



BUILDING CONDITION SURVEY FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

GENERAL QUESTIONS

- 1. Q: Do I have to survey all buildings in the district?**
A: *Only 'normally occupied' structures need to be surveyed (not Press Boxes, Storage, Concession Stands, Dugouts, etc).*
- 2. Q: Should maintenance/storage buildings that are part time usage be surveyed?**
A: *If the building is occupied by staff as a place of work, then it should be surveyed.*
- 3. Q: If a school district is leasing a school that they are not currently using to BOCES, who is responsible for completing the Building Conditions Survey? BOCES occupies the entire building.**
A: *Since the school district owns the building, the school district is responsible for completing the BCS.*
- 4. Q: Are the "Estimated capital construction expenses" listed under Question #30 to be inclusive or exclusive of contingency and incidental amounts?**
A: *Estimated capital construction expenses estimated through the 2020-2021 school year for each building should be inclusive of contingency, incidentals, inflation, etc.*
- 5. Q: Can BCS reimbursement be used for districts to build basic energy modeling for their buildings as one of the options within the cost allocation per square foot?**
A: *Energy modeling for a building should be done and included as an incidental cost to a specific capital project, not as a BCS cost.*
<https://www.nyserda.ny.gov/About/Newsroom/2019-Announcements/2019-04-11-NYSERDA-Announces-Energy-Benchmarking-for-Schools>
- 6. Q: Can you add a full site survey to the BCS process, to include meets and bounds, topo, etc.?**
A: *Site surveys for buildings should be done and included as an incidental cost to a specific capital project, not as a BCS cost.*
- 7. Q: Our BCS was already started in order to plan for the district's next capital project. Is the district able to receive BCS aid even though they started early?**
A: *No. The BCS must be completed in the calendar year assigned in order to claim BCS aid. If a district performs a survey in advance of their BCS assignment year, the costs could be included as incidental to a voter approved capital project.*
- 8. Q: Can we request an extension to complete the BCS? We want to wait until our current capital project is completed.**
A: *Requests to be reassigned to a different year to complete the BCS and requests for extensions are not being considered at this time. The district may request a waiver in accordance with the procedures outlined in the BCS instructions if applicable.*

DATA ENTRY QUESTIONS

- Q: I am a school superintendent and forgot my password to access the NYSED Application Business Portal, what should I do?**

A: *If you have forgotten your password, you will need to contact (518) 473-8832 -or- seddas@nysed.gov*
- Q: I am an architect for several school districts. How do I obtain a login and password? Does each district provide me with a password?**

A: *Each school superintendent needs to add you as a user. You will need a unique username and password for each district (cannot use same one for several districts).*
- Q: When one of my school district clients logged into the portal, they were told my username 'john.smith' was already taken by another district. Do I need a separate username for each district?**

A: *Only one username per district is available due to security reasons. Each school district will need to create a unique username if you need to complete data entry for more than one school district (ex: john.smith1, john.smith2, etc)*
- Q: The superintendent said I had entitlements, but I cannot access the survey, what should I do now?**

A: *The superintendent most likely has not given you the correct entitlements, check with the superintendent. Correct entitlements should look like this:*

Delegated Account System

View User

User Information

Name	[REDACTED]	Position/Title	ARCHITECT
User ID	[REDACTED] (Enabled)	Institution	[REDACTED] UFSD (Active)
Institution CEO	SUPERINTENDENT [REDACTED]		
Institution ID	80000 [REDACTED]	BEDS Code	2804 [REDACTED]
RIC Inst ID	80000 [REDACTED]	RIC	RIC NASSAU
Work Phone	(631) [REDACTED] Ext:	Email	[REDACTED]@architect.com

