

# Excel Template Instructions

## Introduction

The Civil Rights Data Collection (CRDC) Excel Data Collection templates are tools for local educational agencies (LEAs) to record their CRDC data prior to the collection opening. The templates arrange the data into the required format that the user can save as a flat file for import into the CRDC data collection submission system.

These instructions illustrate the process for entering the data into the templates and saving the data in the required flat file format.

If you have questions while recording your data, then consult the resources available on the CRDC Resource Center website (<https://crdc.communities.ed.gov/#program>) or contact the CRDC Partner Support Center via [PSC Contact Form](#); phone: 855-255-6901) for assistance.

## Entering the Data

There are two separate templates that are available:

- CRDC Excel Data Collection Template LEA Form
- CRDC Excel Data Collection Template School Form

The LEA Form template is used to input the LEA-specific data, while the School Form template is used for entering school-specific information. The School Form template has columns for entering data for up to ten (10) schools. If an LEA has less than 10 schools, then the remaining columns can be left blank. An LEA with more than 10 schools may use additional templates. There is no limit to how many templates an LEA may fill out.

The LEA and School Form templates contain all the items required in the CRDC Survey. Each item is linked to a specific module and has a link to an instructions page within the template that provides detailed instructions related to the item. The top row of each sheet is pre-filtered so that users can sort items based on module (see Figure 1).

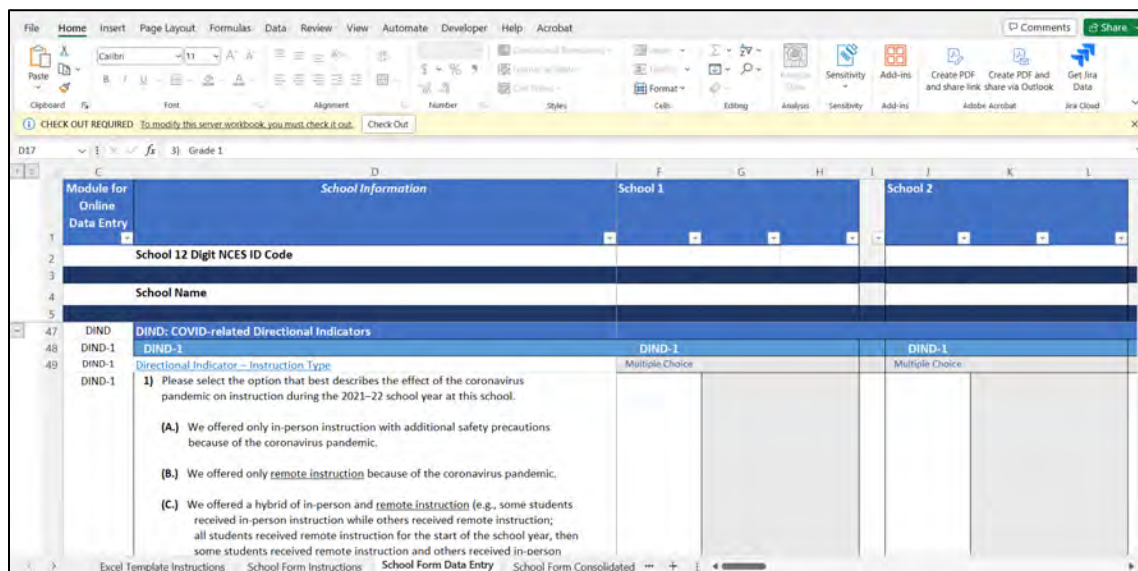


Figure 1: School Form Template (School Form Data Entry Spreadsheet)

Figure 2 displays a closer view of the School Form Data Entry spreadsheet. Specifically, Figure 2 shows a typical item, the item’s location in the school survey (Required or Optional), the module for online entry, a link to the instructions, and the table for data entry for that item.

