

# Using Data Systems to Find Unenrolled & Out of School Youth

## Program Intent

Open Doors 1418 Youth Reengagement programming was established by the Washington state legislature “to provide a statutory framework to support a statewide dropout reengagement system for older youth.” Reengaging out of school youth who have been pushed or dropped out is a primary goal of Open Doors 1418 programs.

## Negative Leavers

Each district can identify the students who they have exited in negative status and those they have either not received confirmation of enrollment elsewhere or know whether they have left the state. Negative leaver statuses include:

- Dropout
- Unconfirmed transfer
- Unknown

## Leveraging Data Systems to Find Out of School Youth

Open Doors 1418 programs can and should work with districts to obtain the district’s negative leaver information and create a sort of roster. Programs can review the information and determine if the students indicated as negative leavers may be eligible for enrollment in an Open Doors 1418 program and then work to connect with those students.

Each school district has access to a report in CEDARS titled “P210 Withdrawal Preview.” The report allows the district to view, by school year, the students submitted as exiting in negative leaver status in their district. The report can be run at the district or school level, grade level(s), and by school withdrawal code(s). Prior to the 2021 school year, the report was returning information on whether the student had reenrolled elsewhere in Washington after exiting their district. Within CEDARS a user may also utilize the “search students” tool. This feature enables searching for a student to determine if they have become enrolled elsewhere in Washington after exiting their district.

Each school district can data mine the above data from their student information system (SIS). What may not be available through a SIS is the ability to identify if the students are still residing in their district after their negative exit.

## Accessing Support

Questions about using CEDARS to locate out of school youth by using the negative leaver status indicators can be directed to OSPI’s office of Student Information at [AskSI@k12.wa.us](mailto:AskSI@k12.wa.us).

