Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems

Does the SLDS website feature a publicly available data dictionary or data manual?
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Data dictionaries provide standardized names, codes, definitions and attributes of data elements collected in a data system. Education Commission of the States classified a state as having a data dictionary if a data dictionary, system user guide or data manual containing such data elements is publicly available on the SLDS or state education agency website. Some states may have data dictionaries that are only internally available to staff or researchers.

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STATE ▲	DOES THE SLDS INCLUDE A PUBLICLY AVAILABLE DATA DICTIONARY?	DATA DICTIONARY CITATION
Alabama	N/A	
Alaska	No	Data dictionary not found on website.
Arizona	Yes	AzEDS Reference
Arkansas	No	Data dictionary not found on website.
California	N/A	
Colorado	N/A	
Connecticut	Yes	P20 WIN Data Governance Manual

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Delaware	Yes	EdInsight Dashboard Metric Crosswalk
District of Columbia	Yes	Trainings & Data Policy Guidance
Florida	Yes	PK-20 Education Data Warehouse Database Manuals
Georgia	Yes	GA AWARDS Data Dictionary (Downloadable Word Doc)
Hawaii	No	Data dictionary not found on website.
Idaho	Yes	Idaho P20-W SLDS Data Dictionary
Illinois	Yes	ILDS Data and Data Dictionaries
Indiana	No	Data dictionary not found on website.
Iowa	No	Data dictionary not found on website.
Kansas	Yes	KIDS 2018-2019 Collection System File Specifications
Kentucky	Yes	Kentucky Center for Statistics - Data Dictionary (Downloadable Word Doc)
Louisiana	No	Data dictionary not found on website.
Maine	No	Data Reporting Instructions
Maryland	Yes	MLDS Data Inventory
Massachusetts	Yes	Edwin Data Overview (Downloadable Word Doc)
Michigan	Yes	MI School Data Resources
Minnesota	Yes	Minnesota SLEDS Data Dictionary
Mississippi	Yes	Mississippi LifeTracks Data Dictionaries
Missouri	Yes	MOSIS Reference Manual (K-12 Data)

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Montana	Yes	GEMS Data Definitions & Explanations
Nebraska	Yes	Nebraska Student and Staff Record System Student Templates Instruction Manual
Nevada	No	Data dictionary not found on website.
New Hampshire	N/A	
New Jersey	N/A	
New Mexico	N/A	
New York	Yes	New York State Student Information Repository System (SIRS) Manual
North Carolina	Yes	CEDARS Data Dictionary (Downloadable Excel File)
North Dakota	Yes	North Dakota SLDS Data Dictionary
Ohio	Yes	OLDA Metadata Investigator
Oklahoma	N/A	
Oregon	No	Data dictionary not yet available.
Pennsylvania	Yes	PIMS Manuals
Puerto Rico	N/A	
Rhode Island	Yes	RI DataHUB Data Dictionaries
South Carolina	N/A	
South Dakota	N/A	
Tennessee	No	Data dictionary not found on website.
Texas	Yes	TPEIR Data Warehouse Data Documentation

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Utah	No	Data dictionary not found on website.
Vermont	Yes	SLDS: Master Data Elements by Submission (Downloadable Excel File)
Virginia	Yes	VLDS Data Dictionary (Downloadable Word Doc)
Washington	Yes	ERDC Data Resources
West Virginia	Yes	WVEIS Standard Codes for Maintaining Basic Student Demographics and Enrollment
Wisconsin	Yes	WISEdash Support - A to Z Index of Data Topics
Wyoming	N/A	