



# SCCOE DataZone CALPADS Rules Engine (CARE) App

## Helping Districts Identify and Resolve Data Issues Before CALPADS Submission

The **CALPADS Rules Engine (CARE) app** helps school districts proactively identify, understand, and resolve data issues that can impact CALPADS reporting.

By applying CALPADS validation logic in a secure environment, CARE supports districts in improving data quality, reducing submission errors, and increasing confidence in reported data—before official submissions occur.

### What Is CARE?

CARE is a DataZone app that:

- Applies CALPADS validation and business rules to district data
- Flags potential data errors or inconsistencies
- Helps districts identify issues earlier in the reporting cycle
- Supports continuous improvement in data accuracy

CARE is designed as a support tool, not a compliance enforcement system.

### Why It Matters

CALPADS reporting plays a critical role in:

- Accountability and state reporting
- Program funding and eligibility
- Public transparency
- Policy and planning decisions

Data issues discovered late in the submission process can increase workload and stress for district staff. CARE helps districts **identify issues earlier**, when they are easier to address.

### How CARE Supports Districts

#### Early Identification of Data Issues

CARE helps districts:

- Identify missing or inconsistent data
- Detect potential CALPADS rule violations
- Understand patterns that may affect multiple students or schools

#### Clear, Actionable Insights

Rather than raw error messages, CARE focuses on:

- Clear descriptions of the issue
- Context to correct affected data elements
- Support for local review and correction

#### Ongoing Data Quality Improvement

By reviewing rule outcomes over time, districts can:

- Strengthen internal data practices
- Reduce repeat errors
- Improve confidence in submissions



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## Designed for District Use

The CARE app supports:

- District data and CALPADS teams
- Administrators overseeing reporting and accountability
- Data-informed planning and review

Access is role-based, ensuring staff see only the information appropriate to their responsibilities.

## How It Fits Within the DataZone Environment

CARE is part of the broader DataZone ecosystem.

## Privacy, Security, and Responsible Use

As part of the DataZone environment, the CARE app follows SCCOE's strict privacy and security standards.

- Data Sharing Agreements with participating districts
- Secure, encrypted data environments
- No third-party access to district data
- Data used only for approved educational and reporting purposes

## Flexible Participation

Districts choose how they engage with DataZone tools, including the CARE app.

SCCOE works collaboratively with districts to:

- Align tools with district workflows
- Minimize operational burden
- Ensure transparency in how rules are applied and data is reviewed



## Empowering Educational Insights for Continuous Improvement

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