

2023 HEP and CAMP APR Persister Video Transcript

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Hi everyone, my name is Katrina Ballard, and I am the Data and Evaluation Subject Matter Expert for the Office of Migrant Education.

Today, I want to share a quick technical assistance presentation that may help you with the 2022-2023 Annual Performance Report that is due next month.

A common question we have received about the APR over the years is related to our definitions for students served in HEP and CAMP projects.

The question is: What is the difference between a persister and a returning student?

The easiest way to remember the difference is that a student who is a persister in one performance period becomes a returning student if they come back the next performance period.

The key difference is whether the student completed intake and was enrolled in the current budget period or the budget period immediately previous to the one being reported.

Persisters completed intake and were enrolled in HEP or CAMP in the current budget period, and they re-enrolled to continue in HEP or CAMP for the next budget period before the APR due date (and did not withdraw).

Returning students completed intake and were enrolled in HEP or CAMP in the immediately previous budget period, and they were also enrolled and attending HEP or CAMP in the current budget period before the APR due date.

Remember, students who return to HEP or CAMP in the current reporting period from any budget period other than the immediately previous budget period are to be reported as “New Participants” in the current reporting period (for example, if they previously were in HEP or CAMP and withdrew, then came back, they should be listed as new participants).

Here’s another way to look at the HEP definitions of persister and returning student, starting with a New Participant in the current budget period to be reported.

A New Participant would have completed intake and enrolled in the 2022-23 budget period, and they would either become:

An attainer, meaning they attained an HSE, then they may go on to be placed (enter postsecondary education/training, upgraded employment or the military); or

If they did not attain an HSE in the 2022-2023 budget period, they may be counted as:

A persister if they've reenrolled in HEP for 2023-24, and then next year you report them as a returning student, or

Withdrawal, if they did not enroll in HEP for 2023-24.

If they do enroll in HEP after the APR is due on November 9, you would report them as a New Participant next year.

Here's a similar visual representation of the CAMP definitions, starting with a New Participant in the current budget period to be reported.

A New Participant would have completed intake and enrolled in the 2022-23 budget period, and they would either become:

A First Year Completer, meaning they completed their first academic year, then they may go on to be continuing students; or

If they did not complete their first year in the 2022-2023 budget period, they may be counted as:

A persister if they've reenrolled in CAMP for 2023-24, and then next year you report them as a returning student, or

Withdrawal, if they did not enroll in CAMP for 2023-24.

If they do enroll in CAMP after the APR is due on November 9, you would report them as a New Participant next year.

As always, please feel free to reach out to any of us on the HEP and CAMP team at OME if you have any further questions.

Thanks for listening!