WAREHOUSE FILE SPECIFICATIONS

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Warehouse wh student firsttime

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General Information

This document describes the data elements collected by the Nebraska Statewide Workforce & Educational Reporting System (NSWERS). Valid values and data validation rules that can be performed prior to data submission are listed where appropriate.

High-Level Data Collection Workflow

Scope

All students enrolled in courses (for credit AND/OR noncredit) at the institution for given academic year.

File Names

File Specification	*File Name*
Warehouse wh student firsttime	#####_warehouse_whstudentfirstime_YYYY_##.csv

Where	Represents
#####	IPEDS Institution ID
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.
- NSWERS 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 understood as July 1 – June 30. Postsecondary data will

be organized by academic year using Academic Year Ending. For example, the Academic Year Ending field for 2020 – 2021 will simply read: “2021”.

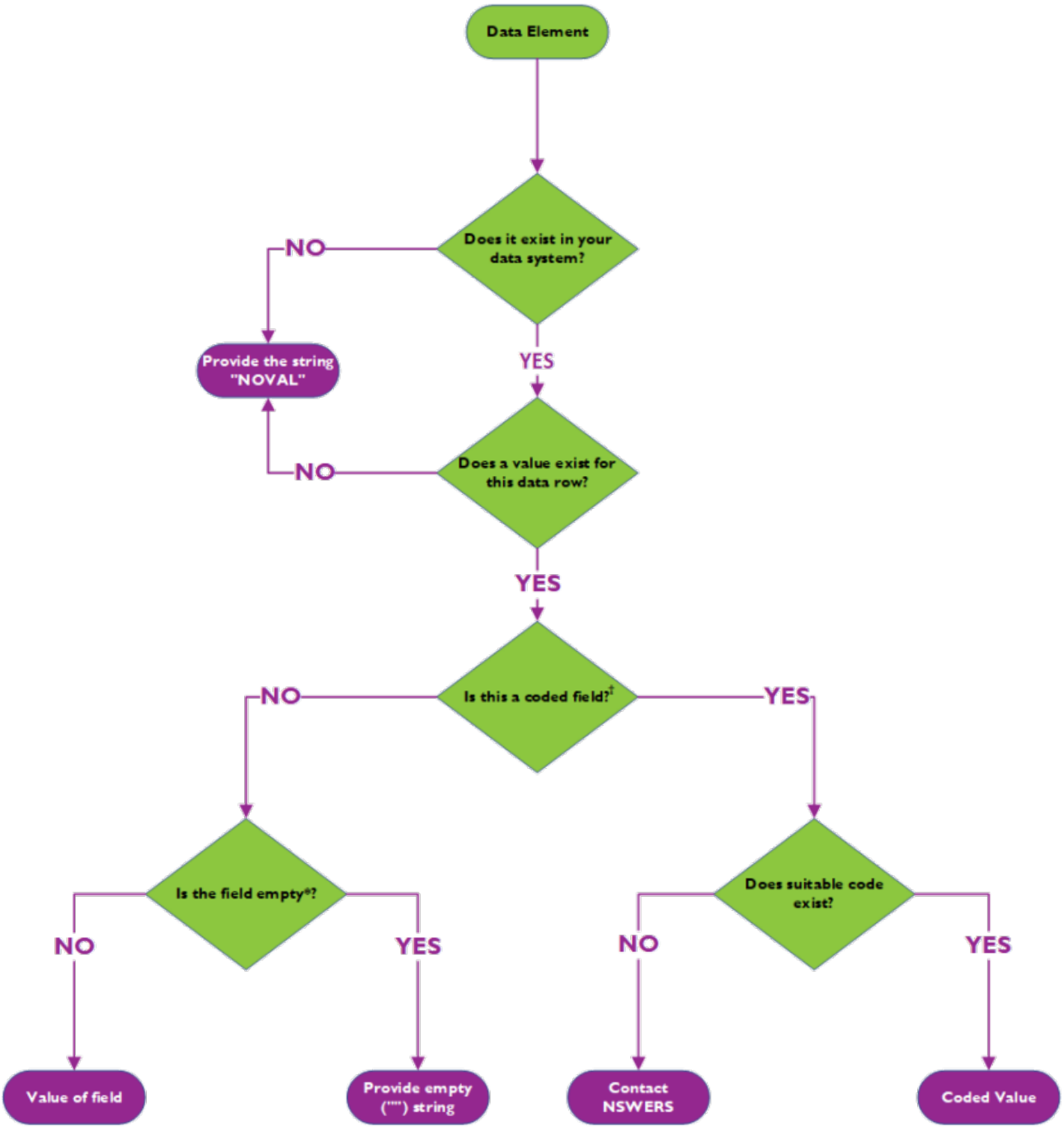
Notes of Importance

- 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

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

Nswers Id [Warehouse wh student firsttime:nswers_id (1)]

Unique cross-system NSWERS student identifier. Carried from source records or membership assignments and used as the student-level join key.

A unique identifier across the NSWERS System.

Institution [Warehouse wh student firsttime:institution (2)]

Institution associated with the selected first qualifying postsecondary start. For high-school graduates it comes from the earliest term after the latest diploma date; otherwise from postsecondary enrollment paired with age-18 eligibility.

Provide the institution identifier (IPEDS Institution ID) in the format "######".

Format
######

Startdate [Warehouse wh student firsttime:startdate (3)]

First observed postsecondary start date after the latest diploma date, or after the estimated 18th-birthday eligibility date when no diploma date is available.

Use the ISO date format (YYYY-MM-DD)

Format
yyyy-MM-dd

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Key	*Position*	*Name*	*Type*	*Length*	*Format*
	1	Nswers Id	String	36	
	2	Institution	String	6	######
	3	Startdate	Date	10	yyyy-MM-dd