

**Attachment G: School District Review Program
Guidelines for Defining Pseudo School Districts**

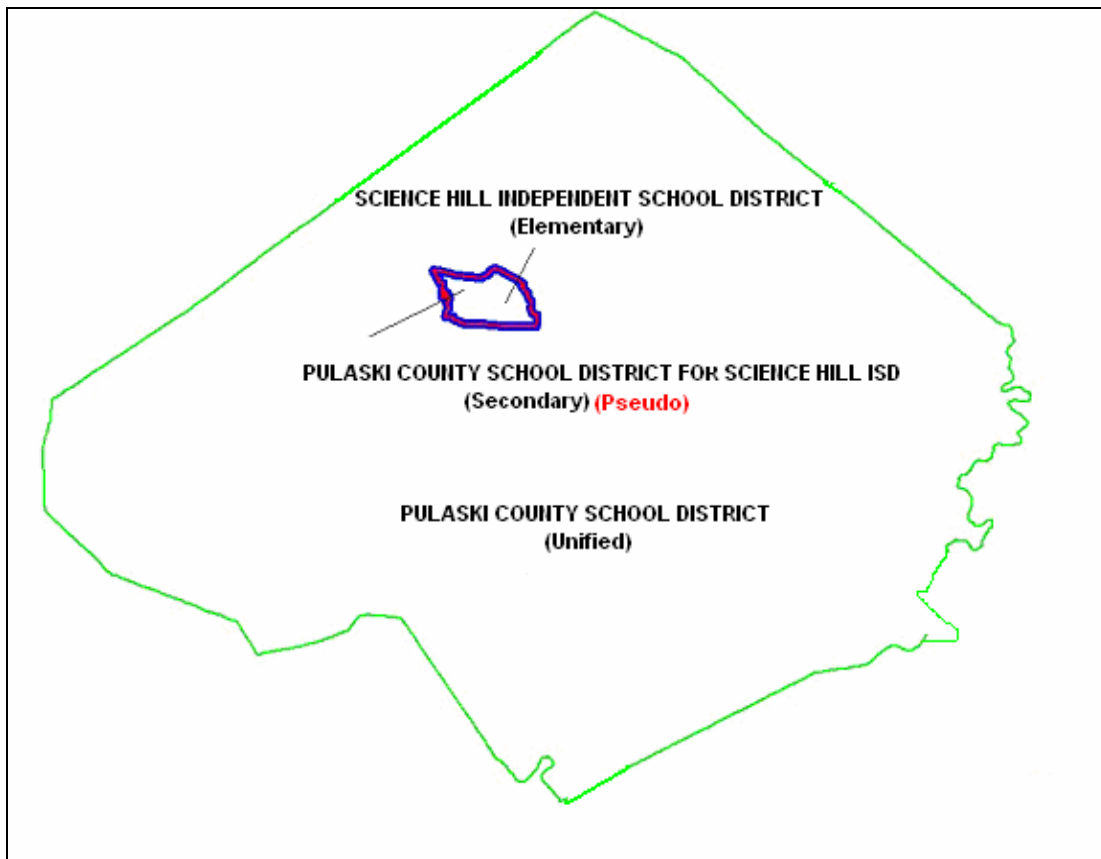
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Pseudo School Districts

In order to create accurate tabulations to support Title 1 funding allocations, the Census Bureau creates a **pseudo school district** for each school district that is financially responsible for providing education for one set of grades in one geographic area and also financially responsible for a different set of grades in a different geographic area. **For example**, a school district that is financially responsible for grades K-12 in one area is also financially responsible for grades 9-12 in a different area where it shares financial responsibility with an elementary school district. The pseudo district is always associated with a regular district, and this is done so that the regular district is given “credit” for the additional financial responsibility.

In this example, the Science Hill Independent School District has very few children in grades 9-12, so those children attend school in the Pulaski County School District, in which it is also financially responsible. Therefore, the Census Bureau creates the pseudo district “Pulaski County School District for Science Hill ISD” using the same boundaries as the Science Hill Independent School District and assigned grades 9-12. The Science Hill Independent School District is assigned grades K-8 while the Pulaski County School District maintains its grades K-12.

Pulaski County, Kentucky



These pseudo districts are identified in the Inventory and Grade Range file by a flag with a value of "A." In addition, the Census Bureau assigns them a pseudo Federal LEA ID number and a school district name that is slightly different than the official name of the school district.

They appear in the School District Inventory and Grade Range Listing¹ as:

21	04950	PK	12		PULASKI COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
21	21002	09	12	A	PULASKI COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR SCIENCE HILL ISD
21	05220	PK	08		SCIENCE HILL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

When submitting a pseudo school district, please provide the following information:

- Official School District Name and Federal LEA ID number
- Alternate Grade Range
- Service area of Alternate Grade Range

Currently, the Census Bureau has defined pseudo school districts in California, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Nebraska, Oregon, South Carolina, and Tennessee. ***If you think that you have school districts that fit the above description, contact us to discuss whether it meets the criteria.***

¹ Refer to Attachment F for supplementary text file data dictionary and record layout information.
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