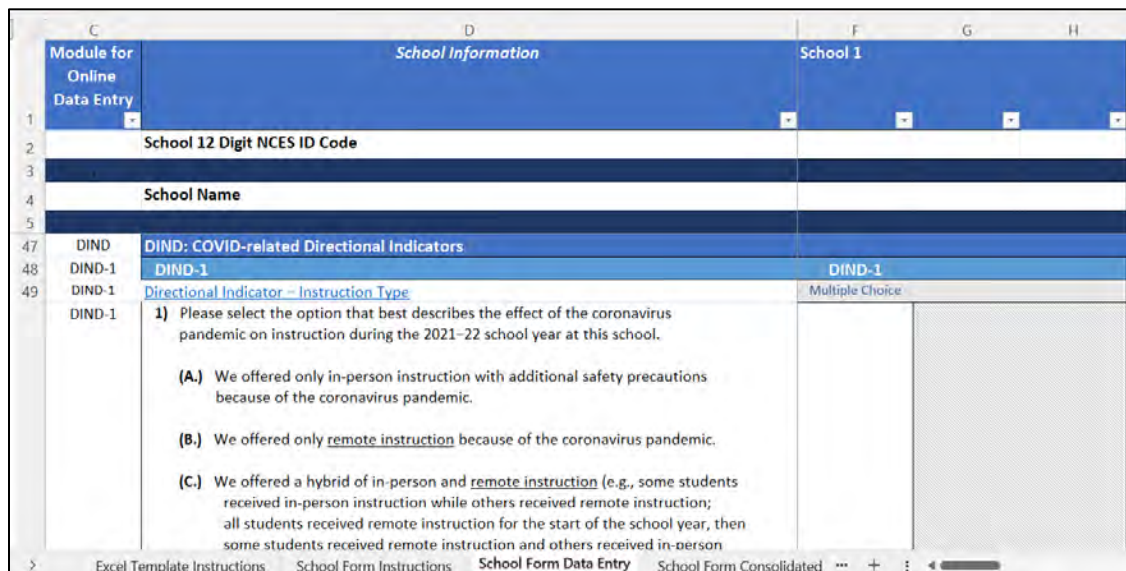


Figure 2 Closer View of School Form Data Entry Spreadsheet

Each template form is divided into three separate spreadsheets: (1) the “LEA Form Instructions” or “School Form Instructions” tab, (2) the “LEA Form Data Entry” or “School Form Data Entry” tab, and (3) the “LEA Form Consolidated” or “School Form Consolidated” tab (see Figure 3 for LEA Form spreadsheet tabs). Each of these spreadsheets serves a different purpose, as described below.

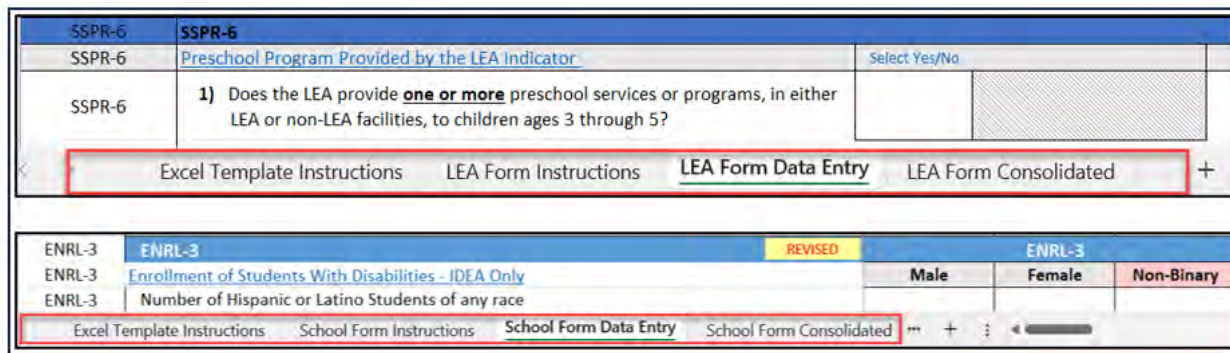


Figure 3 LEA & School Form Tabs

**Instructions Tab:** Provides instructions for each item on the CRDC survey

**Data Entry Tab:** Provides space for users to enter their CRDC data for their LEA and up to ten schools on the School Form template

**Consolidated Tab:** Where users go to create their formatted file for upload into the CRDC data collection submission system.

