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General Information

This document describes the additional data elements collected by the Nebraska Statewide Workforce & Educational Reporting System (NSWERS) from the Nebraska Children and Families Foundation (NCFF) and its partners to support a longitudinal evaluation of the Sixpence Early Learning Program. Valid values and data validation rules that can be performed prior to data submission are listed where appropriate.

High-Level Data Collection Workflow

NCFF and its designated partners will submit Sixpence program participation and supplementary data to NSWERS through the established data submission process. NSWERS will validate the submitted records and link participating children to existing statewide K-12 education records. The linked data will support a longitudinal evaluation of educational outcomes, including third grade reading proficiency, student attendance, absences due to suspension or expulsion, and ninth grade GPA. The evaluation will compare outcomes for Sixpence participants with those of nonparticipants using descriptive and quasi-experimental methods, as determined to be feasible based on expert judgement of study design and data quality.

Scope

All children with documented participation in the Sixpence Early Learning Fund, including home visiting and center-based early learning programs, for the reporting periods covered by the evaluation. Submissions should include available historical participation records, including program enrollment, participation dates, program type, and relevant child and family characteristics, consistent with the applicable file specifications.

File Names

File Specification	*File Name*
NCFF Sixpence Participants	ncff_sixpenceparticipants_YYYY_##.csv
NCFF Sixpence Supplementary	ncff_sixpencesupplementary_YYYY_##.csv

Where	Represents
YYYY	Academic Year Ending
##	Optional sequence Number

Data Element Names

The following syntax is used throughout this document when referencing data elements. Format: *NSWERS Field Name [File Specification: Field Name (Field Number)] where:

- - An asterisk (*) indicates the data element is a mandatory field. A non-blank or non-null value must be supplied in all mandatory fields for each record, or the data loading process will reject the record.

- Field Name represents the name of the data element commonly used by the Nebraska Statewide Workforce & Educational Reporting System (NSWERS).
- File Specification indicates the formal name of the file specification.
- Field Name indicates the formal name of the field within the file specification.
- Field Number indicates the position of the field within the file specification.

Academic Year Ending

The academic year is identified by the calendar year in which the academic year ends. For example, the 2024–2025 academic year is identified as 2025. Submitting records spanning multiple academic years within a single file is permissible, in which case the most recent academic year ending should be used in the file name. Each record must retain the applicable cohort or participation year as specified in the file specifications.