<< Back Account History List Administrators

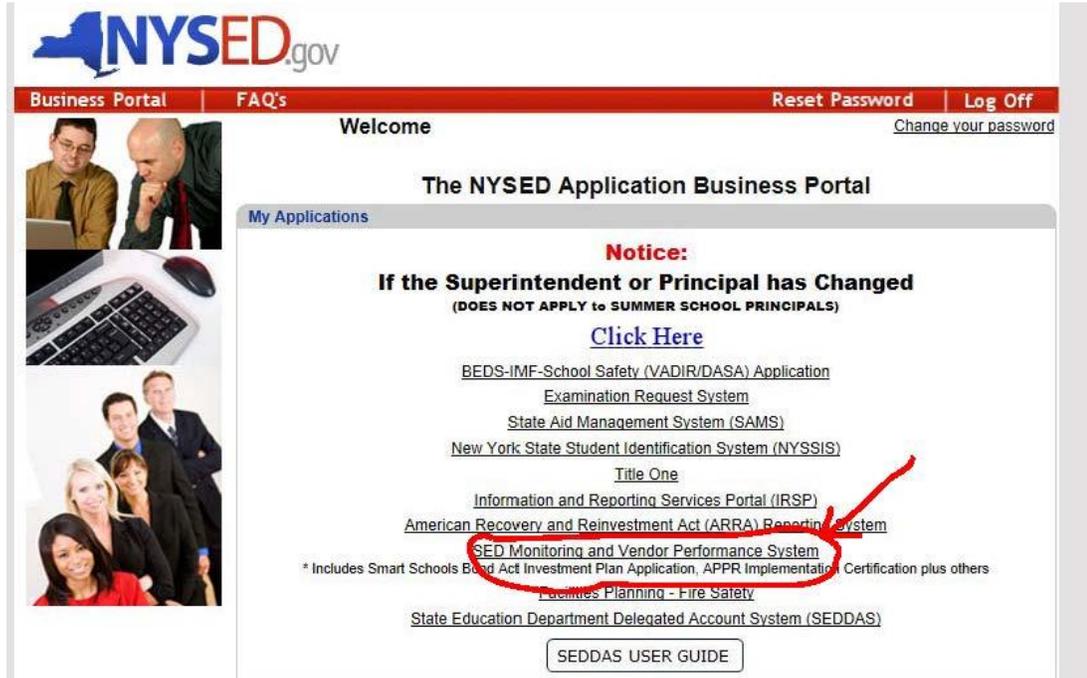
Application Entitlements

SED Monitoring & Vendor Performance System	
Role	Data Access
Data Entry	Facilities
Data View	Facilities

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5. Q: I have logged into the NYSED Application Business Portal but do not see the 2020 Building Condition Survey?

A: The 2020 Building Condition Survey is found under **SED Monitoring and Vendor Performance System**. Scroll down the page until you see this designation and click on this link which will take you to a list that contains the 2020 NYSED Building Condition Survey. See below screen shot:



6. Q: Is there a limit to the number of characters that can be used in the comments section of the 2020 BCS?

A: There is not a limit on number of characters/words that can be used in the comment boxes.

7. Q: I have a username and password from the 2015 Building Condition Survey. Can I use the same username and password for the 2020 Building Condition Survey?

