The Office for Phonological Awareness and Literacy Screening at the University of Virginia’s Curry School of Education (PALS Office) is firmly committed to the privacy and security of the PALS data. As a “Contractor” for the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE), the PALS office strictly adheres to the VDOE Restricted Data-Use Agreement, which restricts PALS data usage as follows:

- The PALS Office only uses the restricted-use data in a manner and for a purpose consistent with the purpose for which the data were supplied pursuant to the VDOE Agreement.
- Only individuals employed by the PALS Office who have an approved Affidavit of Non-disclosure have access to the restricted-use data.
- The PALS Office does not disclose the restricted-use data to any organization or to any persons other than those included in the VDOE security plan for which affidavits of non-disclosure have been completed.
- The PALS Office provides to the VDOE all results, analyses or other information developed using restricted-use data made available under the Agreement only in summary or aggregated form so that the identity of individuals contained in the restricted-use data is not revealed. The VDOE may make such reports available to the public in accordance with state public records laws.