

Match Priority and Use Guide

Program of Eligibility	Match can be used for...				
	Direct Certification?	Household Application (Direct) Verification?	Extended Eligibility?	CEP Identified Student Percentage?	Reporting?
SNAP	Yes Free eligible	Yes	Yes	Yes	Verification Report CEP Eligibility Report
TANF	Yes Free eligible	Yes	Yes	Yes	Verification Report CEP Eligibility Report
Medicaid-Free	Yes Free eligible	Yes	Yes	Yes	Verification Report CEP Eligibility Report
Medicaid-Reduced	Yes Reduced-price eligible	Yes	Yes	No	Verification Report
CHIP	No	Yes	Yes	No	Verification Report



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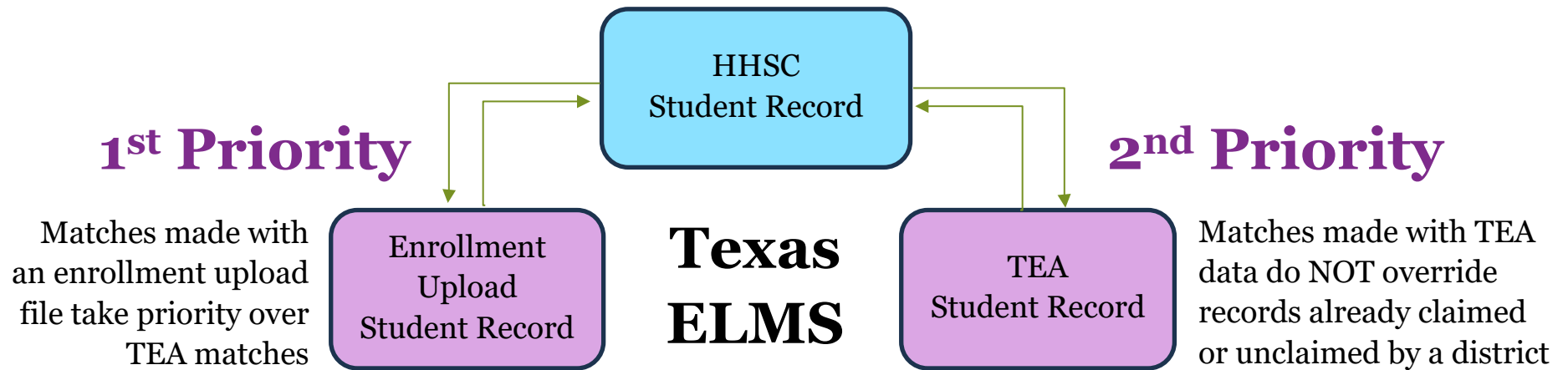
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In Texas ELMS, student records from district enrollment upload files and TEA are compared to HHSC eligibility records on 5 key data fields in multiple configurations to identify the possible best match. Matches occur when at least 4 out of 5 key data fields align. Matches are considered in the following priority order:

5 out of 5 Match

1. SSN, Birth Date, Last Name, First Name, Gender

4 out of 5 Match

2. SSN, Birth Date, Last Name, First Name
3. SSN, Birth Date, Last Name, Gender
4. SSN, Birth Date, First Name, Gender
5. SSN, Last Name, First Name, Gender
6. Birthdate, Last Name, First Name, Gender

Tip: *Include all 5 key data fields in your enrollment upload files to support the accuracy of your matches.*