**Special Note on Skip Logic:**

The LEA Form and School Form template have integrated “skip logic” when items are answered in a

particular fashion. This skip logic will highlight tables in red to show that it is not necessary to enter data for these items. For example, if a user indicates that an LEA does not provide preschool services or programs that serve children ages 3 through 5, then all items related to preschool services or programs will be highlighted in red, since they would not apply to that LEA (see Figure 4).

Module for Online Data Entry		LEA Information	
LEA 7 Digit NCES ID Code			
LEA Name			
SSPR-6	SSPR-6		
SSPR-6	<a href="#">Preschool Program Provided by the LEA Indicator</a>	Select Yes/No	
SSPR-6	1) Does the LEA provide <b>one or more</b> preschool services or programs, in either LEA or non-LEA facilities, to children ages 3 through 5?	No	
SSPR-7	SSPR-7	OPTIONAL FOR 2021–22, REQUIRED FOR 2023–24	
SSPR-7	<a href="#">Preschool Daily Length and Cost</a>	Select Yes/No	
SSPR-7	1) Full-day preschool and no charge to parent(s)/guardian		
SSPR-7	2) Full-day preschool and partial or full charge to parent(s)/guardian		
SSPR-7	3) Part-day preschool and no charge to parent(s)/guardian		
SSPR-7	4) Part-day preschool and partial or full charge to parent(s)/guardian		

Figure 4 View of Skip Logic when Enabled

### Saving the Data as a CSV File

Please note that these instructions were written for Excel 2007 or later. For those LEAs using older versions of Excel, please contact the CRDC Partner Support Center.

Once you have finished entering the data for your LEA and school, it is time to get the data into a format which the CRDC data collection submission system can understand. Doing this is easy but the steps must be followed exactly, or the file will NOT upload properly.

#### Step 1:

Click the “**Consolidated**” tab at the bottom of the screen. Please note that you will not be able to highlight or make any edits to cells on this tab. This is intentional. The column headings on this tab are crucial to a successful file import and cannot be changed. If you need to make changes to your data, please do so in the “Data Entry” tab. All changes made there are reflected on the “**Consolidated**” tab.

#### Step 2:

Click the “File” tab on the top Ribbon Bar.

#### Step 3:

Click the “Save As” menu option on the left.

#### Step 4:

#### **CRITICAL STEP. IF THIS STEP IS NOT FOLLOWED, YOUR FILE WILL NOT UPLOAD PROPERLY.**

Once the new window appears, pick the destination of where you’d like your file to be saved, and name the file.

**BEFORE YOU CLICK THE “SAVE” BUTTON, click on the “Save as Type” dropdown menu, under the File Name field. BE SURE TO SELECT THE “CSV (COMMA DELIMITED)” OPTION (see Figure 5).**

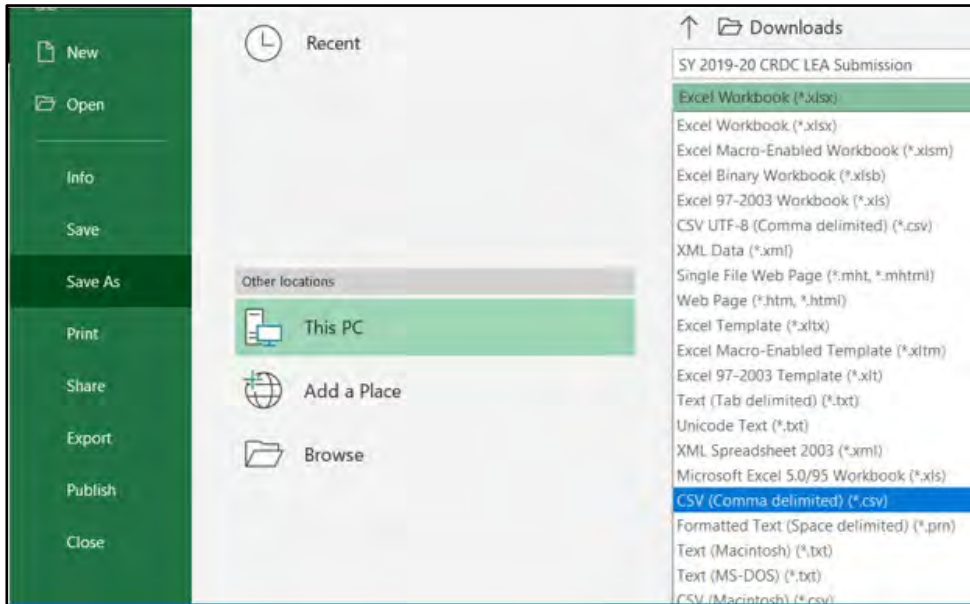


Figure 5 Saving a File in CSV Format

**Step 5:**

Click the “Save” button.