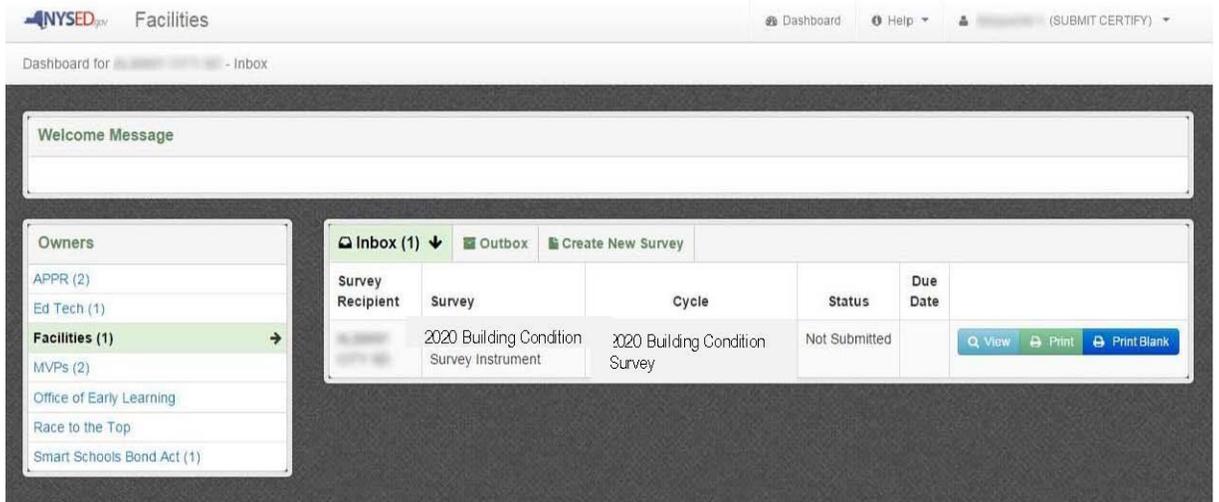
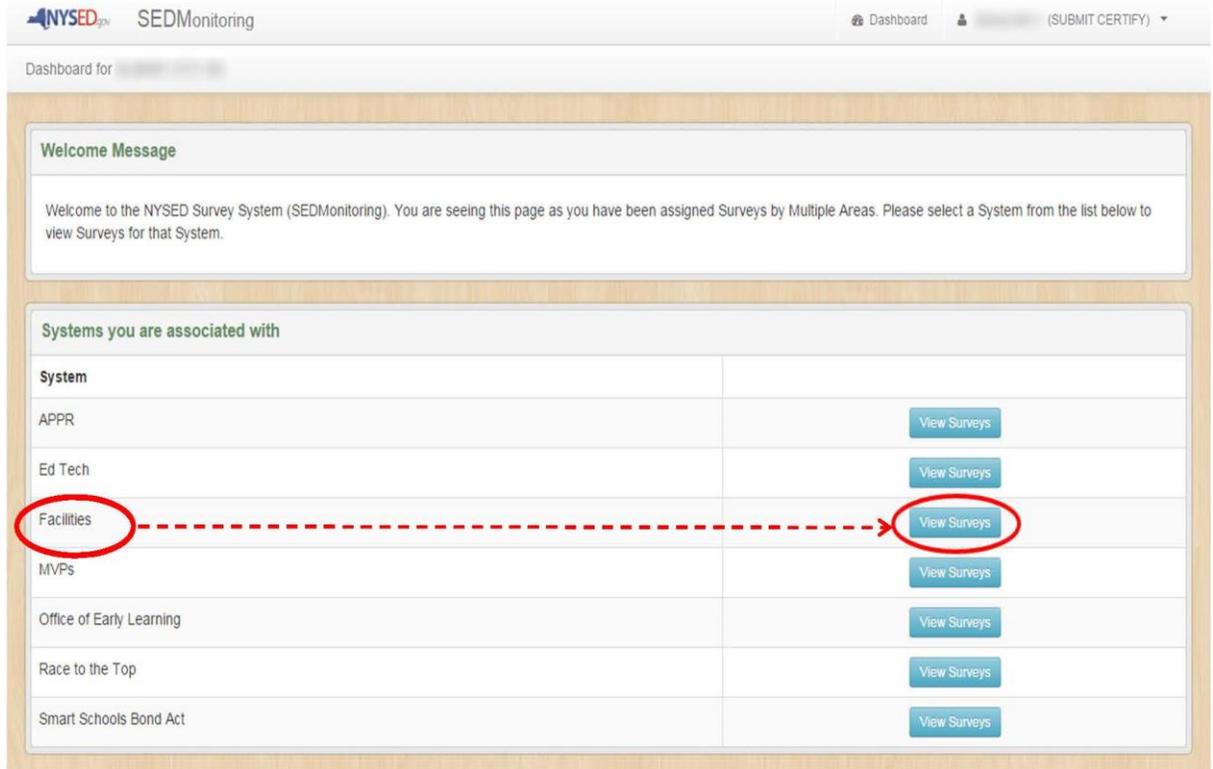
A: You cannot use the same username and password from the 2015 Building Condition Survey. The school superintendent will need to give you a new username to be able to enter the NYSED Application Business Portal to complete data entry for the 2020 BCS.