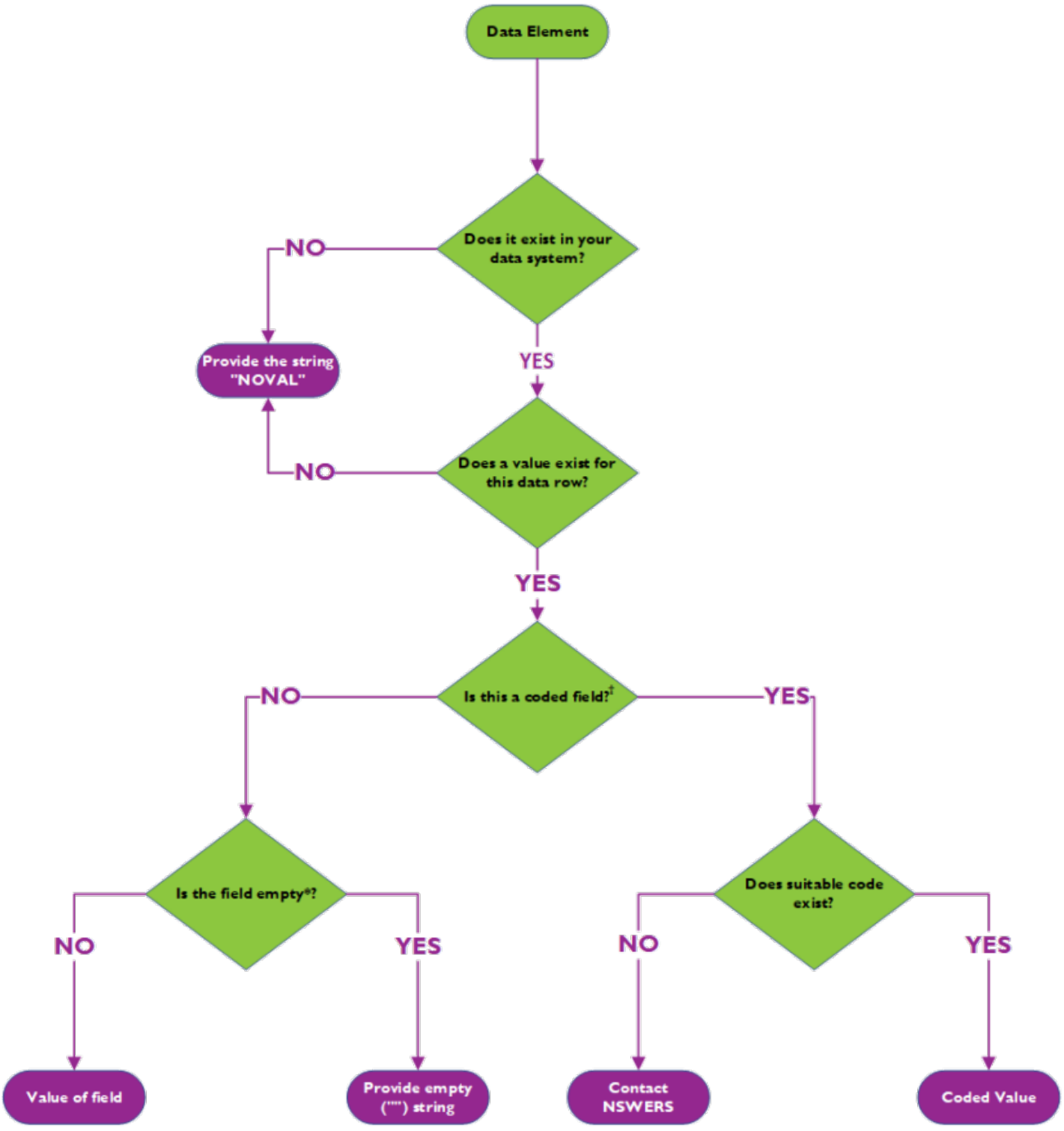
Notes of Importance

- Any values that contain a comma must be enclosed with quotes.
- Data fields should be ordered in the same sequence as identified in this document.

All files should be submitted in .csv format.

To maintain data privacy and security, and to preserve the informational chain of custody, NSWERS staff cannot edit original source data files. It is the responsibility of each data contributing partner to resolve errors discovered during data submission, validation, and certification processes. Corrected data files should be re-uploaded by partners into the NSWERS data system.

Decision Tree: Reporting for Nonmandatory Data Elements



†The field is represented by a code in the data specifications (e.g. gender, GED Status, etc)

*The field is blank or represented by a blank placeholder in your data system

NCFF Sixpence Supplementary

The Sixpence Supplementary File collects early childhood assessment records to provide informative covariates for evaluation of the Sixpence early childhood program.

Submissions will include records consistent with the evaluation proposal.

Additional details can be found on our website at https://nswers.orgs/insights/data-dictionary-and-elements/

*ChildID [NCFF Sixpence Supplementary:ChildID (1)]

Provide the source child identifier that matches those used in the Participants file.

This is a mandatory field; a value must be supplied for each record or the data loading process will reject the record.

*FamilyID [NCFF Sixpence Supplementary:FamilyID (2)]

Provide the recorded family identifier and preserve source family membership.

This is a mandatory field; a value must be supplied for each record or the data loading process will reject the record.

ddateofrating fall [NCFF Sixpence Supplementary:ddateofrating_fall (3)]

Provide the actual recorded assessment date.

dsurveytype fall [NCFF Sixpence Supplementary:dsurveytype_fall (4)]

Provide the recorded DECA form or survey type for this season.

drelationship fall [NCFF Sixpence Supplementary:drelationship_fall (5)]

Provide the recorded drelationship value for this season, retaining its source definition.

dtpfscore fall [NCFF Sixpence Supplementary:dtpfscore_fall (6)]

Provide the recorded dtpfscore_fall value.

ddateofrating spring [NCFF Sixpence Supplementary:ddateofrating_spring (7)]

Provide the actual recorded assessment date.

dsurveytype spring [NCFF Sixpence Supplementary:dsurveytype_spring (8)]

Provide the recorded DECA form or survey type for this season.

drelationship spring [NCFF Sixpence Supplementary:drelationship_spring (9)]

Provide the recorded drelationship value for this season, retaining its source definition.

dtpfscore spring [NCFF Sixpence Supplementary:dtpfscore_spring (10)]

Provide the recorded dtpfscore_spring value.

kdateofrating fall [NCFF Sixpence Supplementary:kdateofrating_fall (11)]

Provide the actual recorded assessment date.