**Step 6:**

**Two dialog boxes will appear in sequence (see Figures 6 and 7 below).** These are non- critical notifications that the properties of the file will be changed as the file is changed from an .xlsx file to a .csv file. **This is OK!** Click “OK” and “Yes” on these dialog boxes.

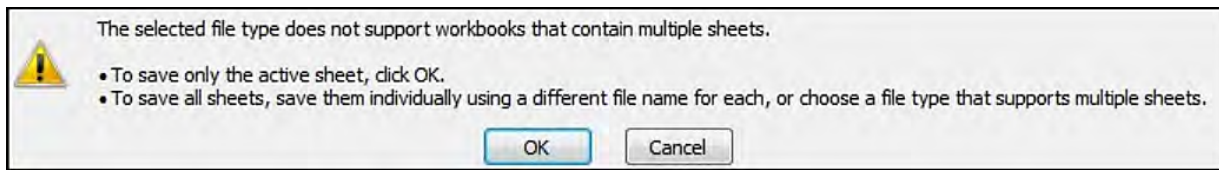


Figure 6 Dialog Box 1



Figure 7 Dialog Box 2

**Congratulations!** Your file has now been saved properly. You may now upload your file into the CRDC data collection submission system when the collection opens.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Are we able to use Google Docs when filling out the CRDC LEA or School Form Templates?**

No, there are specific skip logic formulas used in the CRDC Excel Templates that are not compatible with Google Docs. This means that the Templates will not work properly in Google Docs and any upload of a file converted to Google Docs will not be uploaded into the submission system in a format accepted by the Submission System.

### **I uploaded my excel template but the file processing status states that all elements uploaded have an error. The submission system is not reading my flat file properly.**

In this case, you may have saved the “Data Entry” worksheet instead of the “Consolidated” worksheet. Reopen the excel template and click on the “Consolidated” worksheet. Save this worksheet as a .csv file and reattempt to load the file.

### **My Excel Template file says it is password protected. Can we have the password to modify the Excel Templates?**

The Excel Data Collection Templates are password protected on purpose to ensure users are only adjusting specific cells where data should be added.

### **Can we add more than 10 schools within the School Form Excel Template?**

The School Form template has columns for entering data for up to ten (10) schools. If an LEA has less than 10 schools, then the remaining columns can be left blank. An LEA with more than 10 schools may use additional templates. There is no limit to how many templates an LEA may fill out. The submission system accepts whole or partial file uploads. You may upload as many times as needed to complete data entry.

### **What if my school is not a “Justice Facility,” should I enter zeros or leave it blank?**

If your school is not a Justice Facility, please leave the JUST Module blank in the School Form Excel Template.

### **Do we leave the cells blank if our district or school(s) do not have a certain race/ethnicity or gender?**

No, the statistical characteristics of human populations, in this case (gender and race), should have zeros (**0**) in the race/gender fields that you do not have unless it is a skipped area. This skip logic will highlight tables in red to show that it is not necessary to enter data for these items. For more information please read our resource on [Zeroes, Blanks \(i.e., Nulls\) and NS](#).

### **Can we cut and paste data within the Excel Templates?**

No. There are hidden formulas within the Excel Templates that help calculate data, allow for skip logic to be used and convert data to the ‘Consolidated’ tab.

### **Can we submit partial sets of data using the Excel Templates?**

Yes, you may upload your Excel Template files as many times as is needed to complete data entry. You can also upload a partial set of data with the Excel Template and finish your data entry within the Submission System site. Please note that any numerical value or Yes/No entry will overwrite previously submitted data. Leaving cells blank will not overwrite data currently in the CRDC.

### **Where can I learn more about using the Excel Templates?**

You can learn more by watching the training video on [Using Excel Templates](#).