

Updated Ready Graduate Appeals Timelines and Guidance

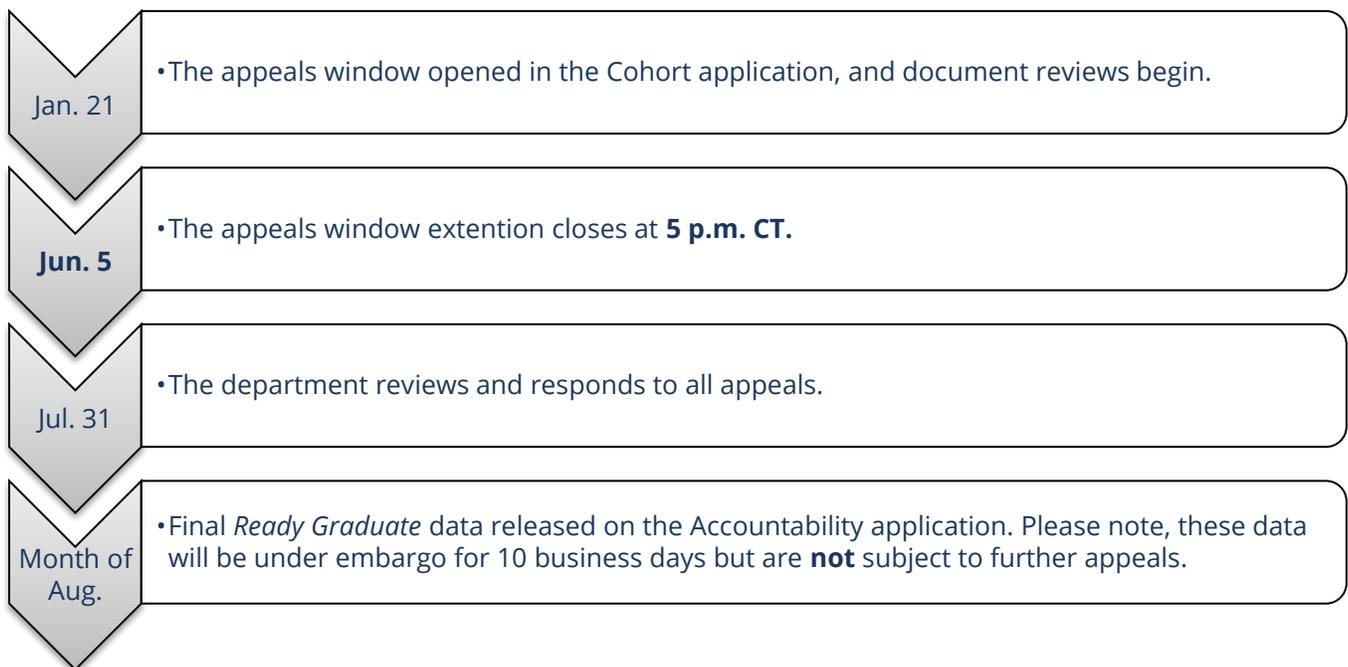
Overview

Due to the COVID-19 school closures, the Office of Strategy has extended the deadlines around *Ready Graduate* appeals. The initial appeals window opened on January 21, 2020 and was scheduled to close May 15. Since districts may have limited access to student records and documentation, the department has reset the timeline to accommodate the current circumstances.

Please note that since this is a fluid situation, and more changes could come in the coming weeks or months, this is the current projected timeline. If further changes occur, the department will communicate these updates in *Commissioner's Update for Directors* and the *Accountability Division Newsletter*.

Timeline

Please reference the timeline below for updates to the *Ready Graduate* appeals process.



Additional Information and Frequently Asked Questions

Questions	Responses
<i>Are appeals required by districts?</i>	Districts are not required to submit <i>Ready Graduate</i> appeals. The purpose of appeals is to offer districts an opportunity to correct data and provide the department with data that may not be reflected.
<i>What impact will these data have on my school(s) or district?</i>	No accountability will be produced for 2019-20. However, these data are lagged and can be used for formative purposes. Additionally, AMO for the following year could be set with these data.
<i>Will the requirements for appeals be changing?</i>	At this time, no other changes will be made to the <i>Ready Graduate</i> requirements other than the timeline. Districts will still be expected to provide the outlined documentation from the <i>Ready Graduate Appeals Guidance</i> .
<i>Could the timeline change again?</i>	This is a fluid situation. If schools continue to remain closed, the Office of Strategy will look into those impacts on the timeline above.
<i>Why is there a long turn around between the end of appeals and districts receiving their data?</i>	Please note, every documented submitted by June 5 will be reviewed. Additionally, our team will be producing and running Graduate Rate processes and data. This limits the turnaround time for the Office of Strategy.