8. Q: We made a mistake and entered data twice for the same building. Can the duplicate record be deleted?

A: Duplicate data entry cannot be deleted from the system if the duplicate record has been certified/submitted by the superintendent. If the duplicate record has not been certified/submitted by the superintendent, the duplicate building name should be changed to 'delete' (ex: Smith Elem School – change name to DELETE). We will be running a clean-up program to remove any records that have been named 'delete' from the portal. If the duplicate building has already been certified/submitted by the superintendent, there is no way to delete the record.

9. **Q: I have clicked on the *SED Monitoring and Vendor Performance System* tab but still do not see the 2020 Building Condition Survey?**

A: Once you click on the *SED Monitoring and Vendor Performance System* tab, the next screen will include a list of surveys. Click on the *'FACILITIES'* tab, and on the next screen you will see the *'2020 Building Condition Survey Instrument'*. Click on that tab and it will take you to the 2020 BCS. See below screen shots:



10. Q: I have completed the data entry for the 2020 BCS. Is the survey done?

A: *Once the data entry is complete (if done by someone other than the superintendent), when the data entry user hits “Save & Continue” on the last page, they will be taken back to their dashboard where they will see a message “Your responses have been saved successfully. Note: Your organization’s CEO must certify and submit the survey before it is complete. Please notify your CEO that the survey is ready for submission.” The superintendent must complete this step for the 2020 BCS to be complete and submitted for each building. See screen shot below:*

The screenshot shows the NYSED Facilities dashboard for a user named 'CSD - Inbox'. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'NYSED.gov', 'Facilities', 'Dashboard', 'Help', and a user profile icon labeled '(DATA_ENTRY)'. Below the navigation bar, the dashboard title is 'Dashboard for CSD - Inbox'. A 'Welcome Message' box is visible. A green notification banner states: 'Your responses have been saved successfully. Note: Your organization's CEO must certify and submit the survey before it is complete. Please notify your CEO that the survey is ready for submission.' On the left, there is a sidebar with 'Owners' and 'Facilities (8)'. The main content area features an 'Inbox (8)' section with a table of surveys.

Survey Recipient	Survey	Cycle	Status	Due Date
CSD	2020 Building Condition Survey Instrument - Storage Building 7010	2020 Building Condition Survey	Not Submitted	
CSD	2020 Building Condition Survey Instrument - Middle/High School 0002	2020 Building Condition Survey	Not Submitted	

11. **Q: How can I tell whether the BCS has been properly submitted?**

A: Once the BCS has been certified and submitted by the Superintendent, the BCS will move from the 'inbox' to the 'outbox' on the Dashboard in the Portal. If the BCS is showing in the 'outbox' it has been properly submitted. See screen shot below:

