* group of students, and for each different course they teach to the *same* group.

The following are examples using these guidelines:

- An English teacher who teaches the *same* literature course to *five different groups* must complete *five* assignment blocks.
- An English teacher who teaches *five different courses* must complete *five* assignment blocks even if he/she teaches two or more of those courses to the *same* group of students.

Laboratory classes offered in conjunction with science courses should **not** be reported if the lecture and lab are taught to the same group of students by the same teacher. In the event that labs and lectures are taught by different teachers, each teacher **should** report the class separately using the same assignment code, with one teacher reflecting the lectures and one teacher reflecting the labs.

Remember that the general rule is to complete **one assignment block** *for each class taught*.

Teachers serving students with disabilities are to report an assignment using a special education program code.

ADMINISTRATOR REVIEW AND CERTIFICATION OF PMF DATA

In December 2018, the ePMF access for teachers will be locked down, preventing additional data entries. During the ePMF collection period (beginning on BEDS Day and ending in December 2018), Superintendents (CEOs) and those individuals entitled by the CEOs to have access to the "Personnel Master File" through SEDDAS (SED Delegated Account System), will be able to review and correct PMF data. However, the CEO may impose a shorter timeline, requiring teachers to enter all their data sooner.

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Account/TSRV Status:

No Account status indicates that the teacher has not yet created an account. If the teacher does have a valid Staff Snapshot record in Level 2, a secure email (token) will be generated and sent to their work email when they begin the account creation process. Once the teacher has the unique token via their work email, as reported in Staff Snapshot, they will have to click the link in their email that contains the unique token. This will automatically take them to the final step in the account creation process.

Activated status indicates that the teacher was successful in creating an account in the TAA application. They can sign into their account with their username and password to access their ePMF or rosters. This page also indicates the first date and the most recent (last) date the teacher logged into TAA.

PMF Status:

- <u>CREATE FORM-</u> Teacher does have a valid Staff Snapshot record in Level 2, however has not yet signed into the TAA application and accessed their ePMF as of yet. Administrators can log into TAA and can complete the form for teachers that are unable to do so.
- **INCOMPLETE** The teacher logged into TAA after a Staff Snapshot record was loaded for him/her but did not access the ePMF form.
- **<u>SAVED</u>** The teacher accessed the ePMF form, entered partial information and clicked the *SAVE* button so he/she could finish at a later time.
- **<u>SUBMITTED</u>**. The teacher completed the form and clicked the *SUBMIT* button. Administrators can unsubmit and submit ePMF forms. Teachers cannot unsubmit a submitted form.
- <u>VERIFY PMF DATA</u> This icon will be present following the administrator review of teacher forms. Only the CEO of the district, BOCES, or charter school can verify (certify) and lock all forms for submission to NYSED and unverify (uncertify), have corrections made by administrators and then certify.

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