



DATA SHARING AGREEMENT FAQ

How are student education records (referred to as “Student Data”) protected?

- The privacy of student education records (referred to “Student Data”) are protected under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) at schools which receive funding from the U.S. Department of Education.
- Schools are allowed to release Student Data to organizations that conduct studies for or on behalf of the school.
- The WellsCAPes Initiative is a research study through the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC). UNMC would be working in conjunction with the school district to use Student Data as a part of the WellsCAPes Initiative to provide local district data to inform program and policy decisions.

What Student Data would be accessed for the WellsCAPes Initiative?

- Name
- Student ID
- Gender
- Measures of Socioeconomic Status, Such as Free and Reduced Lunch Status
- Race/Ethnicity
- Birthdate

How would the School District provide UNMC access to Student Data?

- A Data Sharing Agreement (DSA) between UNMC and the school district discusses how Student Data will be furnished for the research study through the formation of an integrated data system.
- UNMC will provide technical support to the school district to establish the DSA.

What information is UNMC going to provide the School District? (See Talking Points on Youth Activity Profile, WellsCAPes Stakeholder Survey, and Leader Routine Survey for further information).

- **Youth Activity Profile (YAP) Data:** UNMC will provide YAP summary reports on students’ self-reported physical activity and sedentary behaviors.
- **WellsCAPes Stakeholder Survey Data:** UNMC will provide summary reports on stakeholders’ self-reported information about physical activity opportunities for youth and the WellsCAPes Initiative in the community.
- **Leader Routine Survey Data:** UNMC will provide Leader Routine Survey summary reports to help community members better understand physical activity opportunities for youth.

How will Student Data provided by the school be linked with UNMC’s data?

- If a student’s parent/guardian agrees for the student to participate in the study by signing and returning the Parent/Guardian Consent Form, UNMC is able to link their Student Data with other community data.