



It is understood that to comply with these requirements, district and school attendance systems contain detailed records that allow school officials to “

Although the detail of the records collected by district and school attendance systems throughout the state may vary, it is necessary for these local attendance codes to be “mapped” to the State Attendance codes collected in SIRS. The State Attendance codes are “E” for an excused absence, and “U” for an unexcused absence. For example, a school local attendance system may include codes that track why a student was not present in class(es) for events such as field trips, school nurse office visits, or an off-campus school event. Such information is necessary to account for a student’s whereabouts during the school day. However, for the purpose of reporting data regarding chronic absenteeism, school activities should not be reported in SIRS as excused (“E”) or unexcused (“U”) absences.

Chronic absenteeism or absence differs from traditional attendance collection systems because the emphasis is the attenc 04dsi7c 0.005 Tw 0.51.3105 Tw3105 Tw3105 Tw16c Tw m Td(s)-12(ch)-8( T

been submitted in SIRS in accordance with the SIRS reporting timeline (<http://p12.nysed.gov/irs/>). In the coming months, the Department will be contacting selected schools and districts to schedule on-site monitoring visits to review current attendance practices and data accuracy.

### **Verifying Accuracy of Data Reported to the Department**

Attendance and chronic absenteeism verification reports are available in the Department's Level 2

instructional days is used in the calculation of student chronic absenteeism.

**SIRS-107 Chronic Absenteeism Accountability Report** - This report allows districts and schools to