



## MSDS Data Probe Questions

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The probe questions below are provided for district staff to use in their review of data or when developing a corrective action plan.

### Common Indicator Probe Questions

1. How do district data compare to the state target?
2. Does the performance level reflect a systemic problem (i.e., involves multiple classrooms, buildings, providers, personnel changes, or processes), or is it attributable to specific buildings, providers, or groups of students?

### Indicator-Specific Probe Questions

1. Are local data collection systems in place?
2. Is the data being entered correctly in the local student data system?
3. Are data submissions in the local student data system reviewed by more than one person?
4. Are the local student data system and the Michigan Student Data System (MSDS) interfacing without problems?
5. Are data submissions in the MSDS reviewed by more than one person before being certified?