File Structure: Public Schools and Districts

Definitions for all the elements included in the downloadable public schools and districts files.

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Field Name	Field Type	Width	Description
CDSCode	Character	14	This 14-digit code is the official, unique identification of a school within California. The first two digits identify the county, the next five digits identify the school district, and the last seven digits identify the school. Please note that a CDS code ending in '0000000' indicates a district record not a school.
NCESDist	Character	7	This field represents the 7-digit National Center for Educational Statistics (NCES) school district identification number. The first 2 digits identify the state and the last 5 digits identify the school district. Combined, they make a unique 7-digit ID for each school district.
NCESSchool	Character	5	This field represents the 5-digit NCES school identification number. The NCESSchool combined with the NCESDist form a unique 12-digit ID for each school.
StatusType	Character	50	This field identifies the status of the district. Definitions of the valid status types are listed below: ■ **Active:** The district is in operation and providing instructional services. ■ **Closed:** The district is not in operation and no longer providing instructional services. ■ **Merged:** The district has combined with another district or districts. ■ **Pending:** The district has not opened for operation and instructional services yet, but plans to open within the next 9–12 months.

County	Character	15	County name.
District	Character	90	District or Administrative Authority n