K1 fall [NCFF Sixpence Supplementary:K1_fall (12)]

Provide the recorded K1_fall score.

K2 fall [NCFF Sixpence Supplementary:K2_fall (13)]

Provide the recorded K2_fall score.

K3 fall [NCFF Sixpence Supplementary:K3_fall (14)]

Provide the recorded K3_fall score.

K4 fall [NCFF Sixpence Supplementary:K4_fall (15)]

Provide the recorded K4_fall score.

K5 fall [NCFF Sixpence Supplementary:K5_fall (16)]

Provide the recorded K5_fall score.

K6 fall [NCFF Sixpence Supplementary:K6_fall (17)]

Provide the recorded K6_fall score.

K7 fall [NCFF Sixpence Supplementary:K7_fall (18)]

Provide the recorded K7_fall score.

K8 fall [NCFF Sixpence Supplementary:K8_fall (19)]

Provide the recorded K8_fall score.

K9 fall [NCFF Sixpence Supplementary:K9_fall (20)]

Provide the recorded K9_fall score.

K10 fall [NCFF Sixpence Supplementary:K10_fall (21)]

Provide the recorded K10_fall score.

K11 fall [NCFF Sixpence Supplementary:K11_fall (22)]

Provide the recorded K11_fall score.

K12 fall [NCFF Sixpence Supplementary:K12_fall (23)]

Provide the recorded K12_fall score.

kdateofrating spring [NCFF Sixpence Supplementary:kdateofrating_spring (24)]

Provide the actual recorded assessment date.

K1 spring [NCFF Sixpence Supplementary:K1_spring (25)]

Provide the recorded K1_spring score.

K2 spring [NCFF Sixpence Supplementary:K2_spring (26)]

Provide the recorded K2_spring score.

K3 spring [NCFF Sixpence Supplementary:K3_spring (27)]

Provide the recorded K3_spring score.

K4 spring [NCFF Sixpence Supplementary:K4_spring (28)]

Provide the recorded K4_spring score.

K5 spring [NCFF Sixpence Supplementary:K5_spring (29)]

Provide the recorded K5_spring score.

K6 spring [NCFF Sixpence Supplementary:K6_spring (30)]

Provide the recorded K6_spring score.

K7 spring [NCFF Sixpence Supplementary:K7_spring (31)]

Provide the recorded K7_spring score.

K8 spring [NCFF Sixpence Supplementary:K8_spring (32)]

Provide the recorded K8_spring score.

K9 spring [NCFF Sixpence Supplementary:K9_spring (33)]

Provide the recorded K9_spring score.

K10 spring [NCFF Sixpence Supplementary:K10_spring (34)]

Provide the recorded K10_spring score.

K11 spring [NCFF Sixpence Supplementary:K11_spring (35)]

Provide the recorded K11_spring score.

K12 spring [NCFF Sixpence Supplementary:K12_spring (36)]

Provide the recorded K12_spring score.

ppvtdateofrating [NCFF Sixpence Supplementary:ppvtdateofrating (37)]

Provide the actual recorded assessment date.

ppvtstandscore [NCFF Sixpence Supplementary:ppvtstandscore

(38)]

Provide the recorded PPVT standardized score.

Academic Year Ending [NCFF Sixpence Supplementary:Academic Year Ending (39)]

Provide the source program reporting year ending.

NCFF Sixpence Supplementary

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	1	ChildID	String		
	2	FamilyID	String		
	3	ddateofrating fall	String		
	4	dsurveytype fall	String		
	5	drelationship fall	String		
	6	dtpfscore fall	String		
	7	ddateofrating spring	String		
	8	dsurveytype spring	String		
	9	drelationship spring	String		
	10	dtpfscore spring	String		
	11	kdateofrating fall	String		
	12	K1 fall	String		
	13	K2 fall	String		
	14	K3 fall	String		
	15	K4 fall	String		
	16	K5 fall	String		
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	18	K7 fall	String		
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	20	K9 fall	String		
	21	K10 fall	String		
	22	K11 fall	String		
	23	K12 fall	String		
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	26	K2 spring	String		
	27	K3 spring	String		
	28	K4 spring	String		
	29	K5 spring	String		
	30	K6 spring	String		
	31	K7 spring	String		
	32	K8 spring	String		

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	34	K10 spring	String		
	35	K11 spring	String		
	36	K12 spring	String		
	37	ppvtdateofrating	String		
	38	ppvtstandscore	String		
	39	Academic Year Ending	String		