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1 of Education uses to calculate graduation rates?

2 A Yes, beginning in around mid-September, early
3 fall, the state education agency, in this case the
4 Department of Education, opened a data validation sign-off
5 and lock tool.

6 This is a tool that we open up for districts and
7 charter schools to validate their statewide cohort from
8 the previous school years. This information shows the
9 ending status of students in their cohort, along with
10 other demographic information, such as race, gender,
11 special population membership.

12 The DVSL, the Data Validation Signoff Lockout, we
13 refer to it as DVSL. It serves as a reflection of the
14 information in the local Student Information Systems. So
15 local education agencies and charter schools use this DVSL
16 system to identify any ending status discrepancies.

17 They then make changes to any of those
18 discrepancies in their local student information systems
19 and then each night, during this validation process, the
20 system is refreshed and they can see and verify that their
21 changes have been made.

22 This process goes on until about December, and
23 local education agencies and charter schools then agree to
24 the status of the data in the DVSL. It is then locked,

1 and we then compute the adjusted cohort graduation rate
2 according to the Code of Federal Regulations.

3 Q Does the department calculate any graduation
4 rates other than the one you just described based on 34
5 CFR 200.19B, I think?

6 A No, we do not.

7 Q Do you currently calculate a fifth-year
8 graduation rate?

9 A Yes, we do. And it, too, is in accordance with
10 the Code of Federal Regulations you cited.

11 Q I'll get to the fifth-year graduation rate in a
12 minute. Other than the fifth-year graduation rate, do you
13 calculate a sixth year?

14 A Not currently.

15 Q Are there any others other than the four-year and
16 fifth-year?

17 A No, there are not.

18 Q Okay. The term "graduation rate" is used in NRS
19 388B.200 to establish eligibility for conversion to an
20 achievement charter school.

21 Has anyone from the department's achievement
22 charter school made a request for ADAM to calculate a
23 different graduation rate for it?

24 A Not that I know of.