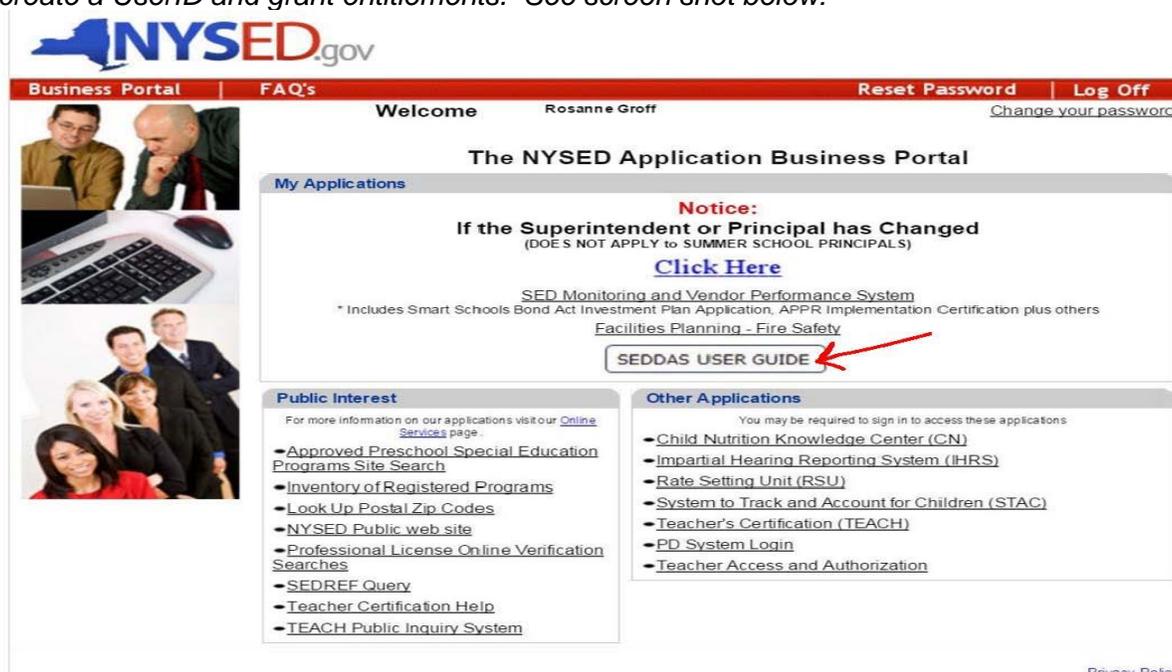


12. **Q: I have unsubmitted records in my inbox in the portal. Is there a way to delete these records if not needed?**

A: Districts should check the records remaining in the portal, and if the records are not needed to be submitted (blank copy or record with errors), the record should be labeled 'DELETE' as the unique identifier (building name) and saved. We will be running a clean-up program to remove any records that have been named 'delete' from the portal.

13. **Q: Could you send a link to instructions to grant entitlement to the District's architect to access NYSED Application Business Portal so the 2020 Building Condition Survey can be completed?**

A: The Superintendent will need to log into the NYSED Application Business Portal. Once in the portal click on SEDDAS USER GUIDE. The SEDDAS User Guide has instructions on how to create a UserID and grant entitlements. See screen shot below:



14. Q: The School District says I have been given entitlements, but all I see is “No Assignments” when I click “SED Monitoring and Vendor Performance System”?

A: *The school district most likely has entered the wrong SED Code for their school district. They will need to log back into the portal and correct the SED Code. The SED Code must match the district’s SED Code in SEDREF. The SED Code in SEDREF ends in ‘0000’. Many districts are using an incorrect SED Code ending in ‘0001’, which will result in this error. See screen shot below.*

District created User ID under a particular building not the district

wrong SED Code - should end in '0' - district needs to log in and create a User ID under the correct SED Code per SEDREF

View User

User Information

Name	[REDACTED]	Position/Title	ARCHITECT
User ID	[REDACTED] (Enabled)	Institution	CENTRAL SCHOOL (Active)
Institution CEO	PRINCIPAL [REDACTED]	BEDS Code	4710001
Institution ID	E000349	Parent Inst	CSD
Parent Inst ID	E000361	Email	[REDACTED]
Work Phone	(315) [REDACTED] Ext:		

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15. Q: When I start the 2020 BCS it asks for a ‘unique identifier’. What should be used for this?

A: *A unique identifier needs to be entered to differentiate each building’s survey. The name of the building should be entered (ex: elem school, high school, etc) so when the school district looks at their list of surveys, they can easily see which building a particular survey is for.*

NYSSED Facilities

2020 Building Condition Survey Instrument - 2020 - Section I - Building Information

Survey Navigation

- Building Information
- Space Information
- Site Utilities
- Site Features
- Building Structure
- Building Envelope
- Building Interiors
- HVAC Systems
- Plumbing Systems
- Fire Suppression Systems
- Electric Systems
- Transit Facilities
- Accessibility
- Environment/Comfort/Health
- Indoor Air Quality
- Emergency Shelter

2020 Building Condition Survey Instrument Instructions

WELCOME TO THE NYSED 2020 BUILDING CONDITION SURVEY

Survey Data Entry Due Date: March 1, 2021

Questions regarding the survey should be directed to: emscfp@nysed.gov -or- (518) 474-3906

Save Save & Continue

Identifying Label

An unique identifier is required

Enter here an identifying label so you will be able to differentiate multiple submissions of this survey.

Building Information

- Name of School District: CSD
- SED District 8-Digit BEDS Code: 4400000000
- Building Name: *
- SED 4-Digit Facility Code: *